

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday April 14th, 2024

Sunday of St. John Climacus



*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.

***This Sunday we would like to welcome His Grace Bishop
Timothy of Heximilion***

*Monday April 15th ~ **Great Compline** ~ 6:00p.m.*

*Δευτέρα, 15η Απρίλιου ~ **Μέγα Απόδειπνόν** ~ 6 μ.μ.*

*Wednesday, April 17th ~ **Pre-Sanctified Liturgy** ~ 6pm*

*Τετάρτη, 17η Απρίλιου ~ **Λειτουργία Προηγιασμένων Δώρων** ~ 6 μ.μ.*

*Friday, April 19th ~ **AKATHISTOS HYMNOS** ~ 7pm*

*Παρασκευή, 19η Απρίλιου ~ **Ο ΑΚΑΘΙΣΤΟΣ ΥΜΝΟΣ** ~ 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 6:13-20

Ἀδελφοί, τῷ Ἀβραὰμ ἐπαγγειλάμενος ὁ Θεός, ἐπεὶ κατ' οὐδενὸς εἶχε μείζονος ὁμοσίου, ὥμοσε καθ' ἑαυτοῦ, λέγων· ἢ μὴν εὐλογῶν εὐλογήσω σε καὶ πληθύνων πληθυνῶ σε· καὶ οὕτω μακροθυμήσας ἐπέτευχε τῆς ἐπαγγελίας. ἄνθρωποι μὲν γὰρ κατὰ τοῦ μείζονος ὁμνύουσι, καὶ πάσης αὐτοῖς ἀντιλογίας πέρασ εἰς βεβαίωσιν ὁ ὄρκος· ἐν ᾧ περισσότερον βουλόμενος ὁ Θεὸς ἐπιδειξάται τοῖς κληρονόμοις τῆς ἐπαγγελίας τὸ ἀμετάθετον τῆς βουλής αὐτοῦ, ἐμεσίτευσεν ὄρκῳ, ἵνα διὰ δύο πραγμάτων ἀμεταθέτων, ἐν οἷς ἀδύνατον ψεύσασθαι Θεόν, ἰσχυρὰν παράκλησιν ἔχωμεν οἱ καταφυγόντες κρατήσαι τῆς προκειμένης ἐλπίδος· ἦν ὡς ἄγκυραν ἔχομεν τῆς ψυχῆς ἀσφαλῆ τε καὶ βεβαίαν καὶ εἰσερχομένην εἰς τὸ ἐσώτερον τοῦ καταπετάσματος, ὅπου πρόδρομος ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν εἰσῆλθεν Ἰησοῦς, κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδέκ ἀρχιερεὺς γενόμενος εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα.

Heb. 6:13-20

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore to himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

