

# St. John Of the Desert

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## Jesus: Resurrection and Life by His Beatitude Gregorios III

Jesus promised resurrection to his disciples (John 6: 39-40) and also told them, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever." (John 6: 51) In Bethany, where he raised Lazarus from the dead, Christ said to Martha, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." (John 11: 25) All the miracles of Jesus are miracles of life, since he restores man to life, by opening ears and eyes, restoring strength to withered hands, enabling the lame and paralytics to walk with head held high, and recalling the dead to life.

Jesus is the Master of life and the guide of the progress of the children of the Resurrection, as he walked on the roads of the Holy Land, in Jerusalem, Galilee, Nazareth, beside the Lake of Tiberias and on the road to Emmaus with his disciples Luke and Cleopas... He continues to walk with the Church, with the sons and daughters of the Resurrection and the Church.

The children of the Resurrection are builders of Syria of the future. The children of our churches and institutions are builders of love and peace.

### Resurrection behavior

The words of the well-known French Abbé Pierre (1912-2007), one of the first worker-priests, who are worthy to inspire children of the Resurrection, invite us to this:

"I shall continue to believe, even if everyone loses hope.

I'll continue to love, even if others distil hatred.

I'll continue to build, even if others destroy.

I'll continue to talk peace even in the midst of a war.

I'll continue to spread light, even in the midst of darkness.

I'll continue to sow, even if others trample the harvest.

And I will continue to shout, even if others are silent.

And I shall draw smiles on faces in tears.

And I'll bring relief, when we see the pain.

And I'll offer reasons for joy, where there is only sadness.

I will encourage the one who decided to stop to keep walking ...

And I'll stretch out my arms to those who feel exhausted."

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, ..." Mark 10:14

"To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them." St. Thomas Aquinas

**Do not forget the hungry!**

Please bring Peanut butter, Soups, Jelly, breakfast cereals (not the ones with lots of sugar, please), Canned meats and vegetables, disposable diapers & detergent, etc. Put your donations in the Narthex.

APRIL 9, 2017

PALM SUNDAY

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

JOHN 12:1-18

FESTAL TONE

<b>Tuesday, April 11</b>	7:00 pm	Bridegroom Service
<b>Wednesday, April 12</b>	7:00 pm	Repentance & Holy Oil Anointing
<b>Thursday, April 13</b>	7:00 pm	Crucifixion of Our Lord
<b>Friday, April 14</b>	12:00 pm	Vespers/Descent of the Cross and Parish Soup
	7:00 pm	Office of the Burial of Christ
<b>Saturday, April 15</b>	11:00 am	Blessing of the New Light and Triumph over death
	8:00 pm	Hajmeh/Resurrection Divine Liturgy
<b>Sunday, April 16</b>	10:30 am	Resurrection Divine Liturgy
(+ Deacon Tom Hook, (+) Adeb Khoury, (+) George Haddad		

### Today's Intention

- For the Health and Salvation of Rob Estes on his birthday by Jocelyn Abyad
- For the Health and Salvation of Monk Basil and Jennifer Rimmer
- Repose of the Soul of Adeb Khoury by Nijoud Khoury
- Repose of the Soul of Ebrahim Al-Masri by Wael & Fadia Ishak
- Repose of the Soul of Hayat, Martha, Nasri, Kamal Ishak by Wael & Fadia Ishak
- Repose of the Soul of Saed, Wardeh, Fadi, Nawaf Ishak by Wael & Fadia Ishak
- Repose of the Soul of Joseph Joseph by Wael & Fadia Ishak
- Repose of the Soul of Anton Hattar by Wael & Fadia Ishak
- Repose of the Soul of George Haddad by Sami Haddad
- Repose of the Soul of Deacon Tom Hook by Kh. Simone

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: MAY OUR PRAYERS BRING HEALTH, HEALING AND HOPE TO THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE SICK, ESPECIALLY:

Pauline Hamra, Fadia Loegering, Munther Hattar, Dr. Farouk Habra, Alan Herro, Marianne Krouchian, John Davis, Rt. Rev. Charles Aboody, Jennifer Rimmer, Paul Davis, Jacques Rainis, Elizabeth Nahhas, Mk. Brendan and Mk. Basil.

(NAMES REMAIN ON THE PRAYER LIST FOR 6 WEEKS, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE OR EMAIL TO EXTEND.)

### Today Men's Group Meeting during the Social Hour

### THE MADNESS OF SIN

But none of these things [that he said] turned back that savage madman [i.e., Judas]. And yet, really Jesus said and did far more than this: he washed his feet that night, made him a sharer in the table and the salt, which is a thing that should restrain even the souls of robbers. He also spoke other words, enough to melt a stone, and he did this, not a long time before but on the very day in order that not even time might cause it to be forgotten. But none of this affected Judas. **CHRYSOSTOM: HOMILIES ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 65.2.**

### Necessary Weekly offering \$ 2,174.00

Attendance: 67 Souls - Number of envelopes Mailed: 75 - Number of Envelopes Returned: 21

Tithing: 2,102.00 - Bulletin Ads: 0.00 - Building Fund: 0.00 - Candles: 280.00

Coffee Collection: 46.00 - Stole Offerings: 100.00 - Memorial/Donations: 55.00 - Marked Fund: 25.00

Thanks for your gift of thanksgiving to the Lord!

### WHILE SHOPPING, PLEASE REMEMBER THE POOR

Canned Fruits, Canned Roast Beef, Granola Bars, Jelly, Protein Bars, Tomato Paste, Tomato Sauce, Water Bottles, Spaghetti, Rice, Dry Foods, Canned Vegetables, etc.

For all your Gifts, please call St. John of the Desert Gifts at (602) 363-GIFT

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