

TITLE OF PRESS RELEASE— Jerusalem Princess Basma Center Urges Palm Sunday Donations

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FULL TEXT—

“When Jesus came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen.” (Luke 19:37)

In his gospel, Luke sought to capture the stirring work of God that day, there on the Mount of Olives, from which Jesus made his descent on Palm Sunday. Today, it is the Princess Basma Center that captures the stirring work of God in that very place still, captured not in text but in the lives of countless children who find healing and hope within its walls.

A ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, the Center – right atop the Mount of Olives – serves children with disabilities and their families through world-class comprehensive rehabilitation services. Each child, on average, receives 20 therapeutic sessions per week from a range of disciplines: physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language coaching, and sensory and hydrotherapy. Many of these children come from the West Bank where such resources are hard to come by, making their time at the Princess Basma Center all the more critical.

This Holy Week, as you make your spiritual journey down the Mount of Olives and into the Holy City, consider making a gift to the Center to continue this vital work. A gift of \$1,700 enables a child to participate fully in the 1 to 2-week residential treatment program. Perhaps your parish could raise this on Palm Sunday, or you might do so yourself. If you do, you’ll be continuing a legacy of life on the Mount of Olives, contributing to the miracles first attested to by Luke himself.

We’ve prepared a video for your use in parish media, and a flyer with more detail. And the Rev. Canon John Peterson offers sermon ideas for how you might incorporate the Center’s witness into your Palm Sunday homily.

[Click here to donate](#). Our friends in the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania will be transferring 100 percent of your gift to the Center to uplift the lives of the children we serve.

Miracles are still happening on the Mount of Olives, where the crowds are still assembled. This Palm Sunday, come share in their joy.

PULL QUOTE—Click here to watch our [Palm Sunday video](#) to see how the Center changes lives. For more information, [visit our flyer, here](#). Would you like to incorporate the Center’s witness into your Palm Sunday homily? Read our [sermon notes, here](#).