

# ST. LUKE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

*"The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch." Acts 11:26*

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## **Welcome to Saint Luke Orthodox Church!**

We're delighted you're here for a visit. Please fill out a visitor card from an usher, and join us for potluck fellowship after the service. We invite all prepared Orthodox Christians to receive Holy Communion. All visitors, catechumens, or penitents may come forward for a blessing & receive the blessed bread from a priest. It's our custom here to welcome new visitors during announcements after Divine Liturgy. If you'd like to be recognized, when the time comes please stand so we know you're here. If you're feeling shy this morning, that's fine too!

## **Parish Council**

Peter Mustian, *Chairman*

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☩ April 28, 2024 ☩

## Feast of Palm Sunday: Entrance of Our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem

*The Holy Nine Martyrs of Cyzicus, John the Martyr of Romania, Memnon the Wonderworker*

**Orthros** (8 am)

**Resurrection Gospel** (Matthew 21:1-11, 15-17)

**Blessing of the Palms:** At the end of the prayer, Choir/Chanters/All respond “Amen”

**Great Doxology** (8:55am) - Tone 6 ..... Page 24

**Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom** (9 am) *Cream Service Book begins on page 30*

**Apolytikion of Palm Sunday:** As by baptism we were buried with Thee, O Christ our God, so by Thy Resurrection we were deemed worthy of immortal life; and praising Thee, we cry: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord ..... Chanters

**Second Antiphon** “O Son of God, Who didst sit upon the foal of an ass, save us Who sing unto Thee, Alleluia”

**During the Entrance with the Gospel:**

**Third Antiphon** O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Israel now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Aaron now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let all that fear the Lord now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever..... Chanters

**Apolytikion of Lazarus Saturday:** In confirming the common Resurrection, O Christ God, Thou didst raise up Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion. Wherefore, we also, like the children, bearing the symbols of victory, cry to Thee, the Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord ..... Chanters

**After the Entrance with the Gospel:**

**Entrance Hymn for Palm Sunday:** Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord: God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us. Save us, O Son of God, Who didst sit upon the foal of an ass; who sing to Thee. Alleluia ..... Clergy

**Apolytikion of Lazarus Saturday** (*as above*) ..... Chanters

**Apolytikion of Palm Sunday** (*as above*) ..... Chanters

**Kontakion of Palm Sunday-Tone 6:** Being borne upon a throne in Heaven, and upon a colt on the earth, O Christ God, Thou didst accept the praise of the angels and the laudation of the children as they cried to Thee: Blessed art Thou Who comest to recall Adam ..... Clergy

**Communion Hymns:** “Blessed is He Who come thin the Name of the Lord, Alleluia,”  
“Rejoice O Bethany!” and Byzantine Hymns..... Choir/Chanters/All  
**Procession of the Palms** ..... All

**Veneration Hymns:** “ Rejoice O Bethany” and Byzantine Hymns ... Choir/Chanters/All

## ✠ Lectionary ✠

### **Prokeimenon in Tone 4 (from Psalm 118)**

Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord! God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us.

O give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his mercy endureth forever.

### **The Reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Philippians (4:4-9)**

**B**rethren, 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.

### **Alleluia Verses in Tone 1 (from Psalm 98)**

O sing to the Lord a new song.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

### **The Holy Gospel according to St. John 12:1-18**

**S**ix days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and 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, Simon’s son, one of his disciples [he who was to betray Jesus], said, “Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take 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 always have me.” When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in 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 is he who comes in the name of the Lord, 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 did not 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 Jesus when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness.

The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard he had done this sign.

## 🌀 Announcements 🌀

### ***Sunday School for Adults, Children and Youth***

Today, children and youth will learn about the Feast of Palm Sunday and continue Pascha preparations. Today, children and youth will learn about Palm Sunday and continuing Pascha preparations. Since Fr. David has completed Adult Sunday School classes on Egypt, adults may enjoy extended Coffee Fellowship. You can find information about an upcoming pilgrimage to Egypt on our Bulletin Board. Please remember that all Fr. David's Adult Sunday School presentations are recorded and then posted on our website.

### ***Youth Activities***

- Saturday, April 27 after Liturgy: help make palm crosses and stuff Easter eggs
- Friday, May 3: Holy Friday All Night Vigil
- Sunday, May 19 at 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM: End of Year Celebration at Erie Rec Center. Swim, climb, pizza! Please register by May 1 <https://tinyurl.com/youthclimbswim24>
- High School and college students please let us know if you are graduating! Fr. Raphael will offer a special blessing for graduates on Sunday, May 19.

