



A Life of Service, A Legacy of Impact.

In Loving Memory of

+Arnold Indalecio  
**PALACIOS**

Born to Life: August 22, 1955

Called to Eternal Life: July 23, 2025

**Mass of Christian Burial**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral, Saipan  
Saturday, August 02, 2025 | 3:00 p.m.



# In Honor of Governor Arnold Indalecio Palacios



Governor Arnold Indalecio Palacios was a lifelong public servant whose enduring leadership left an indelible mark on the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Born and raised on the island of Saipan, he began his career in public service with a deep-rooted commitment to the people, values, and culture of the Marianas.

Over the course of decades, Governor Palacios served with distinction. As a member and later Speaker of the House of Representatives, and then as President of the Senate, he championed transparency, educational opportunity, and critical infrastructure development. In 2019, he was elected Lieutenant Governor, and in 2023, he made history as the first independent candidate to be elected the 10th Governor of the CNMI.

Governor Palacios led with integrity, fiscal responsibility, and a vision for sustainable growth. His steady leadership and ability to build consensus across party lines earned him widespread respect. Throughout his service, he remained a passionate advocate for good governance. A champion of education, infrastructure, cultural preservation, and environmental stewardship, he led with humility, resilience, and a deep love for his homeland.

His legacy is one of humility, resilience, and unwavering dedication to the people of the CNMI. Governor Palacios's life was guided by a deep love for his homeland and a commitment to its future.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Wella, their children and grandchildren, and the countless individuals whose lives he touched through his leadership and service.

**"May his memory be a guiding light for future generations of leaders in the Marianas."**



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## Reception Service

### Greeting Prayer

Reverend Father James Salas Balajadia

### Pall Bearers

Mark I. Palacios, Lambert I. Palacios, Allen I. Palacios, Frank I. Palacios,  
Octavius I. Palacios, Alexander I. Palacios, Albert Taitano

### Vesturing of Funeral Pall

Maria "Wella" S. Palacios, Nicole P. King, Tiana P. Tarkong, Maryann P. Soto,  
Thomasa P. Mendiola, Eva I. Palacios, Thomasa P. Coleman

### Memorial Cross

Mark Tyler Flores

### Casket Spray

Naiyah Palacios

### Holy Bible and Holy Rosary

Carter P. King and Eli P. Tarkong

### Little Angels

Naiyah Palacios, Aleiyah P. Tarkong, Capri P. King, Calista P. King

### Responso Reader

Velma P. Benavente

### Solemn Rosary

Marcy P. Cepeda

### Eulogy

Donna M. Flores

### Acknowledgement

Frankie M. Eliptico

### Choir

DPS Family Choir

## Gathering Hymn: Atan Jesukristo

Atan Jesukristo, siha i tâotâo-mu, | Hâgu ingoflie yan i korason-mu | Tat nai giya  
hami ti gumuaiya Hâo Jesus. | Sa Hâgu i magas yan magâhet na Yu'us. | Lâo  
yangin pinto-mu na infan mâtai hami | pot Hâgu na in chida todo i haga-mâmi.

*Dichosu i matai gi fion i kilu'us, | anai esta mâtai i gumuaiya hit mampos. | Nihi  
tana tatkilu | i sen mamis guaiyayon. | Mâgas adorayon yan yinius korason (2x)*

Responso Reading

Responsorial Psalm

Gospel

## Responso Hymn: Malak Na Pution Tasi

**Koru: Ma'lak na Puti'on Tãse chachalane i batko-ku |  
Su'on mo'na gi tano-hu ya hu fãtto lalakse.**

1. Li'e guine Maria | i peligro na sen lahyan | ya hu tailaye i sahyan | yangin ti un gigi-ha, **(Koru)**
2. I ma'udai na tãotão, | ha fa'poposgue i tase | sa i Nanan mina'ãse | chumochoma i chãochão. **(Koru)**

## Mass of Christian Burial - 3:00 PM

### Celebrant

His Excellency, The Most Reverend Romeo V. Convozar  
Bishop, Diocese of Chalan Kanoa

### Concelebrants

His Excellency, The Most Reverend Ryan P. Jimenez  
Archbishop, Diocese of Agana, Guam  
Clergy, Diocese of Chalan Kanoa

### Gathering Hymn: Katoliko

Katoliko ya en tingu i hinengge ku, | i bandera-hu i Sãntos Kilu'us. | Huhongge i sen Santos na Sakramento, | ni hanahuyung i Saina as Jesus. | Komu i sen fitmi na testamentu, | astai taihinekog na tiempu. | ***Pues anti yan i tatãotão-hu, katoliku astai finatai-hu. (2x)***

