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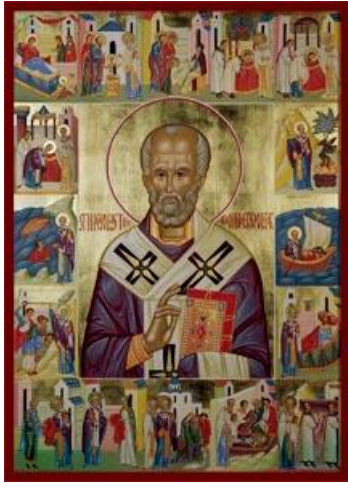
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**Sunday, April 10, 2022**

**Commemoration of our Righteous Mother Mary of Egypt**

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:**

- ❖ Six Month Memorial Service for the Servant of God, **Salim Fashho** offered by his family. May His Memory Be Eternal!
- ❖ Three Year Memorial Service for the Handmaiden of God, **Esther Clemence Antone Lama Shami** offered by her family. May Her Memory Be Eternal!

**THE EPISTLE: Hebrews (9:11-14)**

Brethren, Christ having appeared a High Priest of the good things to come, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; neither through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, entered in once for all into the holy place, having found eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of bulls and goats and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

العبرانيين

يا إخوة، إِنَّ الْمَسِيحَ إِذْ قَدْ جَاءَ رَئِيسَ كَهَنَةِ الْخَيْرَاتِ الْمُسْتَقْبَلَةِ، فِيمَسْكِنِ أَعْظَمَ وَأَكْمَلَ غَيْرِ مَصْنُوعٍ بِأَيْدٍ، أَي لَيْسَ مِنْ هَذِهِ الْخَلِيقَةِ. وَلَيْسَ بِدَمِ ثِيُوسٍ وَعُجُولٍ بَلْ بِدَمِ نَفْسِهِ دَخَلَ الْأَقْدَاسَ مَرَّةً وَاحِدَةً فَوَجَدَ فِدَاءً أَبَدِيًّا. لِأَنَّهُ إِنْ كَانَ دَمُ ثِيرَانٍ وَثِيُوسٍ وَرَمَادُ عِجْلَةٍ يُرْسُ عَلَى الْمُتَنَجِّسِينَ فَيَقْدِّسُهُمْ لِتَطْهِيرِ الْجَسَدِ \* فَكَمْ بِالْأَحْرَى دَمُ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي بِالرُّوحِ الْأَزَلِيِّ قَرَّبَ نَفْسَهُ لِلَّهِ بِلا عَيْبٍ، يُطَهِّرُ ضَمَائِرَكُمْ مِنَ الْأَعْمَالِ الْمَيِّتَةِ لِتَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ الْحَيَّ.

**THE GOSPEL: Mark. (10:32-45)**

At that time, Jesus took His twelve Disciples, and began to tell them what was to happen to Him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles. And they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit upon Him, and kill Him; and after three days He will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Him, and said to Him, "Teacher, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire" And Jesus said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And they said to Him, "Grant us to sit, one at Thy right hand and one at Thy left, in Thy glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that

that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized. But to sit at My right hand or at My left is not Mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, “You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

