



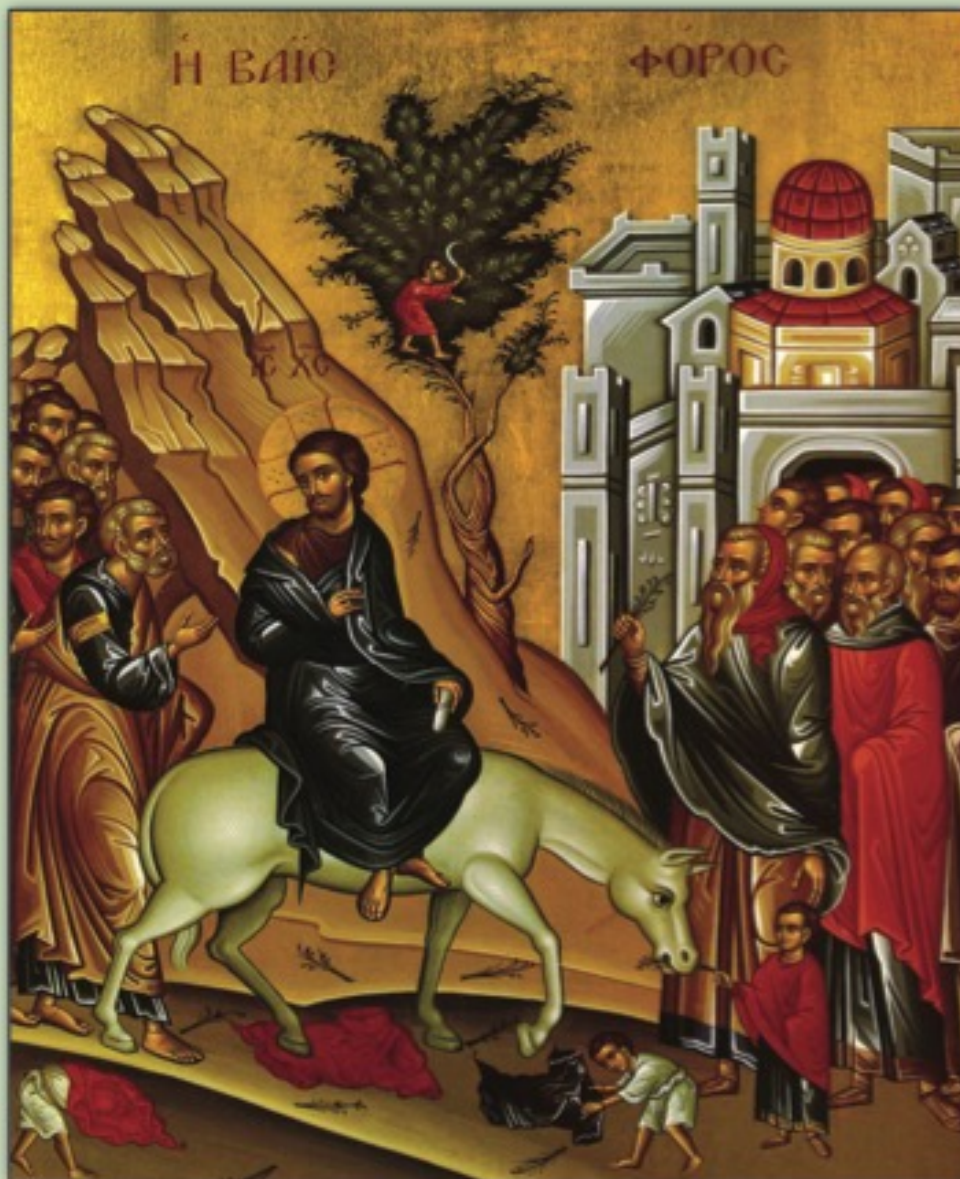
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## THREE HIERARCHS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM PALM SUNDAY



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## Prokeimenon. Mode 4

### Psalm 117.26,1

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His mercy endures forever.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 4:4-9

BRETHREN, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will 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 your 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.

## Προκείμενον. Ἦχος δ'

### ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 117.26,1

Εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

Στίχ. Στίχ. Ἐξομολογεῖσθε τῷ Κυρίῳ ὅτι ἀγαθός, ὅτι εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τὸ ἔλεος αὐτοῦ.

