

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday April 7th, 2024

Sunday of the Holy Cross



*We welcome all our Parishioners and Friends and Guests to our
Holy Cross Community.*

Service Hours are as follows:

Sunday: Orthros 8:30a.m. Liturgy 9:45a.m.

Sunday School begins right after communion.

*Monday April 8th ~ **Great Compline** ~ 6:00p.m.*

*Δευτέρα, 8η Απρίλιου ~ **Μέγα Απόδειπνόν** ~ 6 μ.μ.*

*Wednesday, April 10th ~ **Pre-Sanctified Liturgy** ~ 6pm*

*Τετάρτη, 10η Απρίλιου ~ **Δειτουργία Προηγιασμένων Δώρων** ~ 6 μ.μ.*

*Friday, April 12th ~ **4th Salutations to the Virgin Mary** ~ 7pm*

*Παρασκευή, 12η Απρίλιου ~ **Δ' Στάσις τών Χαιρετισμών** ~ 7μ.μ.*

All Week Day Divine Liturgy Services are as follows:

Orthros 9:00a.m. and Liturgy 10:00a.m.



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Rev. Protopresbyter John N Kalomas - Parish Priest

Εβρ 4:14-16, 5:1-6 Heb. 4:14-16; 5:1-6 Μκ η´ 34 – θ´ 1 Mk. 8:34–38; 9:1

Ἀδελφοί, ἔχοντες ἀρχιερέα μέγαν διεληλυθότα τοὺς οὐρανοὺς, Ἰησοῦν τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ Θεοῦ, κρατῶμεν τῆς ὁμολογίας. οὐ γὰρ ἔχομεν ἀρχιερέα μὴ δυνάμενον συμπαθεῖσαι ταῖς ἀσθενείαις ἡμῶν, πεπειραμένον δὲ κατὰ πάντα καθ' ὁμοίτητα χωρὶς ἁμαρτίας. προσερχώμεθα οὖν μετὰ παρησίας τῷ θρόνῳ τῆς χάριτος, ἵνα λάβωμεν ἔλεον καὶ χάριν εὐρωμεν εἰς εὐκαιρον βοήθειαν. Πᾶς γὰρ ἀρχιερεὺς ἐξ ἀνθρώπων λαμβανόμενος ὑπὲρ ἀνθρώπων καθίσταται τὰ πρὸς τὸν Θεόν, ἵνα προσφέρει δῶρά τε καὶ θυσίας ὑπὲρ ἁμαρτιῶν, μετριοπαθεῖν δυνάμενος τοῖς ἀγνοοῦσι καὶ πλανωμένοις, ἕπει καὶ αὐτὸς περικεῖται ἀσθένειαν· καὶ διὰ ταύτην ὀφείλει, καθὼς περὶ τοῦ λαοῦ, οὕτω καὶ περὶ ἑαυτοῦ προσφέρειν ὑπὲρ ἁμαρτιῶν. καὶ οὐχ ἑαυτῷ τις λαμβάνει τὴν τιμὴν, ἀλλὰ καλούμενος ὑπὸ τοῦ Θεοῦ, καθάπερ καὶ Ἀαρών. οὕτω καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς οὐχ ἑαυτὸν ἐδόξασε γεννηθῆναι ἀρχιερέα, ἀλλ' ὁ λαλήσας πρὸς αὐτόν· υἱὸς μου εἶ σύ, ἐγὼ σήμερον γεγέννηκά σε· καθὼς καὶ ἐν ἑτέρῳ λέγει· σὺ ἱερεὺς εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδέκ.

Brethren, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Ὅστις θέλει ὀπίσω μου ἀκολουθεῖν, ἀπαρνησάσθω ἑαυτὸν καὶ ἀράτω τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἀκολουθεῖτω μοι. ὃς γὰρ ἂν θέλη τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ σῶσαι, ἀπολέσει αὐτήν· ὃς δ' ἂν ἀπολέσῃ τὴν ἑαυτοῦ ψυχὴν ἕνεκεν ἐμοῦ καὶ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου, οὗτος σώσει αὐτήν. τί γὰρ ὠφελησεί ἄνθρωπον ἂν κερδήσῃ τὸν κόσμον ὅλον, καὶ ζημιωθῇ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ; ἢ τί δώσει ἄνθρωπος ἀντάλλαγμα τῆς ψυχῆς αὐτοῦ; ὃς γὰρ ἐὰν ἐπαισχυνθῇ με καὶ τοὺς ἐμοὺς λόγους ἐν τῇ γενεᾷ ταύτῃ τῇ μοιχαλίδι καὶ ἁμαρτωλῷ, καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπαισχυνθήσεται αὐτὸν ὅταν ἔλθῃ ἐν τῇ δόξῃ τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ μετὰ τῶν ἀγγέλων τῶν ἁγίων. Καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι εἰσὶ τινες τῶν ὧδε ἐστηκότων, οἵτινες οὐ μὴ γεύσονται θανάτου ἕως ἂν ἴδωσι τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐληλυθειᾶν ἐν δυνάμει.