Katoliko ya en tingu na huhonggi, | i Purisima na Conception. | Hunã'en ñaihon pot este na hinenggi, | i anti-hu yan i korason. | Ya maseha hafa umasangan, | si Maria taimancha na Nãna. ***Pues anti yan i tatãotão-hu, katoliku astai finataihu. (2x)***

### Greeting

**Penitential Act** - Lord have Mercy

## Liturgy Of The Word

**First Reading** - Book of Wisdom (4:7-15) - Halina S. Palacios

### Responsorial Psalm - Only In God

Only in God is my soul at rest, | in Him comes my salvation.  
He only is my rock, | my strength and my salvation.

**Chorus: My stronghold, my Savior, | I shall not be afraid at all.  
My stronghold, my Savior, | I shall not be moved.**

Only in God is found safety. When my enemy pursues me.  
Only in God is found glory. | When I am found meek and found lowly. (Chorus)

**Second Reading:** Romans (14:7 9, 10c-12) - Jonah E. Flores

**Gospel Acclamation: John 6:39**

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day.

**Gospel: John 6:37-40**

**The Homily:** Archbishop Ryan P. Jimenez

**The Prayer of the Faithful:** Isabella V. Palacios

**Response: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

## Liturgy Of The Eucharist

### Presentation Hymn- Òw Keel/Fanganta

Òw kel òw kel sarawi ie asch Lios Sabaoth. (2x)

Me welefaliw me weilang rebwe tungoi ital me Faliw me weilang ital ighil tumogh.

**Chorus: Ow kel (ow kel), ow kel (ow kel) ngali Lios Samol. (2x)**

Siafòt mal ghritialu sibwe asotubw malle Elo lol SAGRARIO sia kel meseigh ngali. (2x)

### **Presentation of Gifts**

**Bread of Life** - First Lady Maria "Wella" S. Palacios

**Wine of Hope** - Arnold Gerald S. Palacios

**Family Gifts** - Nicole P. King, Tiana P. Tarkong, Eric S. Palacios

**Holy Holy Holy** - [sung]

**Memorial Acclamation** - [sung]

**Great Amen** - [sung]

## The Communion Rite

**The Lord's Prayer** - [recite]

**Lamb of God** - [recite]

### I. Communion Hymn: How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, | when I in awesome wonder | consider all the works thy hands have made. I see the stars, | I hear the rolling thunder. | Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed!

**Chorus: Then sings my soul, | my Savior God, to Thee; | How great Thou art, How great Thou art! | Then sings my soul | my Savior God, to Thee; | How great Thou art, How great Thou art!**

When thru the woods, | and forest glades I wander | And hear the birds, | sing sweetly in the trees. | When I look down, | from lofty mountain grandeur | And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze. **[Chorus]**

And when I think, | that God His Son not sparing | Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in – | That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, | He bled and died, | to take away my sin. **[Chorus]**

When Christ shall come, | with shout of acclamation | And take me home, | what joy shall fill my heart! | Then I shall bow, | in humble adoration | And there proclaim, | my God, how great Thou art! **[Chorus]**

## **II. Fanhihot/Ow Ito**

Fan hihot todos guato, gi fion i attat | Ya talie i milagron, Jesus lahen Yuus. I pan yan i bino, ma'ago guato, i tataotao yan hãga, Jesus i nanalibre. (2x)

Ow ito alongami, merel attat iei lbwe awerighami, milagro al ie. Merel Ostia me Bino, elo tchaal me ghiil, eal Jesus dibino, malle e faiyeghisch (2x)

Sarawi Sacramento, afali loumw ie Bwe i ngalegh buloi, me alongal meta ie ài Nge a ira bwe ito, atol la aibwe ma, Jesus Lios o kaito, bwe obwe tabweyai (2x)

## **III. Huadora Hão / Ofal Sangaras**

Huadora Hão Saina todú i tiempu, | gaigi Hão gi hechuran Pãn. | Hu-honggi na Hãgu Yu'us Hão, | tunanas yan magahit.

**Gi mina'asi-mu tumunok Hão gi tanu, | ya masapit Hão gi Gethsemani. | I masapit-mu kumonni ham hulo, | gi langit astai taihinekok. [2x]**

Ofal sangaras aibwe tirowugh, | Ulo lol ululul pan. | Ai lughulugh bwe el sarawi lughu, | Jesus elo lol wewel.