Πρὸς Φιλιππησίους 4:4-9 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, χαίρετε ἐν κυρίῳ πάντοτε· πάλιν ἐρῶ, χαίρετε. Τὸ ἐπιεικὲς ὑμῶν γνωσθήτω πᾶσιν ἀνθρώποις. Ὁ κύριος ἐγγύς. Μηδὲν μεριμνᾶτε, ἀλλ' ἐν παντὶ τῇ προσευχῇ καὶ τῇ δεήσει μετὰ εὐχαριστίας τὰ αἰτήματα ὑμῶν γνωρίζεσθω πρὸς τὸν θεόν. Καὶ ἡ εἰρήνη τοῦ θεοῦ ἡ ὑπερέχουσα πάντα νοῦν, φρουρήσει τὰς καρδίας ὑμῶν καὶ τὰ νοήματα ὑμῶν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. Τὸ λοιπόν, ἀδελφοί, ὅσα ἐστὶν ἀληθῆ, ὅσα σεμνά, ὅσα δίκαια, ὅσα ἀγνά, ὅσα προσφιλῆ, ὅσα εὐφημα, εἴ τις ἀρετὴ καὶ εἴ τις ἔπαινος, ταῦτα λογίζεσθε. Ἄ καὶ ἐμάθετε καὶ παρελάβετε καὶ ἠκούσατε καὶ εἶδετε ἐν ἐμοί, ταῦτα πράσσετε· καὶ ὁ θεὸς τῆς εἰρήνης ἔσται μεθ' ὑμῶν.

## The Gospel According to Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 12:1-18

Πρὸ ἑξ ἡμερῶν τοῦ πάσχα ἦλθεν Ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς Βηθανίαν, ὅπου ἦν Λάзарος ὁ τεθνηκώς, ὃν ἡγείρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν. ἐποίησαν οὖν αὐτῷ δεῖπνον ἐκεῖ, καὶ ἡ Μάρθα διηκόνει· ὁ δὲ Λάзарος εἷς ἦν τῶν ἀνακειμένων σὺν αὐτῷ. ἡ οὖν Μαρία, λαβοῦσα λίτραν μύρου νάρδου πιστικῆς πολυτίμου, ἥλειψε τοὺς πόδας τοῦ Ἰησοῦ καὶ ἐξέμαξε ταῖς θριξίν αὐτῆς τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ· ἡ δὲ οἰκία ἐπληρώθη ἐκ τῆς ὁσμῆς τοῦ μύρου. λέγει οὖν εἷς ἐκ τῶν μαθητῶν αὐτοῦ, Ἰούδας Σίμωνος Ἰσκαριώτης, ὁ μέλλων αὐτὸν παραδιδόναι· διατί τοῦτο τὸ μύρον οὐκ ἐπράθη τριακοσίων δηναρίων καὶ ἐδόθη πτωχοῖς; εἶπε δὲ τοῦτο οὐχ ὅτι περὶ τῶν πτωχῶν ἔμελεν αὐτῷ, ἀλλ' ὅτι κλέπτης ἦν, καὶ τὸ γλωσσόκομον εἶχε καὶ τὰ βαλλόμενα ἐβάσταζεν. εἶπεν οὖν ὁ Ἰησοῦς· ἄφες αὐτήν, εἰς τὴν ἡμέραν τοῦ ἐνταφιασμοῦ μου τετήρηκεν αὐτό. τοὺς πτωχοὺς γὰρ πάντοτε ἔχετε μεθ' ἑαυτῶν, ἐμὲ δὲ οὐ πάντοτε ἔχετε. Ἔγνω οὖν ὄχλος πολὺς ἐκ τῶν Ἰουδαίων ὅτι ἐκεῖ ἐστι, καὶ ἦλθον οὐ διὰ τὸν Ἰησοῦν μόνον, ἀλλ' ἵνα καὶ τὸν Λάzarον ἴδωσιν ὃν ἡγείρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν. ἐβουλεύσαντο δὲ οἱ ἀρχιερεῖς ἵνα καὶ τὸν Λάzarον ἀποκτείνωσιν, ὅτι πολλοὶ δι' αὐτὸν ὑπῆγον τῶν Ἰουδαίων καὶ ἐπίστευον εἰς τὸν Ἰησοῦν. Τῇ ἐπαύριον ὄχλος πολὺς ὁ ἐλθὼν εἰς τὴν ἐορτὴν, ἀκούσαντες ὅτι ἔρχεται Ἰησοῦς εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα, ἔλαβον τὰ βαῖα τῶν φοινίκων καὶ ἐξῆλθον εἰς ὑπάντησιν αὐτῷ, καὶ ἔκραζον· ὡσαννά, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου, ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ. εὐρὼν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὄναριον ἐκάθισεν ἐπ' αὐτό, καθὼς ἐστὶ γεγραμμένον· μὴ φοβοῦ, θύγατερ Σιών· ἰδοὺ ὁ βασιλεὺς σου ἔρχεται καθήμενος ἐπὶ πῶλον ὄνου. Ταῦτα δὲ οὐκ ἔγνωσαν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ τὸ πρῶτον, ἀλλ' ὅτε ἐδοξάσθη ὁ Ἰησοῦς, τότε ἐμνήσθησαν ὅτι ταῦτα ἦν ἐπ' αὐτῷ γεγραμμένα, καὶ ταῦτα ἐποίησαν αὐτῷ. Ἐμαρτύρει οὖν ὁ ὄχλος ὁ ὢν μετ' αὐτοῦ ὅτε τὸν Λάzarον ἐφώνησεν ἐκ τοῦ μνημείου καὶ ἡγείρεν αὐτὸν ἐκ νεκρῶν. διὰ τοῦτο καὶ ὑπήντησεν αὐτῷ ὁ ὄχλος, ὅτι ἠκούσαν τοῦτο αὐτὸν πεποιηκέναι τὸ σημεῖον.



