

# SCHEDULE FOR GREAT HOLY WEEK

## •Saturday (Lazarus Saturday)—March 24<sup>th</sup>

**10:00 am Liturgy in the Main Church commemorating the Raising of Lazarus**

The raising of Lazarus is the miracle which spreads throughout Jerusalem and the surrounding area. It was this miracle that convinced many Jews to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem as “King” and “Ruler.” Traditionally, this day was a day of special activities for the children; it included a play which re-lived the miracle. It was the day upon which parents, godparents and children made final preparations for *Sha’neenee* (Hosanna Sunday). We will celebrate Liturgy at 10:00 am in the Main Church to commemorate the miracle and raising of Lazarus.

## •Saturday & Sunday (*Sha’neenee* / Hosanna Sunday)—March 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

**4:30 PM Liturgy with Blessing of Palm Branches**

**10:00 AM Liturgy with Blessing of Palm Branches / Brunch follows at Maronite Center**

## • Monday & Tuesday (Coming to the Harbor)—March 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

**7:00 PM Liturgy Monday & Tuesday Evening (Main Church)**

The rite of the Coming to the Harbor belongs to the Maronite Book of Passion of Holy Week. The Lenten weekday cycle reflects our estrangement from God and our need for conversion. We are called to take courage and to turn back. The Syriac fathers have traditionally spoken of this movement toward God as a nautical journey whose destination is the harbor of life. We cross the threshold of our journey and enter new life, as we come to the harbor of peace, safety and salvation.

## • Wednesday (Service of the Lamp)—March 28<sup>th</sup>

**7:00 PM Liturgy (Main Church)**

The Rite of the Lamp, as it is used here, brings back the age old forgotten tradition, which places it within the Holy Week: this tradition highlights the need for us, as we remember the Passion, “of the healing of our body and soul” through the oil blessed by the priest himself on this occasion. The community as a whole is anointed. The whole community feels the need of healing “in body and soul”. While oil is for the healing of the body, repentance and contrition of heart are the oil of the soul.

## • Thursday of Mysteries—March 29<sup>th</sup>

**7:00 PM Liturgy (Main Church); Adoration in Multi-Purpose Room**

Traditional Ceremony of the Washing of the Feet, Eucharistic Procession and Stripping of the Sanctuary in preparation for Great Friday. There will be Eucharistic Adoration in the Multi-Purpose Room until 12:00 Midnight. Families are encouraged to spend some time in prayer and meditation before the Eucharist.

## • Great Friday of the Crucifixion—March 30<sup>th</sup>

**Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Mysteries at 10:00 AM (Main Church)**

**The Solemn Burial of Our Lord at 7:00 PM (Main Church)**

The Eucharist is distributed only at the morning Liturgy. As has been the custom here, the Maronite Youth Organization (MYO) will sell carnations prior to the evening service.

## • Saturday of the Awaited Light—March 31<sup>st</sup>

**Communal Penance Service at 10:00 AM**

**There will also be private Confessions**

## • Great Sunday of the Resurrection—April 1<sup>st</sup>

There will be only TWO services for Easter:

7:00 PM on Saturday Evening

10:00 AM on Easter Sunday / Brunch sponsored at the Maronite Center (*See their Flier for details*)