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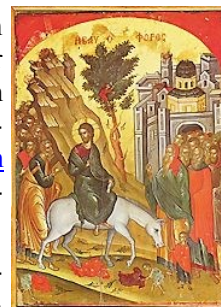
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FIAT NEWSLETTER

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Dear Friend of Annunciation Parish & School,

What do you call the sixth Sunday of Lent...the Sunday which begins Holy Week...the Sunday before Easter? Many of us refer to this Sunday as Palm Sunday, others call it Passion Sunday. In our liturgical year, this Sunday involves both Palms and the Passion, as its very name suggests. It is [Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord](#). This year we will celebrate Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord on Sunday, April 14th.



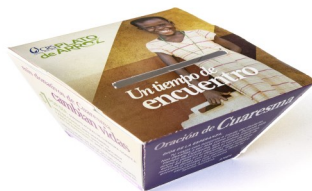
Entry into Jerusalem
Theophanes the Cretan
16th century
Stavronikita Monastery
Mt. Athos, Greece

Recall that at the center of our Christian faith is the Paschal Mystery - the Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension into Spirit-filled Glory of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The sixth Sunday of Lent - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - we commemorate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem to accomplish this. At Mass on this Sunday we receive palm branches which are blessed with holy water. At the procession with palms or the solemn entrance, we will hear one of the Gospel accounts of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. During the Liturgy of the Word, we will hear the Passion of Christ proclaimed. From early on in our Church's liturgy we have used palm branches to commemorate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, where he would fulfill his mission for the salvation of the world! Please join us at Mass this Sunday to celebrate Passion (Palm) Sunday! Our Vigil Mass is at 5:00 p.m. Saturday. On Sunday, we will have one Mass at 10:00 a.m. Gather prior to Sunday Mass outside in front of the rectory.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sandi Chakeres, Director of Faith Formation

Collection & Blessing of CRS Rice Bowls



[CRS Rice Bowl](#) has been our 2019 Lenten Outreach for Annunciation Parish & School. School students should return their Rice Bowl donations to their homerooms Monday and Tuesday, April 15 & 16. Students will celebrate Mass at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday, April 17, at which time their Rice Bowl donations will be blessed.

Parishioners are asked to bring their Rice Bowl donations to the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 18, when they will process forward with their Rice Bowls at the Presentation of the Gifts.

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Special points of interest:

- *At the Easter Vigil, celebrated at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 20th, our RCLA Candidate, Matthew Motsinger, will be Confirmed and celebrate First Eucharist. Please pray for him, and all throughout the world, preparing for Easter Sacraments.*
- *Follow us on [Facebook](#) to get all our latest news and see all our latest photos!*

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Blessed Palm in our Churches and in our Homes



Saint Agnes
Mosaic, circa 450
Galla Placidia Mausoleum, Italy

Palm branches have made their way into much of our religious art, especially in the Western Church. For example, you will often see holy cards or paintings of the Saints that include palm. And this has been true for a long time, as you can see in this 5th century mosaic of Saint Agnes. What is so special about palm? Palm signifies victory!

In ancient Israel, palm branches were carried by those who were victorious in conquering enemies (1 Maccabees 13:51). And by his death and resurrection, Jesus conquered the greatest enemy, death! That is why you will often see paintings of the resurrected Jesus holding palm branches. In art, the Saints are often pictured with palm branches because of their own victory. In the Book of Revelation, the elect in heaven are holding palm branches, indicating their own triumph in remaining faithful to Jesus in the time of great persecution, even though it cost them their earthly life (Rev. 7:9).

The Israelites also used palm branches in the celebration of the Feast of Booths (Leviticus 23:39-40), and in the Purification of the Temple (2 Maccabees 10:5-8). As Judeo-Christians, palm has been an important part of our religious heritage for centuries!

On [Palm Sunday](#) of the Passion of the Lord, in churches throughout the world, Christians to this day will celebrate with palm branches and processions. The Blessed Palm Branches we receive are then taken into our home and put in a place of honor to be used in prayer. You can even weave your newly received Blessed Palm into traditional religious symbols. The book, [Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers](#), has an order of service for "Placing of Branches in the Home."



Upcoming Events

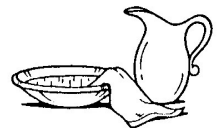
- ◆ Saturday, April 13, 3:00 p.m.: Altar Server Practice for Palm Sunday
- ◆ Sunday, April 14: [Palm Sunday](#) of the Passion of the Lord (One Sunday Morning Mass at 10:00 a.m.)
- ◆ Wednesday, April 17, 8:15 a.m.: Bless School CRS Rice Bowl Collection at Mass
- ◆ Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 p.m.: Altar Server Practice for Holy Thursday; 7:30 p.m.: Altar Server Practice for Good Friday
- ◆ April 18-21, 2019: [The Sacred Paschal Triduum](#)
- ◆ Thursday, April 18-Monday, April 22, 2019: Parish & School Offices closed
- ◆ Friday, April 26, 9:00 a.m.: [Annunciation Catholic School Walkathon](#)
- ◆ Sunday, April 28, 12:00 Noon: Annunciation Parish & School Easter Season [Easter Egg Hunt](#)

***It's Happening at
Annunciation!***

Paschal Triduum Schedule

Mass of the Lord's Supper:

Thursday, April 18, 2019, 7:00 p.m.



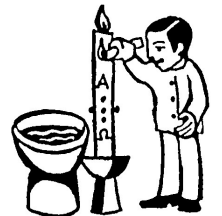
Night Prayer:

Thursday, April 18, 2019, 10:00 p.m.



Celebration of the Lord's Passion:

Friday, April 19, 2019, 3:00 p.m.



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord:

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Saturday, April 20, 2019, 9:00 p.m.



Easter Morning Mass

Sunday, April 21, 2019,
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



Celebrate
Palm Sunday at
Annunciation
Parish!



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Prior to 10:00 a.m. Sunday, April 14, please gather outside in front of the rectory (inside around the Font if the weather is inclement). Palm branches will be available at these locations. At 10:00 a.m., we will celebrate Mass, beginning with the Blessing of Palm. All are welcome. Please reach out to your friends and neighbors and extend an invitation for them to join us to celebrate Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. There is only one Mass Sunday morning, April 14.



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