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA  
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## PASCHA 2023

**April 8—LAZARUS SATURDAY**  
\*Divine Liturgy 10:00 – 11:00 A.M.

**April 9—PALM SUNDAY**  
Orthos 10:00-11:00 A.M.  
Divine Liturgy 11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

**April 9—PALM SUNDAY EVENING**  
The Nymphios Service – 7:00 P.M.

**April 10- HOLY MONDAY EVENING**  
The Nymphios Service 7:00 P.M.

**April 11- HOLY TUESDAY EVENING**  
The Nymphios Service 7:00 P.M.  
Troparion of Kassiani

**April 12- HOLY WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON**  
(ONE SERVICE ONLY)

**April 13—HOLY THURSDAY MORNING**  
\*Divine Liturgy 7:00:A.M.-8:30 A.M.

**April 13—HOLY THURSDAY EVENING**  
12 Gospels – Crucifixion of Christ  
Service 7:00 P.M.

**April 14—GOOD FRIDAY AFTERNOON**  
Apokathelosis – Descent from the Cross  
3:00 P.M.- 4:30 P.M.  
**CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED!**

**April 14-GOOD FRIDAY EVENING**  
The Epitaphios 7:00 P.M.  
**SOLEMN STREET PROCESSION 8:30 A.M.**

**April 15 – HOLY SATURDAY MORNING**  
\*Divine Liturgy 7:00 8:00 A.M.  
**EUCHARIST CONCLUDES 8:30 A.M.**

**April 15- SATURDAY EVE**  
**HOLY PASCHA: Orthros 11:00 P.M.**  
**THE RESURRECTION: 12:00 MIDNIGHT**  
\*Divine Liturgy 12:30 – 1:30 A.M.

**April 16- PASCHA SUNDAY**  
**AGAPE VESPER:**  
11:00 A.M.-12:00 Noon  
Children's Easter Service  
Gospel will be read in many languages.

**ALTAR ESSENTIALS:** are needed – Stephanía (Floral Wreaths) for Holy Thursday Crucifixion Cross. Large bright white, yellow, red colors and ribboned streamers. Sacramental wine, fragrant incense, carbon coals, prophora, linen sheets..