#### الإنجيل: مرقس

في ذلك الزمان، أخذ يسوع تلاميذه الإثني عشر وابتدأ يقول لهم ما سيعرض لكم. "هكذا نحن صاعدون إلى اورشليم، وابن البشر سيُسَلَّم إلى رؤساء الكهنة والكتبة، فيحكّمون عليه بالموت ويسلمونه إلى الأمم. فيهزأون به، ويصقون عليه، ويجلدونه، ويقتلونه، وفي اليوم الثالث يقوم." فدنا إليه يعقوب ويوحنا ابنا زبدي قائلين: "يا معلم، نريد أن تصنع لنا مهما طلبنا." فقال لهما: "ماذا تريدان أن أصنع لكما؟" قالا له: "أعطنا أن يجلس أحدهما عن يمينك والآخر عن يسارك في مجدك." فقال لهما يسوع: "إنكما لا تعلمان ما تطلبان. أنتستطيعان أن تشربا الكأس التي أشربها أنا، وأن تصطبعا بالصبغة التي أصطبغ بها أنا؟" قالا له: "نستطيع." فقال لهما يسوع: "أما الكأس التي أشربها فتشربانها، وبالصبغة التي أصطبغ بها فتصطبغان. وأما جلوسكما عن يميني وعن يساري فليس لي أن أعطيه إلا للذين أعد لهم." فلما سمع العشرة، ابتدأوا يغضبون على يعقوب ويوحنا. فدعاهم يسوع، وقال لهم: "قد علمتم أن الذين يحسبون رؤساء الأمم يسودونهم، وعظماءهم يتسلطون عليهم. وأما أنتم فلا يكون فيكم هكذا. ولكن من أراد أن يكون فيكم كبيراً، فليكن لكم خادماً. ومن أراد أن يكون فيكم أول، فليكن للجميع عبداً. فإن ابن البشر لم يات ليخدم، وليبذل نفسه فداءً عن كثيرين."

#### قناديل الهيكل ALTAR CANDLES



Offered by **Naifeh Abdallah Batarse and Family** in Loving memory of **Esther Clemence Atone Lama Shami** on the occasion of her Three Year Memorial.  
*May Her Memory be Eternal!*



Offered by **Khader and Lisa Atwan** in Loving memory of **Christopher Issa Ghanem** on the occasion of his Two Year Memorial.  
*May His Memory be Eternal!*

#### Holy Bread of Oblation is offered by:

✠ **David Hanhan and his family**, in loving memory of His Son,  
**Joseph David Hanhan. May His Memory Be Eternal!**

## Good Friday Soup and Bagels

**Leila Paolino and Najwa & Mourice Kari** are donating & preparing the Soup, Bagels and Coffee after the Lamentation Service in Loving memory of **Sub. Deacon Michel Khoury.**  
*God Bless and May His Memory be Eternal!*

**Lady Auxiliary Bake Sale! Palm Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, following Church Service.**

**Ka'ak Date, Warbat, Walnut Katayef, Ma'moul: \$3 each**

**Helbeh, Maqruta, Burma, Hala with Jeben, Barazek, Baklava, and more: \$2 each**

To Pre-order, please contact the church office, Janet Azar, Inam Shami,  
Juliet Najjar or Randa Shatara.

*Pre-order pick-ups are on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>  
from 12 PM- 2 PM @ St. Nicholas Church.*

## 2022 Great Lent

{ Lent Period: March 7<sup>th</sup> – April 23<sup>rd</sup> }

Day	Date	Celebration
Sunday	April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Catholic Palm Sunday
Sunday	April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Orthodox Palm Sunday (Fish Allowed) / Catholic Easter
Friday	April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Great and Holy Friday
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA</b>
Sunday	June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Pentecost
<b>The Services program during the period of Great Lent 2022</b>		<b>برنامج الصلوات خلال فترة الصوم الأربعيني المقدس لعام 2022</b>
Wednesdays	Great Compline Service	7 pm مساءً خدمة النوم الكبرى "يا رب القوات" الإربعاء
Fridays (Followed by Potluck)	Akathist Service	7 pm مساءً خدمة مديح والدة الإله الجمعة
Sundays	The Divine Liturgy	11 am صباحاً 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 of the names, please 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.**

### Palm Sunday Luncheon

On Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, we will serve delicious Luncheon (Fish) after the service celebrating the Palm Sunday offered by **the Massad Family**. Donation: \$45

*Please call the church office to reserve your spot by Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.*

