

Blessed Feast of Christ's Glorious and Triumphal Entrance into Jerusalem to all of you!

International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)
The Ukraine Crisis

<https://iocc.org/blog/category/where-we-serve/ukraine>

*We need hard-boiled, red-dyed eggs for our Paschal celebration.
Bring them to the church anytime this week and put them in the kitchen.*

Palm Sunday 2022

(To be read from the pulpit and printed in the bulletin.)

Brother Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, and Beloved Faithful in Christ:

Joyous festal greetings to you in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ! Today we celebrate the triumphal entry of Him who came “in the name of the Lord” to redeem us (Matthew 21:9). We enter the commemoration of His sufferings with shouts of victory, for we know that the forces of evil are no match for Him. Yet let us be careful to cling to our Faith and remain faithful to our King, not imitating the treachery of those who shout “Hosanna” today and then “Crucify Him” on Friday. Instead, let us continue to shout in praise of Him even as He leads us down the road to Golgotha, and let us be willing to suffer there with Him so that we might also be raised with Him.

As has been our custom for many years, today we remember our Father in Christ, Patriarch JOHN X, and all our brothers and sisters of the Patriarchate of Antioch, especially those in its historic homeland of the Middle East. Christians there know the path of suffering better than most of us, as they have endured decades of wars, leading to countless deaths, crippling destruction, and economic collapse. Yet they do not give up, but through the humanitarian work of our patriarchate, they continue to minister compassionately to the needs of those around them, caring for Christ by caring for “the least of these” (Matthew 25:40).

Once again, I ask you to donate generously in support of our patriarchate and its humanitarian work. Through our gifts we show our solidarity with those who are keeping the Christian Faith alive in these apostolic and historic places by practicing the love that defines followers of our Lord Jesus (John 13:35). By helping them, we share in this beautiful work and show that Christ’s love still burns within our own hearts.

Wishing you all a deeply meaningful Holy Week and a glorious Pascha, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

+JOSEPH

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

**Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday),
Holy Week, and Pascha**

Beloved brother Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, God-fearing Monastics, and all my Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ our True God:

“Hosanna to the Son of David!
‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’
Hosanna in the highest!” Matthew 21:9

As we join our voices with the throngs who lined the road into Jerusalem, crying out, “Hosanna in the highest!” let us not only worship with our mouths but also with our lives. For truly, the King comes riding on the foal of a donkey and in his extreme humility faces the disappointment of betrayal, the humiliation and shame of the cross, and the joy of the resurrection all for our salvation.

“Behold our King, meek and gentle, seated on the colt, draws near with haste to suffer and to cut off the passions; the Word upon an irrational beast wishing to deliver rational creatures; and it was possible to see on the back of a colt the One who rides on the shoulders of the Cherubim, Who once took up Elias in a fiery chariot, He who is rich by nature making Himself poor by design, and weak by intention, He who empowers all those who cry to Him, ‘Blessed are You Who come to call back Adam’.” (St. Romanos the Melodist)

Christ our God, “Since you bound Hell, slew Death and raised the world, with palms the infants praised You, O Christ, as victor, crying out to You today, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David.’” How could we respond any more appropriately then by offering “ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God”?

“All-holy Son of God, number us together with those who sing Your praise, and receive the supplication of Your servants as once the children’s. Have mercy on those You fashioned, amongst whom You dwelt in love. Give peace to Your churches, shaken by enemies, and send down to me, O Saviour, release from my iniquities. Grant me to speak what You will, as You will, and do not let grief make my mind sluggish. Show me to be a skilled cultivator to cry, ‘Blessed are You Who come to call back Adam.’” (St. Romanos the Melodist)

May our journey with Christ through his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, his trial and crucifixion, and his glorious resurrection fill us with joy and gladness as our lives are made new in the never-ending day of His Kingdom!