**Paschal Greeting Card:** is printed and posted for HOLY WEEK DELIVERY! 1,000 families will receive this greeting of Paschal Hope and Eternal Resurrection. Is your name among the faithful who subscribed? We'll be looking for yours as you look for mine. The Triptych Iconic Card is mailed to all registered stewards of the parish Look for your's in the mail.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There is only ONE HOLY UNCTION SERVICE on Wednesday of Holy Week. It has been set for 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. thus affording parents with children and working adults to come to church for the 'HEALING and CLEANSING' before receiving Holy Communion at Eastertide. This is the OFFICIAL DAY for the SACRAMENT., so..... don't miss it.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Blessing of HOLY WATER (AGIASMOS) is observed and celebrated every FIRST OF THE MONTH! The service is from 11:00 A.M. to 11:45 A.M. Only when the first (1<sup>st</sup>) of the month is a SUNDAY—the blessing transfers to MONDAY MORNING. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

**PALM SUNDAY FISH DINNER (COD-BAKALAO)** will be served in WHITEHALL after the DIVINE LITURGY today. Please refer to the centerfold for all the particulars on this traditional meal presentation. IT'S TRADITION!

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Potted Easter plants will be available for display on the sanctuary steps for all of HOLY WEEK (April 09<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>) Please refer to the centerfold to secure your thanksgiving or memorial tribute BY NAME,



# Τί πλέον θέλεις;

Ὁ γὼ πατήρ, ἀδελφός,  
νυμφίος, οἰκία, τροφή,  
ἐνδυμα, ρίζα, θεμέλιον,  
ὅ,τι θέλεις ἐγὼ· νά μὴν  
ἔχης ἀνάγκην ἀπὸ τίποτε.  
Ἐγὼ καὶ θά σέ ὑπηρετήσω·  
διότι ἦλθα νά διακονήσω,  
ὄχι νά διακονηθῶ. Ἐγὼ  
εἶμαι φίλος καὶ μέλος καὶ  
κεφαλή καὶ ἀδελφός καὶ  
μητέρα, ὅλα ἐγὼ· ἀρκεῖ νά  
ἔχης οἰκειότητα πρὸς ἐμέ.

Ἐγὼ ἐγίνα πτωχός καὶ  
περιπλανώμενος διὰ σέ·  
ἀνέβηκα εἰς τὸν Σταυρόν  
καὶ ἐτάφην διὰ σέ· εἰς τὸν  
οὐρανὸν διὰ σέ ἱκετεύω  
τὸν Πατέρα· κάτω εἰς τὴν  
γῆν ἐστάλην ἀπὸ τὸν Πατέρα ὡς πρεσβευτὴς διὰ σέ.

Σὺ εἶσαι δι' ἐμέ τὰ πάντα· καὶ συγκληρονόμος  
καὶ ἀδελφός καὶ φίλος καὶ μέλος τοῦ σώματός μου.

Διατί λοιπὸν ἀποστρέφεται αὐτὸν πού σέ ἀγαπᾷ;  
Διατί κοπιᾶζεις διὰ τὸν κόσμον;

Τί περισσότερο θέλεις ἀπὸ ἐμέ;

(Ἁγίου Ἰωάννου Χρυσοστόμου, ΕΠΕ, 12, 35)

Κάνε με, Κύριε, τέτοιον πού μέ θέλεις καὶ μέ  
ὅποιον τρόπον θέλεις, εἴτε θέλω, εἴτε δέν θέλω.

(Ἁγίου Πέτρου Δαμασκηνοῦ, Φιλοκαλία τ. Γ', 3η θεωρία)







# Beautiful Spring Flower Sale at Three Hierarchs

EASTER PLANT  
PRESENTATION

*Donate a full basket of Spring  
flowers to Altar for Holy  
Week starting Palm Sunday,*

*in*

*Thanksgiving  
to God.*

*A Blessed Memorial Tribute*

*Offering \$35.00.*

*Sponsors name & card  
attached to each potted plant*







# ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ

## ΣΥΝΤΟΜΟΝ ΚΗΡΥΓΜΑ



«Ἐγενόμην ἐν Πνεύματι ἐν τῇ Κυριακῇ ἡμέρᾳ καὶ ἤκουσα φωνὴν ὀπίσω μου μεγάλην ὡς σάλπιγγος» (Ἀπ. 1,10)

