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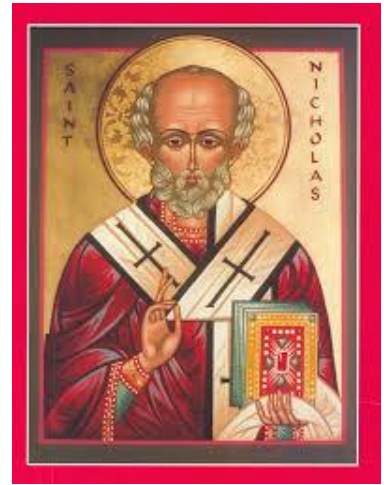
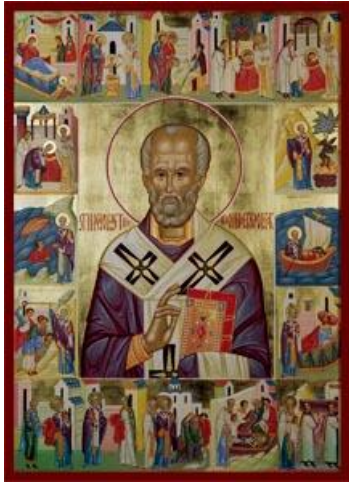
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**Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> 2020 / PALM SUNDAY / أحد الشعانين**



# HAPPY PALM SUNDAY

### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Based on the ongoing situation regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus), all Church social events and gatherings are postponed until further notice. **Church is not open to the public. Please do not attend.** All liturgical services will be served with only clergy, servers, and chanters. Please watch the livestream of the service on our social media. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stnicksf/>  
**You do not need to have Facebook to watch the services; when asked to log in by Facebook click "not now" and you will be able to watch the live broadcast.**

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrDWPPWreLZpVhzVGZkjDIA>

We pray for the good health, well-being, and safety of everyone in these hard times. God bless!

### DEEPEST SYMPATHY & CONDOLENCES:

Deepest sympathy and condolences to the **Atwan family** for the passing of dearly beloved brother in Christ, **Chris (Atwan) Ghanim**. May his memory be eternal!

### CHURCH ASSISTANCE:

We are all going through these trying times together. Please, if you need any assistance or know of anyone in need, please contact Father George Baalbaki on his cell phone at 586 214 4428 or his email: [revbaalbaki@yahoo.com](mailto:revbaalbaki@yahoo.com) God bless you all.

### THE EPISTLE: Philippians 4:4-9

BRETHREN, rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

**الرسالة: فيلبي 4:4-9** يا إخوة افرحوا في الرب كل حين وأقول أيضا افرحوا، وليظهر جلمكم لجميع الناس فإن الرب قريب. لا تهتموا البتة، بل في كل شيء فلتكن طلباتكم معلومة لدى الله بالصلاة والتضرع مع الشكر. وليحفظ سلام الله الذي يفوق كل عقل قلوبكم وبصائرکم في يسوع المسيح. وبعد ايها الإخوة مهما يكن من حق، ومهما يكن من عفاف، ومهما يكن من عدل، ومهما يكن من طهارة، ومهما يكن من صفة محببة، ومهما يكن من حُسن صيت، إن تكن فضيلة، وإن يكن مدح، ففي هذه افتكروا. وما تعلمتموه وتسلمتموه وسمعتموه ورأيتموه فيّ فهذا اعملوا. وإله السلام يكون معكم.

### **THE GOSPEL: St. John**

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made a supper; Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to carry what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not have me always." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed be he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!" His disciples didn't understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard that he had done this sign.