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Bishop **THOMAS** (Joseph) Auxiliary Bishop
Diocese of Oakland, Charleston, and the Mid-Atlantic

Schedule of Services and Church Events

(Check this calendar for Usher, Fellowship Hour and lock-up schedules.)

Secretary Debbie will be in the office this week
on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.**

SUNDAY, April 17 - Great Feast of Christ's Entry into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)
(Ushers - Chuck Kudlik, Michele Murray, Gust Flizanes)

8:45 AM - FESTAL ORTHROS

10:00 AM - FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY

- Church School students Process with Palms
- Fellowship Hour (weekly coordinator - Raymounda Chaho)
 - Thank you to Mercedes Michetti and Bernadette McNichol for hosting today.
- There may still be 'mbasbas (Syrian Easter Cookies) available today
- Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to be part of our
Ministry Team Revival.

(Lock-up - Andrew Cuff)

6:00 PM - BRIDEGROOM ORTHROS

*(During Holy Week, Confessions will be heard
after most services and by appointment.)*

MONDAY, April 18 - Great and Holy Monday

9:00 AM - PRESANCTIFIED DIVINE LITURGY

6:00 PM - BRIDEGROOM ORTHROS

TUESDAY, April 19 - Great and Holy Tuesday

9:00 AM - PRESANCTIFIED DIVINE LITURGY

6:00 PM - BRIDEGROOM ORTHROS

WEDNESDAY, April 20 - Great and Holy Wednesday

9:00 AM - PRESANCTIFIED DIVINE LITURGY

7:00 PM - HOLY UNCTION

THURSDAY, April 21 - Great and Holy Thursday

7:45 AM - ORTHROS

9:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY of the Institution of Holy Communion

7:00 PM - ORTHROS with 12 Passion Gospel Readings

FRIDAY, April 22 - Great and Holy Friday

9:00 AM - ROYAL HOURS and TYPIKA

- Decorate the Tomb

3:00 PM - GREAT VESPERS - Down from the Cross

7:00 PM - ORTHROS with Lamentations at the Tomb
10:30 PM - FULL LAMENTATIONS singing

SATURDAY, April 23 - Great and Holy Saturday

8:00 AM - **PROTHESIS** (Service of Preparation of the Gifts)

Bring your list of names of living and departed to be commemorated.

9:00 AM - **VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY** of Basil the Great
with 15 Old Testament Readings

10:30 PM - **THE PASCHAL SERVICES** - Nocturne, Rush, Orthros, Divine Liturgy

(Food will not be 'formally' prepared for a Paschal Agape Meal.)

Bring and share your blessed Easter basket food.

SUNDAY, April 24 - *The Feast of Feasts* - The Resurrection of Christ

11:00 AM - **AGAPE VESPER**s with Gospel in many languages

- Candy Hunt follows

*Confessions are heard when scheduled on calendar,
by appointment in church, or by visit.
Call Fr. John at (724) 244-1228.*

AT DIVINE LITURGY, among others, we will be praying for... (bold=recently added)

...ADEL & SARA Armanious, Mat. SOPHIE Daniels, THOMAS Abraham, MARY Andrews, FRED Charles, MARGARITA (Peggy) Bolha, GREGORY Cervo, HELEN Ciavarra (*Valerie Flizanes' mother*), JILLIAN Crowe, JAMES Dayoob, MICHAEL Evans, MICHAEL Hamwey, JOANNE Hasnauer, CAROLYN Hill, BONNIE Koury, SAMUEL Koury, KARIM Khalil, CJ Kudlik, IDA Langer, JOHN Mansour, NATHANIEL McNicol, LINDA Neffield (*Michelle & Lou Gajewski's friend, esophageal surgery*), HEATHER, KARIN & DALE Personett, SAM Nataros (*Jennifer Sacksen's brother*), FRANK Porembka, NICOLE Rosado, NICK Senuta, JACK Copeland (*father of Kh. Melanie, Melinda Copeland, Stephanie Heydorn*), BERNADETTE Brietinger (*wife of friend of Jeff Stewart*), ANTHONY & JILLIAN Crowe, baby JOSEPH PAUL Cervo and parents JOSEPH & ANGELINA; SHELLY Hoover (*Michele Murray's friend*), YULIYA Eisenmann, ROB Newton, PAULETTE Sproch, baby LEO Szymkowiak, PAULETTE Weiss, CINDY & ROBERT Stupak (*cancer and Parkinson's; Janet Mochak's sister and bro-in-law*)... that they may have mercy, life, peace, helth, salvation and visitation.