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

Save the Date

**PALM
SUNDAY
LUNCHEON**



**PLEASE JOIN US ON
APRIL 28TH**

*Immediately following
The Divine Liturgy*

**ADULTS \$25
KIDS 12 & UNDER \$10**

SEE YOU THERE!

FAMILY LENTEN COOKING CLASS

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH
5-8PM**

ADULTS: \$35 KIDS: \$20

**JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF COOKING AND EATING TOGETHER!
PROFESSIONAL PASTRY CHEF EVI MAROUDA WILL BE TEACHING
HOW TO MAKE BRIAMI AND KOULOURAKIA. WE WILL PAIR THAT
WITH FATHER'S FAMOUS FAKIES AND PASTA.**

**INCLUDED: FOLDER WITH RECIPES TO COOK WITH
YOUR FAMILY AT HOME!**



RSVP BY MON, APRIL 11TH TO MARINA DALMARES (708) 543-3658

SACRAMENTS AND 40 DAY CHILD BLESSINGS

No Sacraments

SAVE THE DATE AND EVENTS

MARRIAGE SEMINAR 2024: *May 18, August 10, October 12*

APR 8th *Great Compline 6pm*

APR 10th *Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6pm*

APR 12th *4th Salutations to the Virgin Mary 7pm*

APR 14th *Holy Cross Parish Oratorical Festival*

APR 15th *Great Compline 6pm*

APR 17th *Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6pm followed by Catechism Class*

APR 19th *Akathistos Hymnos 7pm*

APR 22nd *Great Compline 6pm*

APR 24th *Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6pm followed by Catechism Class*

APR 26th *Decorate inside the Church for Palm Sunday 5:30pm*

APR 27th *Saturday of Lazarus; Orthos 9am Divine Liturgy 10am*

APR 27-28 *Philoptochos Bake Sale 9-4pm*

APR 28th *Palm Sunday; Orthros 8:30am, Divine Liturgy 9:45am, Service of Bridegroom 7pm*

APR 29th *Monday of Holy Week; Service of Bridegroom 7pm*

APR 30th *Tuesday of Holy Week; Service of Bridegroom 7pm*

MAY 1st *Wed of Holy Week; Sacrament of Holy Oil 3pm; Service of Mystical Supper & Holy Oil 6:45pm*

MAY 2nd *Thursday of Holy Week; Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil 9am; Reading of the Twelve Gospels 6:30pm*

MAY 3rd *Friday of Holy Week; Service of Great Hours 8:30am, Service of the Apokathelosis 3pm, Service of the Lamentations 7pm; Procession of the Epitaphio*

MAY 4th *Saturday of Holy Week; Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil 8:30am; Preparatory Service for Pascha 11pm*



Please join us

**FOR OUR
PALM SUNDAY
PREPARATIONS**

**APRIL 26TH
5:30PM**

CHURCH DECORATING

**APRIL 27TH
11:30AM**

PALM CROSS MAKING

SEE YOU THERE!



Holy Cross Sunday School and Greek School

*Saturday of Lazarus
Retreat*

**April 27 - 9:00 am to 1:45 pm
10:00 am Divine Liturgy**

Followed by a Lenten Meal, Craft,
and Palm Folding.

Any questions, please contact the Church Office at 708.594.2040

ALTAR BOY SERVERS

Boys from the age of 7 years old and up are welcomed. Please give the name to the office or to Fr. John. All altar boys to be dressed and ready to serve by 9:45am.

STEWARDSHIP QUOTE

As we enter Great and Holy Lent, and anticipation of the Resurrection of Our Lord, let us prayerfully think about the greatest sacrifice that Christ gave for us. As always give the best to God's house for the gifts that He has given us.



HOLY CROSS YOUTH CHOIR

Looking for young voices to join our Jr. Choir of Holy Cross. We had a successful 2022/2023 year and are looking for a better 2023/2024 year. If interested leave your name and contact information in the office or with Denise our Choir Director.

