

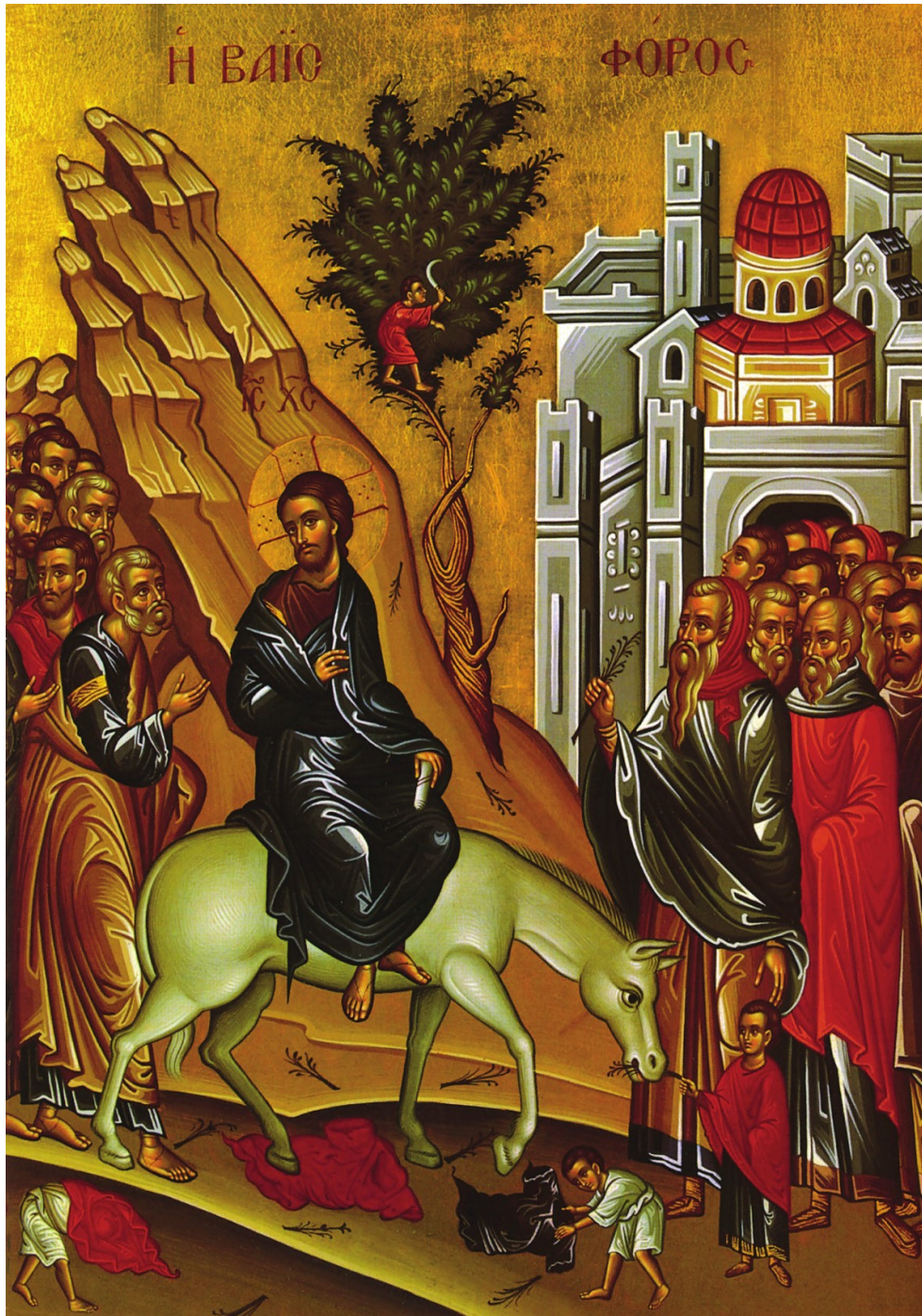


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*Icon of the Entrance into Jerusalem*

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### After Liturgy Today: Pancake Brunch

Adults: \$12; Children (under 12): donations gratefully accepted.

Pancakes, eggs, tater tots, fresh fruit, juice, coffee, pastries and more.

### Divine Liturgy

#### Hymns

**First Antiphon/Isodikon:** O Son of God, Who rode upon a donkey's foal, save us who sing to you. Alleluia!

**First Troparion:** O Christ God, when You raised Lazarus from the dead, before the time of your passion, you confirmed the future resurrection of all. We too, like the children of old, carry before You the symbols of victory and cry out to You, O conqueror of Death: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

**Second Troparion:** O Christ our God, we have been buried with You in baptism: wherefore we merited eternal life through your resurrection. We cry out to You, singing a hymn of praise: "Hosanna in the

highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

**Kontakion:** O Christ God enthroned in heaven, and on earth riding upon an ass; You have accepted the praise of the angels and the hymns of the children who were crying out to You: "Blessed are You who come to restore Adam."

**Hirmos:** The Lord is God and He has appeared to us. Therefore, let us celebrate and sing for joy. Come, let us glorify Christ, and with palms and branches, sing to Him canticles of praise: "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord: our savior!"

**Kinonikon:** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. The Lord is God and He has appeared to us.

**Prokimenon:** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord and he has appeared to us.

*Stichon:* Sing to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.