...birthday celebrants --- SOFIA Lucas (4/17), PETROS Papas (4/17), JAMES Evans (4/18), ALEXANDRA Sam (4/19), SIMON Brown (4/20), DIANA Lammert (4/20), ZANE Stout (4/22), SARA Armanious (4/23). God grant them many years!

...baptismal day celebrants --- EVAN Tatarka (4/17), LUCAS Busch (4/18), AMY Hamwey (4/18), MELISSA Casteel (4/20), JOCELYN Hamwey (4/21). God grant them many years!

WE WILL REMEMBER THE DEPARTED SERVANTS OF GOD... Metropolitan PHILIP, Bishop ANTOUN, Archimandrite GEORGE, Protopresbyter GEORGE Livanos, Kh. STEFANIE

Yazge. May their memories be eternal.

PRAYERS OF OBLATION ARE OFFERED...

...in memory of HELEN Porembka by Vera Dydiw.
...in memory of JOANNE Chedrick by Helen Joseph.
...in memory of LAURA Nicholas by Duncan Financial Group.
...in memory of IRENE Papas by Jamie O'Quinn.
...in memory of DIANA Roberts by Dina Papas.
...in memory of CONNIE Kudlik by CJ Kudlik.
...for the health of RIMA Khalil by Samar Khalil.
...in memory of parents DAAS Abboud and MAHASIN Banout
by Ruwaidah Abboud Munirji.

ON SUNDAY, MAY 1, WE WILL REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE DURING APRILS PAST ---

--- **ANTHONY** Santone (4/1/1998), **JOHN** Teplica (4/2/19), **MARY** Beluschok (4/4/1990), **LUVON** Mallich (4/4/2002), **ELIZABETH** Jacobs (4/4/2010), **CATHERINE** Hayden (4/5/1994), **WILLIAM** Asa (4/11/2018), **WALTER** Koc his (4/12/2003), **DOLORES** Asa (4/13/2016), **JOSEPH** Kiselica (4/14/2002), **HELEN** Tat arka (4/15/2003), **CATHERINE** Wagner (4/15/2012), **KAREN** Berteau (4/19/02), Fr. **JOHN Paul** Pro (4/19/2003), **MARTHA** Santimyer (4/21/2006), **MICHAEL** Bosko (4/22/2000), Dr. **ALBERT** Saloom (4/22/19), **JENNIE** Hanna (4/24/1985), **SARA** Plate (4/25/2018), **GEORGE** Abraham (4/27/2004), **MICHAEL** Elias (4/28/1999), **KATERINI** Kostopoulou (4/98).

To add to the memorial list, call (724) 834-1311 and leave the name and date.

Raymounda coordinates the 2022 Fellowship Hour Hosting Schedule. Call or text Raymounda - (412) 558-5877 - and leave your NAME, NUMBER and DATE(s) you'd like to reserve. *Realizing that hosting a Fellowship Hour may be financially difficult for some of us, let that not be a reason for feeling unable to support our weekly Sunday post-Divine Liturgy time with each other. Everyone is always encouraged to step up and into the kitchen to find out how they can help!*

Thank you...

...to our fund-raising coordinators Elias Memari and Stephanie Heydorn and friends, for heading up Saturday's Cookie Sale. 'mBasbas may still be availbabe in the Fellowship Hall today after church.