### **الإنجيل: يوحنا**

قبل الفصح بستة ايام أتى يسوع الى بيت عنيا حيث كان لعازر الذي مات فأقامه يسوع من بين الأموات. فصنعوا له هناك عشاء، وكانت مرثا تخدم وكان لعازر احد المتكئين معه. اما مريم فأخذت رطل طيب من ناردين خالص كثير الثمن ودهنت قدمي يسوع ومسحت قدميه بشعرها، فامتلا البيت من رائحة الطيب. فقال احد تلاميذه، يهوذا بن سمعان الاسخريوطي، الذي كان مزمعا ان يسلمه: لم لم يُبَع هذا الطيب بثلاث مئة دينار ويُعط للمساكين؟ وانما قال هذا لا اهتماما منه بالمساكين بل لأنه كان سارقا وكان الصندوق عنده وكان يحمل ما يُلقى فيه. فقال يسوع: دعها، انما حفظته ليوم دفني. فإن المساكين هم عندكم في كل حين، واما انا فليست عندكم في كل حين. وعلم جمع كثي ر من اليهود ان يسوع هناك فجاءوا، لا من اجل يسوع فقط، بل لينظروا ايضا لعازر الذي أقامه من بين الأموات. فآتمر رؤساء الكهنة ان يقتلوا لعازر ايضا، لأن كثيرين من اليهود كانوا بسببه يذهبون فيؤمنون بيسوع. وفي الغد لما سمع الجمع الكثير الذين جاؤوا الى العيد بأن يسوع أت الى اورشليم اخذوا سعف النخل وخرجوا للقائه وهم يصرخون قائلين: هوشعنا، مبارك الآتي باسم الرب، ملك اسرائيل. وان يسوع وجد جحشا فركبه كما هو مكتوب: لا تخافي يا ابنة صهيون، ها ان ملكك يأتيك راكبا على جحش ابن أتان. وهذه الأشياء لم يفهمها تلاميذه اولاً، ولكن، لما مُجّد يسوع، حينئذ تذكروا ان هذه انما كُتبت عنه، وانهم عملوها له. وكان الجمع الذين كانوا معه حين نادى لعازر من القبر وأقامه من بين الأموات يشهدون له. ومن اجل هذا استقبله الجمع لأنهم سمعوا بأنه قد صنع هذه الآية.

### **PLEDGE UPDATE:**

As you know, we are all going through times of hardship. We have had to close our church services, cancel many events and gatherings, cancel our PLC, and close our daycare for now. We humbly ask you to please keep this in mind when making your next donation or pledge payment. God bless you and your families.

### ONLINE GIVING:

We are pleased to tell you that you can now pay your pledge online! Go to our website <https://www.stnicholas-sf.com/>, Click here to Donate Online. Many of us today pay most of our bills online, so now you can pay your church pledge as well. Thank you for your support.

### ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS:

Please note that the government has recently passed several programs to assist business owners. Some of these programs may apply to you and could be used to cover payroll, rent/lease, and utilities. We encourage you to take advantage of them. Some of these programs can be found at: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options>

### PHOTOS OF RECENT EVENTS:

Take a look at the photos of some of our recent events and interact with them on our Facebook!

1. Sunday of Orthodoxy 2020:

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2. Young Adults pilgrim visit to Holy Assumption Monastery:

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### **2020 Great Lent**

Lent Period: March 2nd – April 19<sup>th</sup>

Strict Fast: NO Dairy, Meat, Cheese, Eggs, and Fish

Day	Date	Celebration		
Sunday	April 12	Palm Sunday (Fish Allowed)		
Friday	April 17	Great and Holy Friday		
Sunday	April 19	<b>GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA</b>		
<b>The Services program during the period of Great Lent 2020</b>		برنامج الصلوات خلال فترة الصوم الأربعيني المقدس لعام ٢٠٢٠		
Sundays	The Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great	١١ صباحاً	القديس باسيليوس الكبير القداس الإلهي	الأحد

### **Good Friday Flowers \$50 (Minimum Donation) per Bouquet**

*الزهور لتزيين نعش المسيح يوم الجمعة العظيمة*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ الأسم

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**Good Friday flowers: Dear Parishioners: To avoid misspelling the names, please do not call the church office. Mail or email the names along with the donation or put it in the tray on Sunday in an envelope with your name & write a memo that this donation is for the “Bier of Christ”. Thank you for your cooperation.**

### CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations and best wishes to the **Nasser** family for the birth of their new baby boy **Akram Jacob Nasser**. God bless and many years!

## **ALTAR CANDLE OFFERING:**

Offered by St. Nicholas Church for the good health and well-being of **Brianna Laila Madback** on the special occasion of her birthday. God bless and many years!

