

# Parish Bulletin

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*"The Just Man shall flourish like a palm tree and like a Cedar of Lebanon shall he grow"*

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## From the Desk of Father Ghattas:

Imagine a society without a ruler, in which the people are confused. The people have degradations and values are completely eliminated. To describe a similar condition, the Prophet Isaiah compares society to a body, in which the head is sick and the heart is faint. From the soles of the feet to the head, there are no sound spots. The Prophet talked to a mysterious person that we call the Servant of God, who is peaceful. Saint John the Evangelist, was an eyewitness to the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ. More than that, John saw the side of the Jesus was filled with the living water that is the water of baptism. Through his wound, we were healed. Easter, the Great Feast, or the Feast par excellent, is the triumph of Jesus over death. It is a confirmation of his words and his deeds. It is also a revelation of the mystery of God that he established with the humanity that was born through the water and the blood that flowed from it. Without the resurrection, the words of Jesus would be similar to the numerous wise men that walked the earth before Him. The words of Jesus have the power to penetrate the spiritual life. The meaning of Easter is His new birth and the transformation from death to life. We are to come to Him as the living water to purify our wound.

# Announcements

**Divine Liturgy:** Saturdays 6:00 PM, Sundays 11:00 AM **AND** Daily 7:00 AM

- **Sunday April 4<sup>th</sup>** Easter Sunday; Rite of Peace, Procession and Kissing of Cross
  - **Monday April 5<sup>th</sup>** Easter Monday at **9:00 AM**
- **Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup>** Second Sunday of Resurrection; Barakat and Malaki & Raymond and Nahia Barakat by Barakat Family
- **Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup>** Third Sunday of Resurrection; Antoine Ghorayeb by Ghorayeb Family
- **Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup>** Fourth Sunday of Resurrection

## **Activities:**

- **Sunday School:** There will be school Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> from **9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**
- **Parish Council:** There will be a Parish Council meeting on Tuesday April 6<sup>th</sup> at **7:00 PM**
- **MYO:** There will be a Talent Show after church on April 18<sup>th</sup>
- **First Communion:** The First Communion will be on May 16<sup>th</sup>
- **Thank You:** A special thank you to Deacon Campbell for his help during the Holy Season, for all those people who have given their time and money and to the choir for the wonderful job they have done

***Your Contribution to St. Joseph is supporting our plan to develop the Place of Worship and develop our friendship center for our future generations***

***It was a day before Hosanna and the teachers of the Catechism organized a special day for the kids of St. Joseph's. Many children came from different places to have a joyful day. The next day, the kids came with their new cloths and decorated candle to welcome Jesus with the Songs of Hosanna***

# Saints of the Month

## April 29 Catherine of Sienna

St. Catherine of Sienna, a [Dominican](#) Tertiary (lay affiliate) of the Dominican Order. A native of [Siena](#), Catherine received no formal education. At the age of seven, she consecrated her virginity to Christ despite her family's opposition; in her eighteenth year, she took the habit of the [Dominican](#) Tertiaries. As a [tertiary](#), Catherine lived at home rather than in a convent, and she practiced acts of mortification there, which a [prioress](#) would probably not have permitted. She is especially famous for [fasting](#) by living for long periods of time on nothing but the [Blessed Sacrament](#). In about [1366](#), Catherine experienced what she described in her letters as a 'Mystical Marriage' with [Jesus](#), after which she began to tend the sick and serve the poor. In [1370](#), she received a series of visions of [Hell](#), [Purgatory](#), and [Heaven](#), after which she heard a command to leave her withdrawn life and enter the public life of the world. She began to write letters to men and women in authority, especially begging for [peace](#) between the republics and principalities of Italy and for the return of the [papacy](#) from [Avignon](#) to [Rome](#). She carried on a long correspondence with [Pope Gregory XI](#), also asking him to reform the [clergy](#) and the administration of the [Papal States](#). In June of [1376](#), Catherine went to Avignon herself as ambassador of [Florence](#) to make peace with the Papal States, but was unsuccessful. She impressed the [Pope](#) so much however, that he returned his administration to Rome in January of [1377](#). During the [Western Schism](#) of [1378](#), she was an adherent of [Pope Urban VI](#), who summoned her to Rome where she lived until her death in [1380](#). Easter Sunday The Mystery of the Resurrection of Jesus is part of the mystery of God that He granted to those who trust Him . Resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth is that beatitudes of the Mountain; the poor in spirit.

## April 23 St. George

A Christian officer in the Roman Army, consecrated his life to defend the Church, which is symbolized in icons of him as the daughter of a king, against the attacks of Satan, the dragon. According to the tradition, he was martyred in the third century for his faith in Christ and was buried at Lydda, Palestine. He is the most famous Saint in the East and the West. He is the patron Saint of Beirut, England the army, and the Scouts.