**PASCHA (EASTER) BREAKFAST ITEMS NEEDED:** As our custom, the family of St. Nicholas Parish enjoys breaking the Fast together on the dawn of the Resurrection day. After Divine Liturgy we will have breakfast together in celebration of the feast of the Resurrection of our Lord. Call the church office if you would like to donate items or finances. Thank you for your donations!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS:

- ☞ **ST. NICHOLAS KIDS EASTER WORKSHOP: Join us this Sunday!** Directly following Church Service in our hall, we will be hosting a fun Easter workshop for the whole family to enjoy. Luncheon will be served.
- ☞ **IT IS THE TIME OF GIVING:** If you would like to donate to one or more of these charities, please send your donation to the Church office or drop your donation in the tray during Sunday Service.
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| <i>Food for Hungry People</i> | <i>Seminarians and Family</i> | <i>IOCC for Ukraine</i> | <i>Patriarchate of Antioch</i> |
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- ☞ **ST. NICHOLAS SPRING HAT SHOW:** Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, directly following Divine Liturgy. *Ladies, Get ready to show up in your spring hats!* More details to follow.
- ☞ **CAMP THY 2022: June 20<sup>th</sup> – June 25<sup>th</sup>** Camp is back at St. Sava Mission in Jackson, Ca! *Registration is now open with limited space.* To register or for more information, please visit: <https://campthy.com/camper-registration/>
- ☞ **70<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE 2022:** June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup>, taking place in Santa Clara Marriott Hotel, hosted by Orthodox Church of the Redeemer. To register or for more information, please visit: <https://antiochianevents.com/la>
- ☞ **TREE OF LIFE:** If you would like to purchase a Leaf with your name or a loved one's name engraved to hang on the Tree, please contact the Church office.

### 2022 ST. NICHOLAS UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Save the Dates!

July	24 <sup>th</sup>	St. Nicholas Annual Day Picnic
October 1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup>		St. Nicholas Annual Festival
November	19 <sup>th</sup>	St. Nicholas Annual Thanksgiving Family Night
December	11 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Elections
December	17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Nicholas Christmas Party





**2022 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:**  
**GREAT AND HOLY WEEK OF OUR LORD'S PASSION AND HIS GLORIOUS RESURRECTION**

**Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>** (أحد الشعانين)

Palm Sunday: Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem

Matins at 10:00 AM

Divine Liturgy & Procession with Palms at 11:00 AM

Palm Sunday Luncheon (offered by **the Massad Family**).

**Holy and Great Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Bridegroom Matins 7:00 PM (صلاة الختن)

**Holy and Great Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup>**

Bridegroom Matins 7:00 PM (صلاة الختن)

**Holy and Great Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Holy Oil Service 7:00 PM (صلاة مسح المرضى بالزيت المقدس)

**Holy and Great Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

1- Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM (خميس الأسرار)

Breakfast after liturgy (offered by **Andoni & Rula Tannous and family**).

2- Matins with 12 Passion Gospels 7:00 PM (صلاة اناجيل الآلام)

**Holy and Great Good Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

1- The Royal Hours & Vespers Service 11:00 AM (صلاة الغروب)

Decoration of Bier of Christ (تزيين نعش السيد المسيح)

2- Matins with the Lamentations at the Tomb at 7:00 PM (تقاريط جناز السيد المسيح)

Followed by Soup and Bagels (offered by **Leila Paolino and Najwa & Mourice Kari**).

**Holy and Great Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** - (خدمة الفصح المجيد)

Starting Service 9:30 PM (بداية الخدمة)

Rush 10:00 PM (صلاة الهجمة)

Matins 10:30 PM

Divine Liturgy (القداس الالهى)

**Followed by free breakfast, sponsored by the Men's Fellowship & all those who donated and prepared by Jeries Tannous & crew.**

**Holy and Great Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Vespers 12:00 PM (صلاة الباعوث)**

**Followed by Children Eggs Hunt**

***Agape Service - صلاة الباعوث & children's Eggs Hunt Sunday,  
April 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM Agape (Vesper) Service***