MEMORIALS

No Memorials

Everyone is invited to our community hall
to enjoy Fellowship.





BAKE SALE

Saturday, April 27 - Sunday, April 28, 2024
9-4pm

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Join Us For Our Annual

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Fish Fry

7560 Archer Rd. Justice, IL

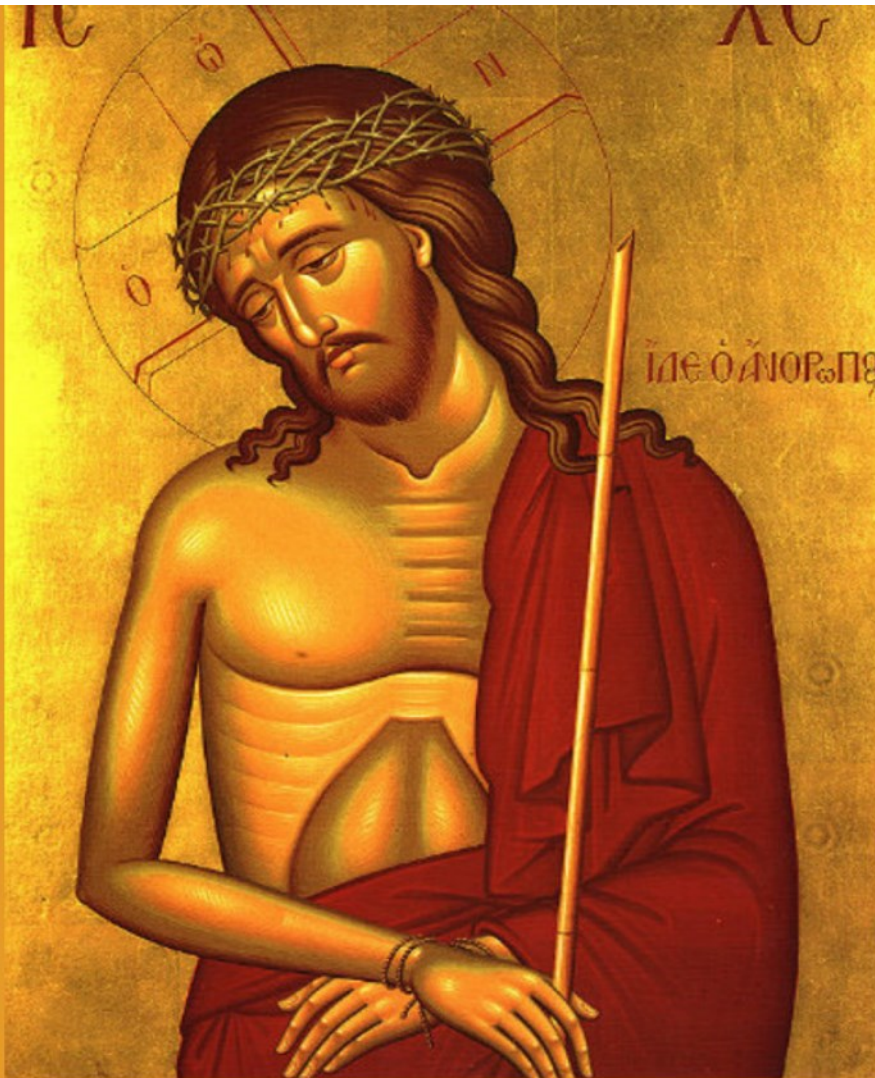


Every Friday
starting
February 16th
from 4-8pm!



Fish, Shrimp, & Combo Dinners

**All dinners include french fries and cole slaw*



ΠΡΟΣΕΥΧΗ ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΕΦΡΑΙΜ

Κύριε καὶ Δέσποτα τῆς ζωῆς μου, πνεῦμα ἀργίας, περιεργίας, φιλαρχίας, καὶ ἀργολογίας μὴ μοι δῶς. Πνεῦμα δὲ σωφροσύνης, ταπεινοφροσύνης, ὑπομονῆς, καὶ ἀγάπης χάρισαί μοι τῷ σῶ δούλῳ. Ναί, Κύριε Βασιλεῦ, δώρησαι μοι τοῦ ὄραν τὰ ἐμὰ πταίσματα, καὶ μὴ κατακρίνειν τὸν ἀδελφόν μου, ὅτι εὐλογητὸς εἶ, εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

PRAYER OF ST. EPHRAIM

O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk. But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant. Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my sister & brother, for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages. Amen.