

# A Good Work

Philippians 1:1-13

New Testament Reading

*"I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus."*

Philippians 1:6

On the day you were baptized, the Lord began a "good work" in you and, with your willing participation, He is continuing this good work.



What do you suppose this good work could be?

It's the work of becoming a saint!



Ok - but what is a saint and how do we become one??

The Church teaches that a saint is someone who lived a life of heroic virtue on earth and who we know is in Heaven.

To become a saint, we follow the Lord in all things and live a life of heroic virtue. Heroic virtue essentially means that we always do the right thing, even when the right thing is incredibly hard.



The process of becoming a saint will continue every day of your life until you reach Heaven. Does that sound daunting? If it does, remember, the Lord wants you to be a saint so He will be with you every step of the way. Just keep your eyes on Him and trust that He will help get you there!

Lenten Memory Verse

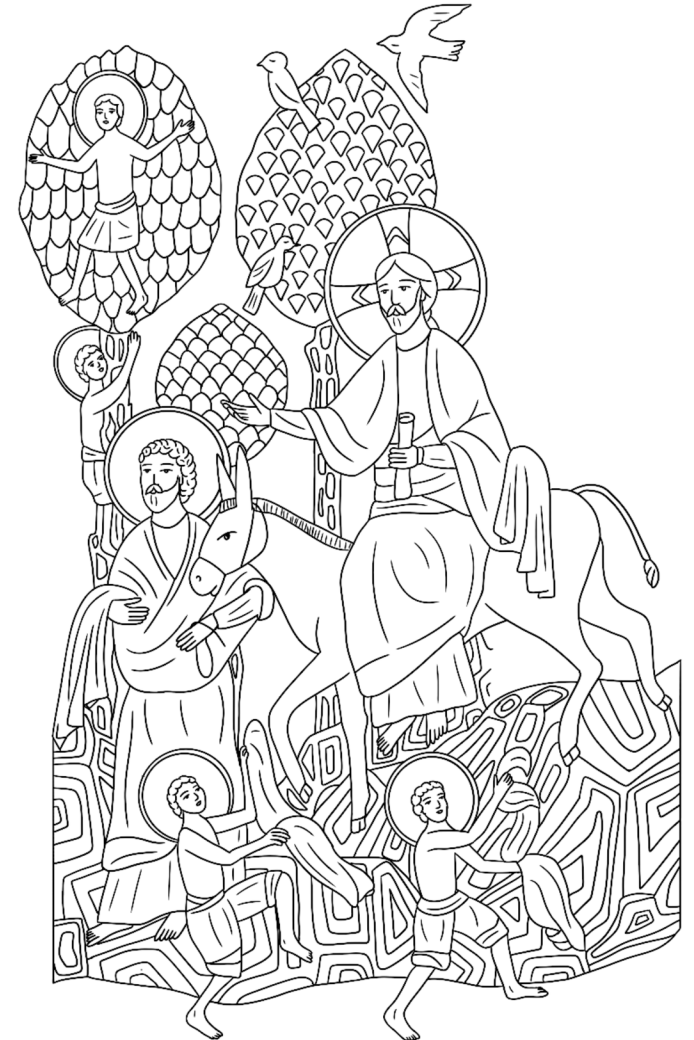
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# Cedar Kids



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Raise your voices, be joyful,  
O Jerusalem, give praise,  
for your King humbly enters.  
Listen and accept the Truth.

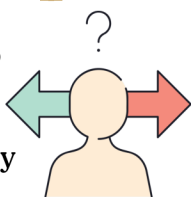




# Gospel Corner

John  
12:12-22

In our Maronite Liturgical Year, Passion Week is the holiest time in the life of the Church. It is also a time of great paradox. What is a paradox? It is a statement or situation that sounds impossible, confusing, or contradictory at first, but is actually true and reveals a deeper meaning about God!



Passion Week begins with Jesus's triumphal entrance into the city of Jerusalem. Jesus rides into the city on a donkey as people lay palm and olive branches on the ground for the donkey to step on. He is riding into the city as a victorious king! While he was riding, the people shouted "Hosanna," an expression of adoration, praise and joy. It was a day of great happiness and celebration!



At the end of the week, however, Jesus was taken before Pilate and condemned to death. This time, the people in the crowds shouted, "Crucify him." In the beginning of the week the people shouted words of adoration and praise toward Jesus, and then at the end of the week they called for him to be killed. How paradoxical!



We can learn so much from the paradox of these two stories! First, as humans in our fallen state, we can easily be swayed to evil if we are not careful. Following Jesus isn't always easy. There are times of great joy, but then there are other times where we may be ridiculed, made fun of, or picked on for following him. Are we prepared for both the joy and hardships of following Jesus?

God also teaches us about Himself. Jesus is in fact a king, but his kingdom is not of this world. He entered Jerusalem in order to go to the Cross and die for our sins, because it is only through His death and Resurrection that we can truly live! In this life we will have joys and sorrows, but if we persevere till the end as Jesus did, we can live in happiness with Him forever in Heaven. As Jesus promises us: "everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."



## Did you know?

### PASSION WEEK

The word "passion" is rooted in the Latin word *passio* and Greek *pathos*, which mean "to suffer" or "endure." We call this most holy week "Passion Week" because we recount the intense suffering and sacrificial love of Jesus Christ as he was beaten, crucified, died on the Cross, and then rose from the dead for all of us.



## What you can do

Fold your palm frond into a cross to display in your house this year.

Look at your parish's schedule for this week and try to attend some of the Holy Week services.

Ask the Lord to help you keep your eyes on Him.



## Passion Week

We are at the beginning of Passion Week in our liturgical calendar. This is the week that leads to Resurrection Sunday. Most of the days this week have a special name. Match the days below to the correct name given to them during Passion Week. The blanks are spaces for the correct day of the week.

	A. The Rite of the Lamp or Job Day
Monday	_____
Wednesday	B. _____ of the Holy Mysteries
Thursday	C. <i>Naheero</i> / Coming to the Harbor
Friday	_____
Saturday	D. Great _____
	E. _____ of the Light