**Lol faio, otetiw welefaliu, | obwe appet lo wol Getsemani. | Om appet ebweghish ta weilang, | ghilamwe esar ughul. [2x]**

**Prayer after Communion**

### **Final Commendation**

**Reverend Father James Salas Balajadia**

### **Incensing and Blessing of Casket Hymn: Still**

Hide me now, under your wings | cover me, within your mighty hands.

**Chorus: When the oceans rise and thunders roar, | I will soar with you above the storm | Father you are King over the flood, | I will be still know you are God.**

Find rest my soul, in Christ alone | know His power, in quietness and trust.

**(Chorus)**

**Closing Prayer**

**In Paradisum**

**Sending Forth Hymn – Gi Hilu Tanu**

Gi hilo tâno gi anai muma tâotâo i Saina | Ha padesi minapot pot i bida-ta | Ha kâtga un makkat kilu'us pot i isâo-ta | Mumatai yan lumala pot i satbasion-ta.

***Chorus: Esta pâgo ha baba i pottan i langet. | Sa yanggin mâtai yu siempri ha pipet yu. | Pues tafan manayuyot pot i isâo-ta. Ya puedi tunas i anti-ta para i Saina.***

Sumen bonito este bidaña i Satbadot-ta | Hana anak na dangkulo guinaiya-ña Ola mohon ya taiguihi i korason-ho | Bai sacrificio ya bai suhâyi tentasion. **[Chorus]**

**Rite of Committal**

**Marpi Public Cemetery: Marpi, Saipan**

**We are humbled and blessed...**

To our many relatives and friends who came from near and far to share this solemn and sacred moment with us — thank you for joining us in honoring the life of our dearly beloved +Arnold Indalencio Palacios, as we entrust him to our Creator and accompany him to his final place of rest.

Though our hearts are heavy with sorrow, we are comforted by the outpouring of love, support, and compassion you have shown. Your words of wisdom, encouragement, and kindness have given us strength and reminded us that we are not alone in our grief. The emptiness we feel is a reflection of the great love we have for Arnold — a love that we will always treasure.

We are forever grateful for your presence, your prayers, and the many ways you have shared in our sorrow and in our celebration of Arnold's life. We carry your kindness with us as we begin the journey of healing. May God bless us all abundantly, and as you continue to lift us in prayer, we humbly ask that you remember our beloved Arnold as well.

May his memory be a blessing, and may we live on with love, as he did.

*With Heartfelt Thanks,*

**First Lady Maria “Wella’ Sablan Palacios, children and family  
Children and family of †Dr. Francisco Taman and †Maria Indalecio Palacios**

*In Memoriam*

**The Honorable**

*Arnold Indalecio Palacios*

Tenth Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
August 22, 1955 - July 23, 2025



**He now joins his:**

**Parents:**

†Dr. Francisco T. & †Maria I.  
Palacios

**Parents-in-Law:**

†Felipe C. & †Joaquina C. Sablan

**His memories will forever  
live in the hearts of his:**

**Wife:** First Lady Maria (Wella) S.  
Palacios

**Children & Grandchildren:**

Arnold Gerard S. Palacios &  
Nichole Benitez (Naiyah, Michael,  
Rogelio, Audibella, Hilda)  
Nicole P. & Billy King (Carter,  
Capri, Calista)  
Tiana P. & Jayvan Tarkong  
(Aleiyah & Eli)  
Eric S. Palacios & Edward  
Concepcion (Oaklee)

**Reared Daughter:**

Donna M. & Mark W. Flores &  
Family

*He will also be missed by numerous  
family members & close friends.*

**Brothers, Sisters, & In-Laws:**

†Rex I. Palacios & Family  
Mark I. & Bernadita C. Palacios & Family  
†Lars I. & Rose Palacios & Family  
Lambert I. & Rita S. Palacios & Family  
Allen I. Palacios & Family  
†Raymond I. Palacios & Ruby R. Baker &  
Family  
Frank I. & Claudia P. Palacios & Family  
Mary Ann P. & Fernando Soto & Family  
Thomasa P. & †James M. Mendiola & Family  
†John Paul I. Palacios & Esther Manglona &  
Family  
Eva I. Palacios & Family  
Octavius I. Palacios  
Alexander I. Palacios  
Albert & Agnes Taitano

Manuel C. & Margarita G. Sablan  
†Dolores S. & John G. Moore & Family  
Nieves S. & Jose C. Tomokane & Family  
Lourdes C. Sablan & Family  
Asuncion S. & Joaquin T. Quitugua & Family  
Felipe C. & Rebecca K. Sablan & Family  
Trinidad S. & Juan D. Diaz & Family

**Aunt:**

Thomasa P. & Milton Coleman & Family

**Thank You, Si Yu'us Ma'ase, yan Ghilisou**

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