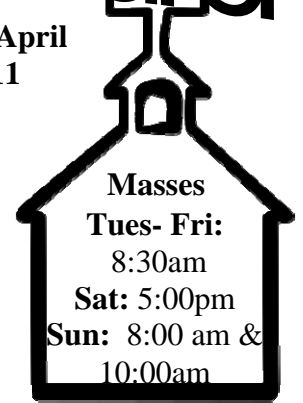
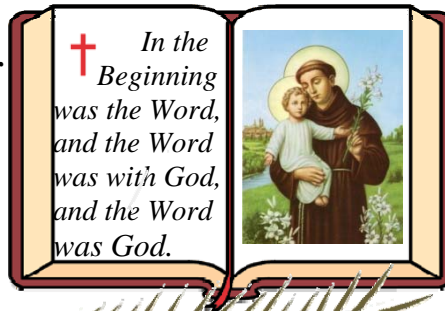


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PALM SUNDAY

Holy Week: welcome Msgr David George

We welcome Msgr David George from Springfield, MA to St. Anthony's Church to lead our prayer services during Holy Week while Fr Jean will be at Westchester Maronite Mission.



Holy Week Schedule

- 1. Palm Sunday** – Blessing of Palms & Procession: on Saturday April 16 at **5 pm** & on Palm Sunday April 17 at **10 am** [**No Mass at 8 am**] + Passion Play on Palm Sunday Evening at **8 pm**
- 2. Monday & Tuesday April 18 & 19:** The Rite of coming to the Harbor at **8:30 am** following by a Divine Liturgy
- 3. Wednesday April 20:** The Rite of the Lamp (Blessing of the Oil of the sick) at **8:30 am** following by a Divine Liturgy
- 4. Holy Thursday April 21–** Washing of the Feet & Mass at **7:00 pm** + Adoration of the Sacrament & Confessions till **10 pm**
- 5. Great Friday April 22** – Burial (Adoration of the cross) & passion play at **7:30 pm** (**Holy Land Collection**)
- 6. Saturday April 23:** Easter Vigil – Mass at **5 pm** + Following by Children's Egg Hunt
- 7. Sunday April 24:** Easter Day – Mass at **10 am** [**No Mass at 8 am**]
- 8. Easter Monday April 25** Mass at **10 am** + following by a Lebanese brunch at the Church hall

Holy Land Second Collection Good Friday April 22, 2011

Part of this collection is sent through the USCCB to the Holy land and another part is sent directly to the Maronite Eparchy of Haifa.

Easter Lilies

Our Easter Altar is always decorated with flowers prayerfully commemorating our parishioner's deceased family & friends. If you would like to participate please use the Special Envelopes in your monthly packets and mark the names of your deceased loved ones on them. These will be placed on the altar during Easter and our Easter Masses will be for these intentions.



Ladies Guild (Fall Craft Fair October 15th, 2011)

On October 15th, 2011, the guild will be hosting a vendor craft fair in our church hall. Vendors will be solicited to rent a table or space for \$30 and the guild will also have a table with food and other handmade items to sell. If you or someone you know has a creative hobby and would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact Shay Miller at 203-792-7444 to save a space and to let her know what you will be featuring at your table in order to avoid too much duplication. As always, thank you for your support!

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT

Following the Easter Vigil Mass at 5pm on Saturday, April 23, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt for the children with coffee and sweets down in the hall for the parents. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to donate or help, please contact Lisa Basher 203-791-8318 or Barbara Stuart 203-730-2960.





Deepest Sympathy

Our condolences go to Major Donald J. McGran & Christopher G. McGran and families on the loss of their Mother Elizabeth "Betty Ann" (Geary) McGran (84) and to Samir Zarinni on the loss of his father Hani who died in Lebanon and to Gaby and Tony Al Hayek for the loss of their nephew Michel Al Hayek who died in Lebanon too. We pray that the Lord who has called his servants "Betty Ann", Hani and Michel may welcome them into his kingdom and grant them peace and rest among the saints.

Your Offerings to your Parish:

Sunday April 10, 2011:

-Collection: \$ 3,559.00

-Gold Event Profit: \$ 4,368.00



No weekly Mass from Tuesday April 26- to Friday April 29. The office will be closed. For any emergency call Father Jean Younes at 718-344-2744 or George Jabbour at 203-482-3569.

Readers

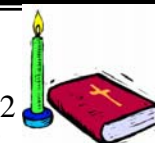
April 16 – Louis Najamy	April 17 – George Jabbour
April 21 (Holy Thursday)	Phyllis Moses
April 22 (Holy Friday)	Randy Michael + Shay Miller
April 23 – Ken Ackell	April 24 – Gessika Al Hayek

First Reading

Phil 1/1-13
 1Cor 11:23-32
 Heb 12/12-21
 Is 53/7-12/Heb 4/14-16
 1Cor 15/12-26

Gospel

Jn 12/12-22
 Lk 22:1-23
 Jn 19/31-37
 Jn 19/1-30
 Mk 16/1-8



Church Etiquette

Please observe the following etiquette while attending mass:

- Arrive 5 minutes prior to mass to prepare yourself for the Divine Liturgy
- Stay in Church until the final Blessing of the Mass is given
- Turn your cell phones to silent mode
- Refrain from chewing gum & personal conversations

Mahrajan Meeting

Time to start planning our annual Mahrajan for August 19, 20 2011. We will hold a start-up meeting on **Monday April 25, at 7pm** in our Parish Hall. Bob & Janet Hudak have done such an outstanding job with the Lebanese Festivals we are so happy that they have graciously agreed to serve as Chairpersons of this year's Mahrajan too.



Eparchial Charities Appeal 2011

Please take the time to read our beloved Bishop's letter pertaining to this year's appeal. Your generosity has never failed us in the past and we are confident enough that you will support this important eparchial mission. We hope that you will respond positively and let us come together once again to meet our quota for this year. For your information, we are obligated to forward the amount of \$6,500.00 by April 10th. I am very confident that through your commitment and generosity we will raise this required amount without dipping into our general parish account. If every individual participates in this 2011 Appeal, and sacrifices the amount of **\$35.00**, we will meet our quota with no difficulty, however, like the widow's mite, any contribution, whether large or small, will be greatly appreciated. You can help by placing your check made out to St Anthony's Church and marked "Bishop Appeal" in your regular Sunday envelop during lent.

Visiting the Ill in our Church

Wednesday of the Passion Week is also called **Wednesday of Ayoub(Job)**.

Job suffered a lot, and lost his health and wealth, even his sons and daughters, but never cursed God and was known for his patience. He represents Christ who willingly received suffering and death, and committed himself into his Father's hands. On that day, the Rite of the Lamp is celebrated. Once again, it is an old rite of the Maronite Church. Dough with seven wicks inserted into it, represent the seven lamps envisioned by the Prophet Jeremiah and by John the Apostle in his Revelation. During the celebration, the oil is blessed and all the faithful receive the anointing. Father Jean will celebrate a special Mass on Wednesday April 20th at 8:30 am to bless the Holy Oil. The Mass will be for the intentions of all the ill men and women in our community. Abouna Jean Younes and Mgr David George will visit all the ill in our Church after Mass. Please if you know someone who cannot come to Church anymore let me know to put him/her in my list. God our Lord Jesus Christ shows your love and heals our Bodies and Souls. Amen