...to everyone who stayed after church on Lazarus Saturday to decorate for Palm Sunday and stage things for Holy Week and Pascha. Great job.

WE NEED...

- **BREAD BAKERS AND WHEAT MAKERS.** Leave your name and number on the church voicemail (724-834-1311) and we will contact you regarding the details of what you'd have to know and do.

- **USHERS.** Carolyn Hill is our Head Usher for the Services of Holy Week. Andrew Cuff is on the team as leader for the Holy Friday services. Be prepared to say 'yes' if you are invited to participate in the good conduct of our Holy Week worship. **See Fr. John, Gust, Carolyn or Andrew to support or join the Usher Team.**

- **IDEAS for Fund-raising (and people to act on their ideas).** For support, direction and coordination regarding your ideas, speak with Elias Memari (724-244-3055) or Stephanie Heydorn (724-216-7866). **Thank you to Elias and Stephanie for their willingness to be Fund-Raising Co-Coordinators.** They will take on the task of helping to break inertia and give momentum to the return of active fund-raising events to our financial and budgetary plan.

To donate Lilies (\$10) for our Paschal decoration,
call the office (724-834-1311) and leave the names of those for whom we will be praying
- living and departed.
(or pick up a form at the usher's station at the church entrance)

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS / DEADLINES

- **Friday, April 29 to Sun., May 1** - Eastern Dioceses Spring Retreat
at Antiochian Village - Our special speaker is Fr. Stephen Muse who will address
"Transformation Discourse, Encountering Christ: Face to Face at the Altar of the Heart."

REGISTER NOW!

<https://registration.antiochianvillage.org/SpringRetreat2022>

- **Fri., Apr. 29 to Sun., May 1** - Antiochian Women's Spring Retreat
at Antiochian Village - Mother Gabriella, Abbess of Holy Dormition Monastery is our guest,
speaking on the Life of the Theotokos.

REGISTER NOW! (deadline is April 18)

<http://registration.antiochianvillage.org/Lenten2022>

- **Sunday, May 1** - Antiochian Women Luncheon at Jaffre's
As this is a 'reschedule,' you can still make a reservation for this
luncheon with Michelle Gajewski (until April 10).

- **Saturday, May 21** - Paths of Righteousness" Hike #3

RSVP Pete Papas (txt or call 412-558-1246; pnpapas@verizon.net)

*(The rest of the scheduled hikes will be the Saturdays
of June 25, July 30, September 10.)*

- **Sunday, May 22** - Scrip Gift Card deadline *(we profited \$145 last time)*

- **Wednesday, June 29 to July 3** - Parish Life Conference

at Antiochian Village - We co-host with St. Mary Church (Johnstown)

Our two main speakers will be Fr. Theodore Pulcini and Fr. Nicholas Belcher, along with a number of sessions for all ages. Mark your calendars for this enlivening weekend!

REGISTER NOW!

Events: <https://www.antiochianevents.com/ny>

Rooms & Meals: <https://registration.antiochianvillage.org/ParishLife2022>

- **Saturday, July 2, 12:00 to 6:00 PM** - Red Cross Blood Drive

- **Wednesday, July 6** - Yankees vs. Pirates at PNC Park

- **Thursday, Nov 10 - Sun, Nov 13** - Ancient Faith Women's Retreat
at Antiochian Village **REGISTER NOW!**

Info/Registration at <https://store.ancientfaith.com/2022-afwr>

- Parish Council Members (year designates final year of term) -

Sara Armanious '23 (*Chair*), **Christine** Mansour '22 (*Vice-Chair*), **Samar** Khalil '23 (*Treasurer*), **Joyce** Eger '23 (*Recording Secretary*), **Carolyn** Hill '22 (*Corresponding Secretary*), **Raymounda** Chaho '24, **Andrew** Cuff '24, **Christina** Armanious '24, **Michaelene** McWhinney '22, **Tom** Sproch '23, **Lisa** Stewart '24, **Donald** Yoder '22.