

March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday

# THANK YOU

To: Robert and Marina Aivasian For donating the Altar Roses & Flowers for **Easter Sunday. Good Friday:** Meline Balekjian- Nvart & Ani Balekjian

## CHURCH MAINTENANCE

Please help us to keep the church in good condition. The building is very old and needs always to be maintained. (You can always help by donating, there is envelopes at the church door). God bless you

**Thank you:** Dominic & Teresa Tran, Felikian Family- Marian Ohanesian and Kazkanian family. for donating toward the maintenance fund.



Save the Date

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

Our

**65th ANNIVERSARY**



UPCOMING

CHURCH EVENTS

HOLY THURSDAY

MARCH 29, AT 6:30 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY

MARCH 30, AT 6:30 P.M.

EASTER VIGIL

MARCH 31, AT 5:00 P.M.

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 1, U. ՉԱՏԻԿ

9:30 a.m. English 11:00 a.m. Armenian

ANNUNCIATION

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## THE LETTER OF ST. PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

REJOICE in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. AND the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. THIS IS THE WORDS OF THE LORD

## THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW 21:1-17

AS THEY approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. UNTIE them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: 'Say to Daughter Zion, See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

THE DISCIPLES went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

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Armenian 11:00 a.m.

The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" **WHEN** Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this? The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

**JESUS** entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. "It is written," he said to them, "My house will be called a house of prayer, but you are making it 'a den of robbers.'"

**THE BLIND** and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they were indignant. "Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him. "Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read,

'**FROM** the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise' And he left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where he spent the night. **THIS IS THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD**

### PALM SUNDAY PALM PROCESSION & "ANTASDAN"

On Palm Sunday, the Armenian Church remembers the multitude that welcomed with palms, olive branches and cries of Hosanna (Glory to God!), as Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey with his disciples and followers. (Matt. 21, Mark 11, Luke 19:28-40, John 12:12-19). The Church is decorated with palms and olive branches, which are distributed to the worshippers. On Palm Sunday, the Armenian Church holds with "Opening of the Doors" (Trnpatsek) service, symbolic of our entrance into the heavenly Jerusalem.



### **Palm Sunday in Armenia**

The Armenian Apostolic Church on the last Sunday of Lent celebrates the Christian holiday of Palm Sunday, or Tsakhkazard, which translated from Armenian, literally means "decorated with flowers". The holiday is celebrated in remembrance of Christ's triumphal entry to Jerusalem. From this day begins the Holy Week, full of torment and suffering of the Savior for the redemption of the sins of mankind. According to tradition, Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and people from small to large met him with great glee and rejoicing, shouting, "Hosanna", that means "blessed". They littered the way of the Lord with their robes, threw flowers, palm and olive branches to his feet, which came to symbolize wisdom, glory, and jubilation. Besides the religious significance, the celebration of Palm Sunday goes back to the beginnings of antiquity, when after retreating winter colds people celebrated the coming of spring, of a new beginning and new life. On Palm Sunday, all Armenian churches decorate with willow branches and conduct the divine worship. Palm Sunday known as the day of blessing of children. People in the morning go to church for a blessing. After the holy worship, the consecrated branches are distributed to the faithful. According to tradition, the branches bring into the house peace, abundance, fertility, and grace. After the holiday of Tsakhkazard branches are either carefully stored until next year, or women prepare the Easter decoration of Tree of Life from them. People say, "Blessed are the branches will bring a blessing".

### Հոգեհանգստեան Պաշտօն — Requiem Services April 8

**For the soul of: BERGUHIE J KARABEDIAN COREY (40 DAYS)**

**Requested by:** Son Allen G Corey, Daughter in Law Arati Lane, Grandson Sailor Lane, Sister Christine Corey, Niece Marie and Micky Magrdchian, Brother George and Shaki Aravian, Nephew Bruce and Penney Palumbo

May God illuminate their souls / Asdvadz Hokin Lousavoreh /

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