Ἐκδίδεται ἀπὸ τὴν Καναδικὴ Γυναικεὶ Ἰερὰ Μονὴ Ἁγίου Αὐγουστίνου Φλωρίνης - 531 00 ΦΑΛΠΙΝΑ - τηλ. 23850-28610 - [imaaf@yahoo.gr](mailto:imaaf@yahoo.gr)

Περίοδος Δ' - Ἔτος Μ' Φλώρινα - ἀριθμ. φύλλου 2548	Κυριακὴ τῶν Βαΐων (Ἰω. 12, 1-18) 9 Ἀπριλίου 2023 πρωί	Συντάκτης (†) ἐπίσκοπος Αὐγουστίνος Ν. Καντιώτης
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## Τὰ δικά μας «ὠσαννά»

«Ὡσαννά, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου, βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραήλ» (Ἰω. 12,13)

Ὁ Χριστός, ἀγαπητοί μου, -τὸ εἶπα, τὸ ξαναλέω καὶ δὲν θὰ πᾶψω νὰ τὸ λέω- εἶνε τὸ ἄλφα καὶ τὸ ὤμέγα, ἡ ρίζα καὶ τὸ θεμέλιο τῆς πίστεώς μας. Διότι ὁ Χριστὸς εἶνε Θεός. Δὲν εἶνε ἕνας ἀπλὸς ἄνθρωπος, μία μεγαλοφυΐα, ἕνας σπουδαῖος φιλόσοφος, ἕνας μέγας κοινωνιολόγος. Ὁχι· εἶνε Θεός. Ὅσοι τὸ πιστεύουν αὐτὸ εἶνε Χριστιανοί· οἱ ἄλλοι δὲν εἶνε, δὲν μποροῦν νὰ λογίζωνται ὡς Χριστιανοί. Ὅτι εἶνε Θεὸς τὸ φωνάζουν τὰ θαύματά του· τὸ φωνάζει ἡ σημερινὴ ἡμέρα· τὸ φωνάζει τὸ μεγαλύτερο ἀπ' ὅλα τὰ θαύματά του, ἡ ἀνάστασις τοῦ Λαζάρου.

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Ὁ Λάζαρος ἦταν ἕνας φίλος τοῦ Χριστοῦ. Ἔμενε στὴ Βηθανία, ἕνα χωριὸ ἔξω ἀπὸ τὰ Ἱεροσόλυμα μαζί με τὶς ἀδελφές του Μαρία καὶ Μάρθα· ἡ Μαρία ἦταν πιὸ πνευματικὴ, ἡ Μάρθα ἦταν νοικοκυρὰ ἀπὸ τὶς λίγες, πού σήμερα σπανίζουν. Ἦταν μιὰ ἁγία οἰκογένεια καὶ ζοῦσαν σ' ἕνα ταπεινὸ σπιτάκι. Ἐκεῖ πῆγαινε συχνὰ ὁ Χριστός, ὅταν ἤθελε νὰ ξεκουραστῇ ἀπὸ τὴν κακία καὶ μοχθηρία τοῦ κόσμου.

Ἀλλὰ στὸ σπιτάκι αὐτὸ ἔπεσε κεραυνός, συνέβη θάνατος· γιατί ὁ θάνατος δὲν κάνει διάκρισι, ἐπισκέπτεται καὶ τὶς καλύβες καὶ τὰ ἀνάκτορα. Πέθανε ὁ Λάζαρος. Τὴν ἡμέρα τοῦ θανάτου του ὁ Χριστὸς ἦταν μακριά· κι ὅταν πλέον ἦρθε ἐκεῖ, τὸν εἶχαν θάψει. Εἶχε ἤδη τέσσερις μέρες μέσα στὸν τάφο καὶ ἀρχισε νὰ μυρίζη. Στὴ συνάντησί τους μετὸν Κύριο οἱ δυὸ ἀδελφές τοῦ εἶπαν· Ἄν ἦσουν ἐδῶ, Κύριε, ὁ ἀδερφός μας δὲν θὰ πέθαινε. Νόμιζαν, ὅτι ἡ δύναμις τοῦ Χριστοῦ εἶνε μόνο νὰ θεραπεύη ἀρρώστους· δὲν φαντάζονταν, ὅτι μπορεῖ καὶ νεκρούς ἀκόμα ν' ἀναστήσῃ.