## **2020 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: GREAT AND HOLY WEEK OF OUR LORD'S PASSION AND HIS GLORIOUS RESURRECTION**

**PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND THESE SERVICES. YOU CAN JOIN US BY WATCHING THEM ONLINE. THANK YOU!**

### **Sunday, April 12th أحد الشعانين**

Palm Sunday: Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem

- ❖ Matins starting at 10:30 AM followed by Divine Liturgy and Procession with Palms.

### **Holy and Great Monday, April 13th**

- ❖ Bridegroom Matins 7:00 PM صلاة الختن

### **Holy and Great Tuesday April 14th**

- ❖ Bridegroom Matins 7:00 PM صلاة الختن

### **Holy and Great Wednesday, April 15th**

- ❖ Bridegroom Matins 7:00 PM صلاة الختن

### **Holy and Great Thursday, April 16th خميس الأسرار**

- ❖ Matins with 12 Passion Gospels 7:00 PM صلاة اناجيل الآلام

### **Holy and Great Good Friday, April 17th**

- ❖ Matins with the Lamentations at the Tomb at 7:00 PM  
7:00 PM تقاريط جناز السيد المسيح

### **Holy and Great Pascha, April 19th خدمة الفصح المجيد**

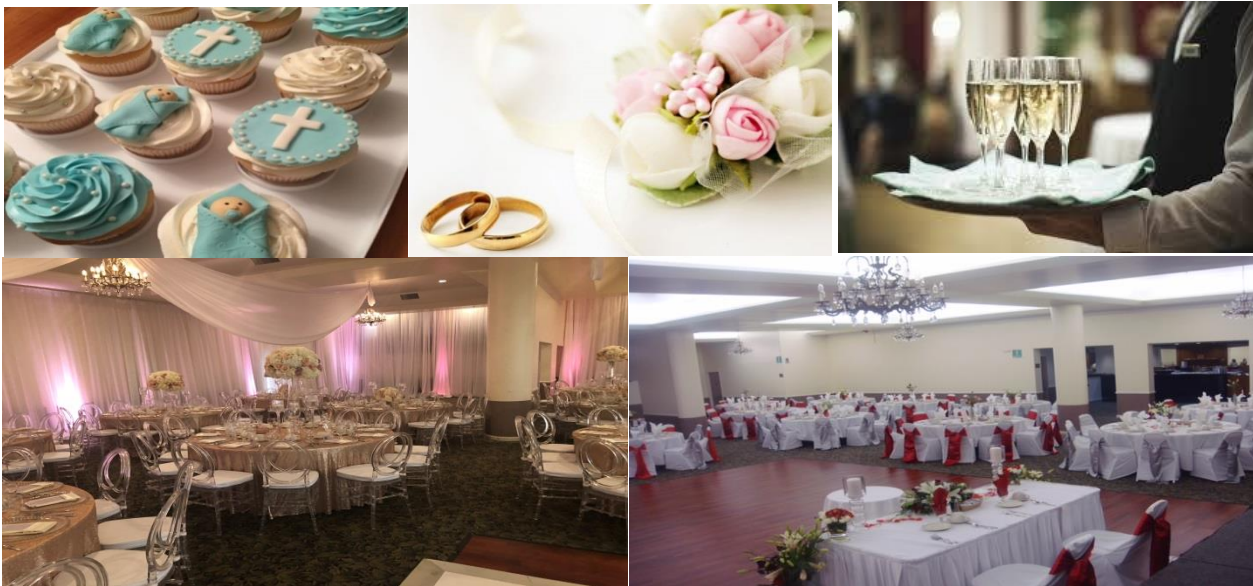
- ❖ Starting Service Sunday April 19 at 10:00 AM followed by Rush Service, Matins, & Divine Liturgy

- ❖ بداية الخدمة, القداس الالهي, صلاة الهجمة

*Many Thanks and God Bless!*

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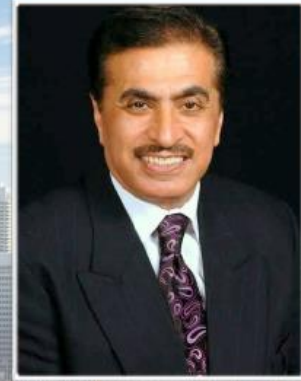
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