## April 1 Mary the Egyptian

The story of St. Mary of Egypt first circulated among the monastic communities of the Eastern Church in the early sixth century. Cyriacus the Hermit and his disciples found a woman was living as a hermitess in the Jordanian Desert. She told him she had been a famous singer and actress who had sinned and was doing penance in the desert; when they returned she was dead. Around this story was built an elaborate legend that had tremendous popularity during the Middle Ages according to which was an Egyptian who went to Alexandria when she was twelve and lived as an actress and courtesan for seventeen years. She was brought to realize her evil life before an icon of the Blessed Virgin, and at Mary 's direction went to the desert, where she lived as a hermitess for forty-seven years, not seeing a single human being and beset by all kinds of temptations, which were mitigated by her prayers to the Blessed Virgin. She was discovered about 430 A.D. by a holy man named Zosimus, who was impressed by her spiritual knowledge and wisdom. He saw her the following Lent, but when he returned, he found her dead and buried her.

## Miscellaneous

Death of the Son of God is end of the Old Testament and the beginning of the New Testament. The Old Law was good, but the abusive of it, are rebellious. They used it for their benefit to ameliorate their finance or for their benefits. Who is the victim? An innocent man has a plant of reform inside of his community. He was avoiding always separating his cause from the other cause, such Herod the politician, who pleased the Jews to build the most beautiful building in the Middle East that is the temple of Jerusalem to ameliorate his position as the King of the Jews. This man was bloody and aggressive against any the riots. From his victims, are many, his brothers, St John the Baptist and the children of Bethlehem. The other was Caiaphas the High Priest who used to enter every year after his purification, in Yom Kippur to present the mediation before God and his people. Obviously, the politician tried to control the city of Jerusalem. The other one was Pontius Pilate the Roman Procurer of Jerusalem who tried to tame the rebellious City. With that he can be a future Candidate to be the Roman Cesar. Judas the betrayer was not a trustworthy. When Jesus was talking to him was busy to plan for his evil. He was busy to do business while the Lord was delivering his message of Salvation. Finally the people fear the condition. Always, he is siding the powerful because of fear. We, remember those of hosanna son of David our King and on Friday crucify him crucify him. If you do not crucify him, Pilate said to the crowd shall crucify your king? The chief priest answered, "We have no king but Cesar" The victim was Jesus of Nazareth, the procurer new that he was falsely accused by the leaders of the Jews. Jesus was a victim of their hatred. According to his convictions, the procurer has power to release him and set him free. He did not used. It was part of his method diplomatic to avoid riots in the rebellions city. The best method to create fear was capital punishment by crucifixion. Jerusalem and the other large city were familial with those fearful views. Create terrors in the mind of the people. Until today, in the Middle East, the budget to defense is very high compared to the education or urbanization. They use this power to create fear upon their one people. If we looked over the pars regimes such as Hitler and communist, fear was the weapon to establish stability and not peace. When Jesus gave up his spirit "and behold the well of the sanctuary was torn from the top to the bottom. The earth quacked is the sign of the coming of the day of the Lord. It's coming awesome and fearful. This holy fear is a wakeup call. the fear came after death of Jesus , upon the centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening and they said " Truly , this was the Son of God" ( Matthew 27:55) The trembling of the earth is a reminding of the presence of God on the mountain of Sinai. During that time, fire and earth quake

### **Hymn (from John 5)**

O Lord gives us your Word so we will have Eternal Life  
Whoever hears my word and believes in my Father has the Eternal Life  
Whoever hears my word and believes my Father has passed from death to life.  
Now, the hour is present to listen to your voice to live.  
O Lord we believe that your word has power over death.  
O Lord opens my ears, so we will hear your Word.

### **Hymn (Psalm 40)**

O Lord your Law is within my Heart  
I announced your justice in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips.  
Sacrifice or oblation you wished not, but ears open to obedience you gave me.  
O Lord you gave me ears open to obedience your word.  
I kept not your justice hid within my heart  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation.  
O Lord, withhold not, your compassion from me.  
This Hymn from the hymns of the servant of the Lord

مركب الصيد

البحر يلي ملفف خبار بموجاتو وحاملي اخبار بسهراتو  
ومركب تشلع من هول العاسفي متروك عالشط خشباتو  
ما نسي انو كان المعلم يستريح ويحلم بكون واسع فسيح  
تيساع قلوب كل البشر تنهي العاسفي وكل ريح

مش عارف انو مخبا خبار السما يليحمالي للارض دفيء وغنا  
هونيك نرسمت اساست البنا ودققت خيرات السما

انت هالمركب الشاف العاصفة والدهر اكل منك فتاقيت الخشب  
نام تحت جوانحك شافي النازفي وعليك الرسل شافوا العجب  
بين قداويح الخشب مخبا متال وخردل وقمح والزرع بان  
والحقل والشوك والصخر والزووان وكل يلي عفكر البشر جال  
بهلمركب كل هالشي صار كثير من الحاضرين  
ضاع وتليكت فكار

وصار بيناتن حكي وبليلي وتلاميذانسحب من بيناتن كتار  
وهيكهالمركب الشارد والشراع محمل مكتبة الله وذكريات وساع  
بهاك الزاويي معلق مفتاح السما والحق طلع من سطحو وشاع  
انا ما نسيتك ظاهر ك حقير مثل ما ظهر يسوع مقمط بالسريير  
بس وشوشني الروح وقلي سر هالمركب ها قصر بتوبو الفقير

## MYO 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Talent Show



Where: St. Joseph Church

When: Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM

Please come out and help us share this special day!