Ὁ Χριστὸς τοὺς εἶπε· Ὁ ἀδελφός σας θ' ἀναστήθῃ, καὶ «Ἐγὼ εἶμι (=ἐγὼ εἶμαι) ἡ ἀνάστασις καὶ ἡ ζωὴ» (Ἰω. 11,25). Καὶ πράγματι πῆγε στὸ μνήμα καὶ ἀνέστησε τὸν Λάζαρο.

-Ἀδύνατον, λέει ὁ ἄθεος. Παραμύθια! Εἶνε ποτὲ δυνατόν ἕνας νεκρὸς ν' ἀναστήθῃ;...

Ἄπιστε, βγές λοιπὸν τώρα ἔξω στὸν κάμπο καὶ θ' ἀκούσῃς νὰ σὲ βεβαιώνουν χίλιες φωνές. Τί ἔκαναν τὸ φθινόπωρο οἱ γεωργοὶ ἔσπευαν σπόρο σιτάρι. Τὸν ἔρριξαν στὴ γῆ, τὸν ἔθαψαν στὸ χῶμα ὅπως θάβουμε τὸ νεκρό. Καὶ τί γίνεται ὁ σπóρος ἐ-

κεῖ σαπίζει, κι ἀφοῦ σαπίσῃ, τώρα τὸ καλοκαίρι φυτρώνει. Ἀπὸ κάθε σάπιο σπóρο βγαίνει ἕνα ὠραῖο στάχυ· κι ἀπὸ λίγα σακκιά σάπιο σπóρο γίνεται ἕνας κάμπος ὀλοπράσινος. Καὶ ὄχι μόνο ἀπὸ τὸ σιτάρι, ἀλλὰ κι ἀπὸ τοὺς ἄλλους σπóρους· βγαίνουν λουλούδια, δέντρα, πλατάνια μεγάλα. Πῶς; Ῥῶτα ὄχι τὸν χωρικό, ῥῶτα τὸν ἐπιστήμονα γεωπόνου. Ἄγνωστο, μυστήριο εἶνε αὐτό! Μέχρι σπγμῆς ἡ ἐπιστήμη δὲν κατῴρθωσε νὰ μᾶς κάνῃ ἕνα σπóρο νὰ βγάξῃ στάχυ μετ' σπóρο. Τί θαῦμα· μέσα σ' ἕνα μικρούτσικο πραγματάκι νὰ ὑπάρχῃ τέτοια δύναμις! Κάθε στάχυ πού βγαίνει ἔξω, φωνάζει ὅτι γίνεται ἀνάστασις· «Χριστὸς ἀνέστη», λέει. Ἐ λοιπόν· ἐκεῖνος ὁ σπóρος ἔχει δύναμις· καὶ αὐτὸς πού ἔδωσε τὴ δύναμις στὸν σπóρο, αὐτὸς ὁ ἴδιος εἶνε ἐκεῖνος πού λέει σ' ἕνα σάπιο κορμί ν' ἀναστήθῃ καὶ νὰ γίνῃ πάλι ζωντανὸς ἄνθρωπος.

Γι' αὐτὸ κάνουμε **κόλλυβα**. Ἐχουν σημασία. Σὰν νὰ μᾶς λένε· Μὴν κλαῖτε· ὅπως ἀπὸ τοὺς σάπιους καρπούς βγαίνουν ὠραῖα λουλούδια καὶ νέοι καρποί, ἔτσι μέσα ἀπὸ τοὺς τάφους θὰ βγῇ νέα ζωὴ. **Θ' ἀναστήθουν οἱ νεκροί**.

Ὁ Χριστὸς, λοιπόν, ἀνέστησε τὸν Λάζαρο. Τὸν ἀνέστησε μετ' τὴ φωνὴ «Λάζαρ, δεῦρο ἔξω» (Ἰω. 11,4). Καὶ τὸ θαῦμα τὸ εἶδαν πολλοί. Δὲν ἔγινε νύχτα, ἔγινε τὴν ἡμέρα. Τὸ εἶδαν πολλὰ μάτια. Καὶ πίστεψαν. Κι αὐτοὶ τὸ διέδωσαν. Δὲν ὑπῆρχαν τότε τηλεφῶνα καὶ ἀσύρματοι ἀπὸ στόμα σὲ στόμα διαδόθηκε. Τὸ ἔμαθαν χωρὶά καὶ πόλεις, τὸ ἔμαθαν ὅλα τὰ Ἱεροσόλυμα.

