

March 29, 2026
11:00 AM



Of Greater Detroit

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PALM SUNDAY

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CHOIR INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN:** #219 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
(Vs. 1-2 English, Vs. 3 Armenian Transliteration)

Voh yerp beedee ménk Zine bahsh-dénk
Ee méтч kuntatz yérgnitz
Ahnor yérkénk oo Zine goat-chenk
Ahrka Dér ahmen-nitz
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RESPONSIVE LITANY

PASTOR: Lift up your heads, O you gates!

PEOPLE: **Be lifted up, you ancient doors!**

PASTOR: That the King of Glory may come in.

PEOPLE: **Who is the King of Glory?**

PASTOR: The Lord strong and mighty.

UNISON: **O Jesus, on this day You showed Yourself to the people as a King of peace, receiving the tribute of the little and the humble. Give us the grace to welcome You as they did, with holy joy. Help us to be ready for your coming. May we accept You as King of Glory, and Lord of our lives. May we be able to say: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord: Through you precious name we pray:**

"Our Father Who art in Heaven...."

***GLORIA PATRI**

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

PALM SUNDAY RESPONSIVE READING

PASTOR: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion, behold your King is coming to you.

PEOPLE: **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

PASTOR: Blessed be the kingdom of our father David that is coming!

PEOPLE: **Hosanna in the highest!**

PASTOR: Father, on this day, as we recall the entrance of our Savior into Jerusalem, grant that we may open our hearts and let him enter in and triumph within us anew.

PEOPLE: **Grant us depth of faith, honesty of purpose, and divine wisdom not to receive You like the mob on the first Palm Sunday.**

PASTOR: Help us break down every barrier which we have built against His entrance in our lives.

PEOPLE: **May the door of our hearts be lifted up, that the King of Glory may come in.**

UNISON: **Blessed is the King, Who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN: #187 “Eench Surda-sharzh (Ovsanna)”

(Vs. 1-2 Choir sings; vs. 3 Congregation, *see insert*)

NOTICES AND CONCERNS

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH CHOIR

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CHOIR ANTHEM

ENGLISH SCRIPTURE: Mark 11:1-11 *pp. (1572-73)* – Dennis Marburger

ENGLISH SERMON: *The Eternal King*

***HYMN:** #220 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Vs. 1-2 English

ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE: John 12:12-15 (*p. 1671*) – Sarine Krikorian Collins

ARMENIAN SERMON: *What Palm Sunday Tells Us*

***HAYR MER:** # 275

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** “Park Kez Der, Asdvadz Mer”

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE We are having the sale after church during coffee hour in the Rev. Vahan H. Tootikian Hall. We encourage everyone to participate.

MAUNDY THURSDAY is April 2nd at 6:30 p.m. We will remember our Lord’s last hours on earth through a special worship service during which communion will be administered. Followed by a light supper.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE AND BREAKFAST We are having Easter breakfast served by our youth before the service from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Please sign up in advance. Free will donations are highly appreciated.

Synopsis of the Armenian sermon

The first Palm Sunday, the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, raises the following questions:

1. **What characterizes a triumphal life?** Jesus' entry into Jerusalem was a triumph over a precarious situation. He knew that Jerusalem was a danger zone where he would be treated violently, but he took a courageous stance by marching forward to demonstrate in person that He was the Way, the Truth and the Life.
2. **What is the measure of success and greatness?** By human standards, Jesus' mission was a failure. Palm Sunday events demonstrated that true greatness is not based on brute force. Jesus did not stir people with military talk, but spoke of love, peace, and service. Many kingdoms have come and gone. His Kingdom is forever!
3. **Where do people take their cues from?** Many take their cue from the mob. When life is easy, they will shout "Hosanna," but in the time of trial they would shout "crucify him." It is important to know who and what decides the course of our lives.