

Prayer From the 12th century "Prayer of the Youth"

O Christ, wisdom of the Father, with your true wisdom, make me worthy to carry your name and command that I grow wise. Make me spiritually perfect, O ineffable perfection. Let my youthful strength be renewed like an eagle for which you were incarnate. Develop my unripe mind, teach me to live according to your commands, and do not let that, in my tender age I live always succumbing to bad habits and sins, but help me with your divine humility and inexplicable mercy to conduct myself according to the warnings of your grace so that I survive and be saved.

Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate flowers for the Tomb of Our Lord on Good Friday or Lillie's for Easter Sunday either in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, please see or call Lusiya at 508-476-2920.

Fellowship Hour

Today is sponsored by Yn. Susana and Kathy Gonynor.

If you and your family would like to host the Sunday Fellowship following Church Services, please sign up on the board downstairs to reserve a specific Sunday in 2017, in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of a special occasion or Just Because.....

Holy week

April 13 – Maundy Thursday – Washing of the feet – 6:00p.m.
Betrayal (Khavaroom) – 7:00p.m.

April 14 – Good Friday – Entombment – 6:30 p.m.
Dinner & Foundations of Our Faith Conclusion

April 15 – 9:30am – Collective Confession / Communion & Breakfast
5:30pm – Evening Service and Book of Daniel
6:30pm – Badarak

April 16 – 6:45 am – Easter Sunrise Service in the Whitinsville Town Common
9:00 am – Morning Service
10:00 am – Badarak/Divine Liturgy

Peace of Bread

We will be hosting our POB on Wednesday, April 12th. We will be serving our full meal of salad, pork loin with rice pilaf and green beans. We are looking for 4-5 people to help prep the salad and cut the desserts and we will need 10-12 people to help serve the meal. Please come to the Presbyterian Church to prep the salad and desserts for 3:30 and if you can help with the serving, please be there no later than 5:10 as we start serving promptly at 5:30. Please contact Celeste (774-218-0033) or Peter Bedigian (508) 269-1354 if you can assist. The time that we serve at Peace of Bread is always a fulfilling experience as we share fellowship with all the guests.

Church Clean-Up Day

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to clean and beautify the church, inside and out including the grounds. May God bless you!

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SUNDAY BULLETIN



PALM SUNDAY

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April 9, 2017

Celebrant, Rev. Fr. Mikael Der Kosroffian

EPISTLE: 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.

The order of the Readings for this week is as follows:

TODAY: Song 1:1-2:3; Zec 9:9-15; Phil 4:4-7; Mt 20:29-21:17 (PG. 1531)
Monday: Mt 21:18-22:14; Gn 1:1-3:24; Prv 1:1-9; Is 40:1-8; Mt 20:17-28
Tuesday: Mk 12:13-44; Gn 6:9-9:17; Prv 9:1-10:6; Is 40:9-17; Mt 24:1-26:2
Wednesday: Mk 14:1-44; Gn 18:1-19:30; Prv 1:10-19; Zec 11:11-14; Mt 26:3-16
Thursday: Jn 12:27-43; Jn 2:3-10; Is 60:20-22; Ez 36:24-31; Heb 10:19-31; Lk 7:36-50; Gn 22:1-18; Is 61:1-7; Acts 1:15-26; Mk 14:1-26; Ex 30:17-21; 1 Kgs 7:38-40; Chr 4:2-6; Is 44:2-6; 1 Cor 10:1-4
1 Jn 4:7-21; Jn 13:1-11; Jn 13:12-15
Friday: Jn 13:16-18:1; Lk 22:1-65; Mk 14:27-72; Mt 26:31-56; Mt 26:57-75; Jn 18:2-27; Jn 18:28-19:16; Zec 11:11-14; Gal 6:14-18; Is 3:9-15; Phil 2:5-11; Is 50:4-9; Rom 5:6-11; Am 8:9-12; 1 Cor 1:18-31; Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 2:11-18; Mt 27:1-56; Is 63:1-6; Heb 9:11-28; Mk 15:1-41; Jer 11:18-12:8; Heb 10:19-31; Lk 22:66-23:49
Zec 14:5-11; 1 Tm 6:13-16; Jn 19:17-37; Jer 11:18-12:8; Is 52:13-53:12; Wis 2:1-22; Zec 12:8-14; 1 Pt 3:17-20; Mt 27:57-61
Saturday: Mt 27:62-66; Gn 1:1-3:24; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 12:1-24; Jon 1:1-4:11; Ex 14:24-15:21; Is 60:1-13; Jb 38:1-30; Jos 1:1-9; 2 Kgs 2:1-22; Jr 31:31-34; Ez 37:1-14; Dn 3:1-90; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Mt 28:1-20

We Welcome Visitors and Hope You Enjoy Worshipping With Us. Please sign the *Guest Book* in the foyer. If there is anything we can do for you, please let us know or fill in the welcome cards that are in the pew racks in front of you and leave in the office or foyer.

FOLLOWING THE LITURGY

We have Liturgy Books in the pew racks, take one and follow the pages illuminated on the wall. This way the Liturgy will become more meaningful to you.

Blessing of Homes

After Easter, Der Hayr will resume the blessing of Home Service.

The Godfather for Opening of the Portal Service today is Vahan Der Kosroffian

Easter Sunrise Service

April 16th at 6:45 am, Whitinsville Town Common, with refreshments to follow at Trinity Church. If inclement weather, the service will be at Trinity Church.

Hosanna in the Highest!

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday. Our acknowledgement that Jesus is the Messiah, the Promised one of God. In the Gospel of Matthew, we learn that Jesus is traveling to Jerusalem in what is referred to as His Triumphant Entry into that city. We all know about the arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem riding on a colt, while a multitude of people “went before and those who followed cried out, saying: “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

The crowd was lifting up praises to Him. They were shouting “praise to you, Son of David”. For some, these shouts of praise were true and sincere; but for many others, they were hollow hosannas – hollow hosannas which were empty words that appeared beautiful but had no meaning.

Jesus was making a public announcement about His identity. Who He was, yet they couldn’t see, they refused to see. But the children were different. They knew who Jesus was and they acknowledged Him and this made the chief priests and the teachers of the law angry. Jesus responded to them, “‘From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise?’”

This account of the children is only told in the Gospel of Matthew, and of course there’s a reason for it. God is telling us something.....Children matter!

This church, this house of God, place of worship is just as important for the children as it is for us, the adults, if not more. Sometimes, God speaks to us through our children. Hopefully we are listening when He does.

We need to understand why God considers children to be so important and for us to know how to properly use the Church for His glory. We can say that children don’t know any better, they really don’t understand. Wrong!

Children do know and they do understand, but it is the adults who get in the way of their spiritual growth. Children learn what we teach them and if we treat the house of God as a building and a business then that’s what they’ll treat it as. The church should only have room for a personal response to the living God. Every space in this church should be filled with signs of the authentic, lively presence of Jesus.

When Jesus came to the Temple to heal and to teach, it was the children who embraced Him. They cried out, “Hosanna to the Son of David”. Jesus said, “*Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.*” The children know who Jesus is and those who make the mistake of not wanting to know Him and to know why we celebrate Palm Sunday and Easter will be making an eternal mistake with eternal consequences.

We need to be like children and have faith like children. Jesus’ disciples walked by faith, not by sight. What they could not see, they could believe, because they trusted Jesus. Welcome the Savior of your soul into your heart!