Καὶ γι' αὐτό, ὅταν ἀκούστηκε ὅτι ὁ Χριστὸς ἀπὸ τῆ Βηθανίας ἔρχεται στὰ Ἱεροσόλυμα, ἔγινε μιὰ **διαδήλωση πρωτοφανής**. Ἀδείασε ἡ πρωτεύουσα τοῦ Ἰσραήλ. Τὰ παιδιά καὶ οἱ νοικοκυρές, μικροὶ καὶ μεγάλοι, νέοι καὶ γέροι μετ' ἄσπρα μαλλιά, ὅλοι βγήκαν ἔξω ἀπὸ τὴν πόλιν. Καὶ μόλις εἶδαν τὸ Χριστὸ νὰ ἔρχεται ταπεινὸς καθισμένος σ' ἕνα γαϊδουράκι, μέθυσαν ἀπὸ ἐνθουσιασμό. Ἄλλοι ἔκοβαν κλαδιά ἀπὸ τὰ δέντρα καὶ τὰ ἔστρωναν στὸ δρόμο, κι ἄλλοι ἄπλωναν χάμω τὰ ῥοῦχα τους νὰ πατήσῃ ὁ Χριστός. Ὅλοι κρατοῦσαν βάρια καὶ φώναζαν· «Ὡσαννά, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου, βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραήλ» (Ἰω. 12,9-10, 11, 28). Τί εἶνε αὐτὸ τὸ «Ὡσαννά»; Εἶνε ἑβραϊκὴ λέξις καὶ ση-





The lord gives us once again an opportunity to express our solidarity by becoming a supporting and registered member of the parish. We can only urge you to do so because your sustaining membership keeps this parish functioning and responding to the needs of all the faithful. Don't wait until some insignificant date on the calendar. Register with the Church Office **TODAY** and garner all the benefits of being a supporter of Christ's mission on earth.

**FAMILY REGISTRATION FOR HUSBAND & WIFE: \$300 PER YEAR**

**SINGLE MEMBERSHIP: \$250 PER YEAR**

**SENIOR CITIZEN INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP \$200 PER YEAR**

**SENIOR CITIZEN HUSBAND & WIFE MEMBERSHIP: \$225 PER YEAR**

**WE DO NEED YOUR HELP!**

Registering with your local parish is not so much a duty or obligation as it is a **PRIVILEGE**. By registering and offering your annual stewardship, you become an integral member of the living body of Christ as a faith community. By virtue of your Baptism, Chrismation (Confirmation), and Holy Eucharist (Communion), you claim to be a follower of Christ, a witness for Christ, and a practitioner for Christ. May we ask you then to live up to these promises by making your 2023 commitment **TODAY!** The benefits you shall receive beyond grace include the satisfaction and knowledge that this Church and community thrive thanks to your outreach.

*Hailing the Way, the Truth, and the Life*

All the deceased will arise at the sound of the trumpet and sing praise to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Resurrector of their bodies. O Father who created Adam from dust, O Son who by your cross delivered Adam's race from ruin, resurrect me and set me at your right hand, that I might glorify your name!

You do I worship, O Christ our Savior. You are the Resurrector and Savior of all the departed who were baptized in your name and confessed your cross and your death. Blessed is Christ who promised life and resurrection to Adam's children in the day of His coming. We too shall arise and exalt him along with the saints who have been pleasing to him. Praise to you! By your Resurrection didn't you grant all the mortal race the hope of life and resurrection? And

we offer you praise, for you are the Resurrector of all flesh.

You mortals, exalt and praise Him who by His death emptied the dominion of death and promised all the mortal race life and resurrection. May the soul that has sought refuge in your cross and inherited eternal incorruptible treasure praise and exalt you together with the spirits that number her among your ranks.

Fitting it is to worship the Father who sent us His Only-Begotten Son, who saved our race from death and Satan, and sits at the right hand of His Father entreating His compassion on behalf of all of us.

*St. Ephrem the Syrian*

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