### ***Girls: Holy Friday Procession***

Girls participating in the procession around the tomb on Holy Friday, May 3, will have a short practice immediately after Veneration. Girls between the ages of 4-17 are welcome to participate. They need to wear either a white or cream colored dress or a shirt/skirt combination. If your daughter does not have one, we do have a variety of dresses at the church she can borrow. After the service that Friday night, we try to have as many of the girls stay to take a picture altogether in front of the tomb. If you have any questions, contact Janelle Payne: [dj72002@comcast.net](mailto:dj72002@comcast.net))

### ***Palm Sunday Appeal***

As is our custom in this archdiocese, today we also remember our Father in Christ, His Beatitude Patriarch John X, and all our brothers and sisters of the Patriarchate of Antioch in its historic homeland of the Middle East. You may contribute in the baskets at the end of today's service or on Easy Tithe. Please memo "Palm Sunday Appeal" on your check or select from Easy Tithe drop-down menu. Thank you!.

### ***Holy Week and Pascha Preparation***

- **Preparation for Chrismation and Confirmation:** Pre-baptism and Chrismation instructions are given in Weekly Announcements. Please reach out with questions.
- **Schedule** available on our office shelf. Please join as many services as you can.

• **Almsgiving** continues for Erie Food Bank and Food for the Hungry collections. - FFHP boxes will be accepted through the 2nd Sunday after Lent (5/19). Our bank only accepts counted & rolled coins. Counting and rolling thousands of coins is a significant effort for our counting team. So, will you please lighten their load by counting your coins and providing bills or a check instead? (Or via easytithe: <https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/stlukeorthodox> , use FFHP fund). We greatly appreciate your help on this! Any questions? Contact Rob at [treasurer@stlukeorthodox.org](mailto:treasurer@stlukeorthodox.org)

• **Palm Crosses** after Lazarus Saturday Liturgy: It only takes about an hour or less, if there are many hands. Thank you.

• Decorating the **Tomb** on Holy Friday: Please talk to Rita Rosson if you are available. She needs to know how many are coming. Contact Rita at [ritarosson@msn.com](mailto:ritarosson@msn.com)

• **Flowers:** Please consider donating to the Pascha Flower fund to honor a loved, in memory of, or in thanksgiving. Please mark in the memo line Pascha Flowers. Flowers in the church add beauty reminding us of God's creation and the beauty of His handiwork.



• **Celebration:** Please sign up to help prepare, set up, serve, clean up or cook for our Brunch. Questions? Contact Christine Twining at [christinetwining@yahoo.com](mailto:christinetwining@yahoo.com)

### ***Summer Chant Class***

Fr. Raphael will be offering a weekly series of classes on chanting, beginning on Saturday, May 18 at 2:00 pm. Please complete the interest survey: <https://tinyurl.com/chantclass24>

### ***Thursday Morning Adult Education Class Returns***

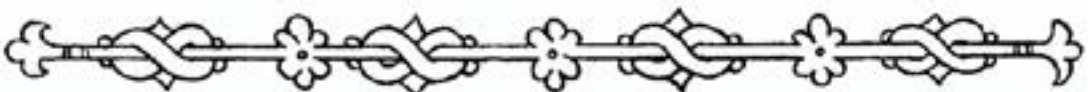
On Thursday May 9, Fr. Dan will begin a series of classes on the Seven Ecumenical Councils. These will run at least through May 30. Class meets at 10:30 AM in Classroom #4.

### ***Parish Life Conference (DOWAMA): June 12-15***

PLC 2024 will be hosted by St. Michael Church, in Beaumont, Texas. The host parish has been working diligently to prepare for our participation, and we are excitedly looking forward to joining together again as one Diocesan family. Please mark your calendars for this special annual gathering.

### ***VBS Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God***

Preschool and elementary children are invited to VBS from June 17 through 20 from 9 AM to 12 noon. Youth are encouraged to volunteer. Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/StLukeVBS2024> by June 1. Reach out to Frances with questions: [admin@stlukeorthodox.org](mailto:admin@stlukeorthodox.org)



## ☞ Weekly Schedule ☞

### **PALM SUNDAY — APRIL 28**

7:00 PM Bridegroom Orthros

### **GREAT AND HOLY MONDAY — APRIL 29**

9:30 AM Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 PM Bridegroom Orthros

### **GREAT AND HOLY TUESDAY — APRIL 30**

9:30 AM Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 PM Bridegroom Orthros

### **GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY — MAY 1ST**

9:30 AM Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 PM Unction Service

### **GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY — MAY 2ND**

9:30 AM Vesperal Divine Liturgy

7:00 PM Twelve Passion Gospels

### **GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY — MAY 3RD**

9:30 AM Royal Hours

11:00 AM Exorcisms and Renunciations (for Those Being Baptized & Chrismated on Holy Saturday)

2:00 PM Vespers of Unnailing

7:00 PM Matins of Great Holy Saturday (i.e. the Lamentation Service)

### **GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY — MAY 4TH**

9:30AM Vesperal Divine Liturgy and Baptisms/Chrismations

### **GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA — MAY 5TH**

5:15AM Midnight Office, Rush Procession, Paschal Orthros and Divine Liturgy  
Blessing of Pascha Baskets in the Fellowship Hall and Paschal Breakfast &  
Children's Egg hunt  
Agape Vespers after