**Apostolic Reading:** Phil 4:4-9

**Gospel:** Entrance into Jerusalem, Jn 12:1-18

### Stewardship

Last Sunday: fundraising=\$630.00; candles=\$9.00; ordinary collections=\$604.00; donations=\$420.00. Thanks for your generosity!

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Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance; last updated January 12, 2025): \$25,828.49.

Want to automate donations? One-time or monthly payments via **PayPal**: [byzantinemilwaukee.com/donate](https://byzantinemilwaukee.com/donate). Use your bank's **online billpay** (payee information): St. George's Syrian Congregation · 1617 W State St · Milwaukee, WI 53233-1246; phone: (414) 342-1543; email: [info@byzantinemilwaukee.com](mailto:info@byzantinemilwaukee.com).

#### *Falafel Brunch Thank You*

Thank you for everyone who helped make last Sunday's Falafel Brunch a success! Thanks to everyone's generosity, we made \$730 for the parish.

#### *Friday: Holy Land Collection*

Each year, on Good Friday, the parishes of the eparchy take up a collection to support the work of the Church in the Holy Land. This collection should be taken on Friday April 18<sup>th</sup> this year. The Holy Land collection supports the Holy Places as well as the charitable, pastoral, educational, and social works of the Church in the Holy Land for the welfare of Christians and local communities. Through our donations, we support Christians living in the Holy Land, in order to maintain a Christian presence in the very land made holy the life, death Resurrection of Jesus. Please be as generous as possible to help our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.

#### *Collection for the Women's Center*

There will be a collection for gently used or new baby (newborn–24 months) winter wear for the Women's Center of Milwaukee (2051 W. Wisconsin Ave.) from about Bright Week. Donation envelopes, baby bottles to fill with loose change and information are available on the back tables; items may be placed in the marked box. Particular items needed include:

- diapers size newborn and 6
- wipes
- boppy pillows
- new bottles
- car seats
- pack n plays
- sleepers size 0–24 months
- outfits size 0–24 months
- baby wash
- baby lotion

Talk to Jerry Nora with any questions: [jerry.nora@gmail.com](mailto:jerry.nora@gmail.com).

#### **Prayer List**

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: Barb Moden (sister of Jan Taylor), Sandy Rabuse (godmother of Katerina Lessard), the Rebholz family, Eva Saseen (Theresa and Janelle Herro's niece), Kathy Tomaz and John Zambo. For those who have died: Jan Taylor and Susan Peterson (sister of Cynthia Peterson). For the people of the Middle East.

#### **Schedule for This Week**

**Tuesday:** 6pm Healing Service

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**Wednesday:** 6pm Vespers & Liturgy of St. Basil the Great for the Mystical Supper

**Friday:** 6pm Eulogy Service (“Lamentations”)

**Sunday:** *Holy Resurrection*

10:30am Divine Liturgy

### **2025 MAYA Retreat**

The national Melkite Association of Young Adults invites all youth ages 18-30 to join us for the annual summer retreat from **June 13<sup>th</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup>**, held at Our Lady of Redemption Melkite Catholic Church in Warren, MI. The retreat is \$200 including meals and MAYA dues.

**Retreat Registration link:** [MAYA Retreat Registration](#)

**Accommodations:** There are a group of rooms blocked at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Warren for the retreat at a nightly group rate of \$129 (not including taxes/fees). You can call the hotel directly at 586-573-7600 and make the reservation with one of their front desk associates. Please make sure to mention your affiliation with Melkite Association of Young Adults Church Retreat June 2025. Or, you can book online using this link: [MAYA Retreat Hotel](#)

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Retreat information website: [MAYA Retreat Website](#)

### **Rejoice at His Coming!**

Let us say to Christ: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel. Let us hold before Him like palm branches those final words inscribed above the cross. Let us show Him honor, not with olive branches but with the splendor of merciful deeds to one another. Let us spread the thoughts and desires of our hearts under His feet like garments, so that entering us with the whole of his being, He may draw the whole of our being into Himself and place the whole of His in us. Let us say to Zion in the words of the prophet: Have courage, daughter of Zion, do not be afraid. Behold, your king comes to you, humble and mounted on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden. He is coming who is everywhere present and pervades all things; He is coming to achieve in you

His work of universal salvation. He is coming who came to call to repentance not the righteous but sinners, coming to recall those who have strayed into sin. Do not be afraid, then: God is in the midst of you, and you shall not be shaken.

Receive Him with open, outstretched hands, for it was on His own hands that He sketched you. Receive

Him who laid your foundations on the palms of His hands. Receive Him, for He took upon Himself all that belongs to us except sin, to consume what is ours in what is His. Be glad, city of Zion, our mother, and fear not. Celebrate your feasts. Glorify Him for His mercy, who has come to us in you. Rejoice exceedingly, daughter of Jerusalem, sing and leap for joy. Be enlightened, be enlightened, we cry

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to you, as holy Isaiah trumpeted, for the light has come to you and the glory of the Lord has risen over you.

And what is this glory of the Lord? Clearly it is the cross on which Christ was glorified, He, the radiance of the Father's glory, even as He said when He faced His passion: Now is the Son of Man glorified,

and God is glorified in him, and will glorify him at once. The glory of which He speaks here is His lifting up on the cross, for Christ's glory is His cross and His exultation upon it, as He plainly says: When I have been lifted up, I will draw all men to myself.

*St. Andrew of Crete*

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