Following the Service we will have the Golden Easter Egg Hunt donated by **Mike Tannous, Hani Tannous, Gihan Cosentino, Christine Jekelian and their families in Loving memory of Josef & Margarit Hanhan, Charles & Almaz Tannous and Asal Tannous. May their Memory be Eternal! Many Thanks and May God bless you and our families.**

**Metropolitan Anthony**  
**SUNDAY OF SAINT MARY OF EGYPT**

On the fifth Sunday in Lent we remember Saint Mary of Egypt, and she can teach us a great deal of what we need to know. She was a sinner, publicly known, a temptation and a scandal to men. How she became a sinner - we do not know; whether there was evil in her, whether she was seduced or raped, how she became a harlot, we shall never know. What we know for sure is that one day she came to a church of the Mother of God - the image of perfect wholeness - and she suddenly felt that she could not enter it. We need not imagine a miraculous force preventing her from crossing the threshold; the force was probably - certainly - within herself. She felt that the realm was too sacred, and the person of the Mother of God too holy for her to dare walk into Her presence and stand in the precincts of the church.

This was enough for her to realise that all the past was darkness, and that there was but one way out of it: to shake off all evil and to start a new life. She did not go for advice, she did not go for confession; she walked out of the city into the desert, into the scorching desert where there was nothing but sand and heat and hunger, and desperate loneliness.



She can teach us something very great. As Saint Seraphim of Sarov repeated more than once to those who came to see him, the difference between a sinner who is lost and a sinner who finds his way to salvation lies in nothing but determination. The grace of God is always there; but our response is not. But Mary responded; through the horror of her new perception of herself she responded to the holiness, the grace, the wholeness and sanctity of the Mother of God, and nothing, nothing was too much for her to change her life.

Year after year, in fasting and prayer, in the scorching heat, in the desperate aloneness of the desert she fought all the evil that had accumulated in her soul; because it is not enough, to become aware of the evil, it is not enough even to reject it in an act of will, it is there, in our memories, in our desires, in our frailty, in the rottenness which evil brings. She had to fight for her whole life, but at the end of that life she had conquered; indeed, she had fought the good fight, she had become pure of stain, she could enter the realm of God: not a temple, not a place but eternity.

She can teach us a great deal. She can teach us that only if one day we become aware that in the realm into which we walk so freely: the church, or simply the world created by God and which has remained pure of evil although subjected, enslaved to evil, because of us - is so holy that we alone have no place there, we might in response to this sense repent, that is turn away from ourselves in horror, and turn against ourselves with stern determination. Then we could follow her example.

This example of hers is presented to us as a crowning moment of this spring of life, which is Lent. A week before we heard the teaching and call of Saint John of the Ladder, the one who has established a whole ladder of perfection for us to overcome evil and come to right. And today we see one who from the very depth of evil was brought to the heights of saintliness, and as the Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete says: 'Be sure that God Who could heal the leprous could heal the leprosy which is yours'.



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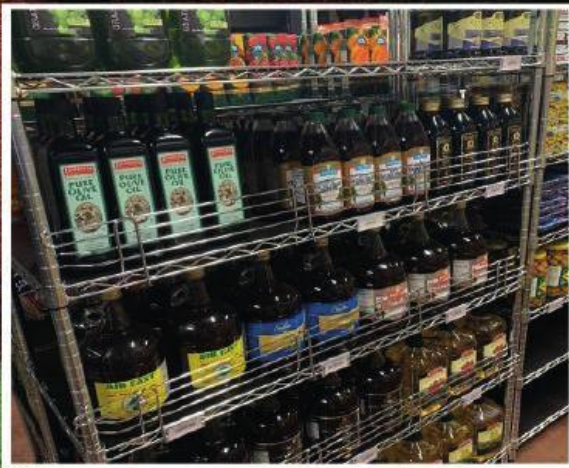
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