Μκ θ' 17-31

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἄνθρωπός τις προσήλθε τῷ Ἰησοῦ γονυπετῶν αὐτῷ καὶ λέγων· διδάσκαλε, ἤνεγκα τὸν υἱόν μου πρὸς σε, ἔχοντα πνεῦμα ἄλαον. καὶ ὅπου ἂν αὐτὸν καταλάβῃ, ῥήσσει αὐτόν, καὶ ἀφρίζει καὶ τρίζει τοὺς ὀδόντας αὐτοῦ, καὶ ξηραίνεται· καὶ εἶπον τοῖς μαθηταῖς σου ἵνα αὐτὸ ἐκβάλωσι, καὶ οὐκ ἴσχυσαν. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς αὐτῷ λέγει· ὦ γενεὰ ἄπιστος, ἕως πότε πρὸς ὑμᾶς ἔσομαι; ἕως πότε ἀνέξομαι ὑμῶν; φέρετε αὐτὸν πρὸς με. καὶ ἤνεγκαν αὐτὸν πρὸς αὐτόν. καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὸν εὐθέως τὸ πνεῦμα ἐσπάραξεν αὐτόν, καὶ πεσὼν ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἐκυλίετο ἀφρίζων. καὶ ἐπηρώτησε τὸν πατέρα αὐτοῦ· πόσος χρόνος ἐστὶν ὡς τοῦτο γέγονεν αὐτῷ; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· παιδιόθεν. καὶ πολλάκις αὐτὸν καὶ εἰς πῦρ ἔβαλε καὶ εἰς ὕδατα, ἵνα ἀπολέσῃ αὐτόν· ἀλλ' εἴ τι δύνασαι, βοήθησον ἡμῖν σπλαγχνισθεὶς ἐφ' ἡμᾶς. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ τὸ εἰ δύνασαι πιστεῦσαι, πάντα δυνατὰ τῷ πιστεύοντι. καὶ εὐθέως κράξας ὁ πατὴρ τοῦ παιδιοῦ μετὰ δακρύων ἔλεγε· πιστεύω, κύριε· βοήθει μου τῇ ἀπιστίᾳ. ἰδὼν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι ἐπισυντρέχει ὄχλος, ἐπέτιμησε τῷ πνεύματι τῷ ἀκαθάρτῳ λέγων αὐτῷ· τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἄλαον καὶ κωφόν, ἐγὼ σοι ἐπιτάσσω, ἐξελθε ἐξ αὐτοῦ καὶ μηκέτι εἰσέλθῃ εἰς αὐτόν. καὶ κράξαν καὶ πολλὰ σπαράξαν αὐτὸν ἐξῆλθε, καὶ ἐγένετο ὡσεὶ νεκρός, ὡστε πολλοὺς λέγειν ὅτι ἀπέθάνεν. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς κρατήσας αὐτὸν τῆς χειρὸς ἤγειρεν αὐτόν, καὶ ἀνέστη. Καὶ εἰσελθόντα αὐτὸν εἰς οἶκον οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἐπηρώτων αὐτὸν κατ' ἰδίαν, ὅτι ἡμεῖς οὐκ ἠδυνήθημεν ἐκβαλεῖν αὐτό. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τοῦτο τὸ γένος ἐν οὐδενὶ δύναται ἐξελεῖν εἰ μὴ ἐν προσευχῇ καὶ νηστείᾳ. Καὶ ἐκείθεν ἐξεληθόντες παρεπορεύοντο διὰ τῆς Γαλιλαίας, καὶ οὐκ ἤθελεν ἵνα τις γνῶ· ἐδίδασκε γὰρ τοὺς μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς ὅτι ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου παραδίδοται εἰς χεῖρας ἀνθρώπων, καὶ ἀποκτανθεὶς οὖν αὐτόν, καὶ ἀποκτανθεὶς τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ ἀναστήσεται.

Mk. 9:17-31

At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON



PLEASE JOIN US ON
APRIL 28TH

*Immediately following
The Divine Liturgy*

ADULTS \$20 *Fried Bakalao, Greek Potatoes,
Skordalia, & Salad*

**KIDS 12
& UNDER \$10** *Macaroni & Cheese*

SEE YOU THERE!

PHILOPTOCHOS WELCOME YOU!

ANASTASI MEAL

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
CHRIST'S RESURRECTION WITH A
COMMUNITY MEAL IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE PASCHA DIVINE
LITURGY

Meal Donation \$20

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 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*

MAY 7th *Philoptochos Meeting at 6:30pm*

MAY 11 *Metropolis Oratorical Festival at Holy Apostles in Westchester, IL*

JUNE 4th *Philoptochos Meeting at 6:30pm*



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

John Hioureas, *6 Months*, Right Pew 1

Nicholas Kalomas, *21 Years*

Trisagion - Konstantinos & Paraskevi Kalomas

- Ioannis & Yiannoula Tomaras

Everyone is invited to our community hall
to enjoy Fellowship.



JUNIOR OLYMPICS

ATTENTION

Ages 7-18

Calling all athletes to
join us for our 1st
practice on
Tuesday, April 16th
at 6pm

ACTIVITIES:
BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, SOCCER,
SOFTBALL, SWIMMING, CHESS,
CHECKERS, BACKGAMMON, PING
PONG, TRACK AND FIELD.



HOLY CROSS PHILOTOCHOS
GREEK EASTER

BAKE SALE

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

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Join Us For Our Annual

Holy Cross
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Fish Fry

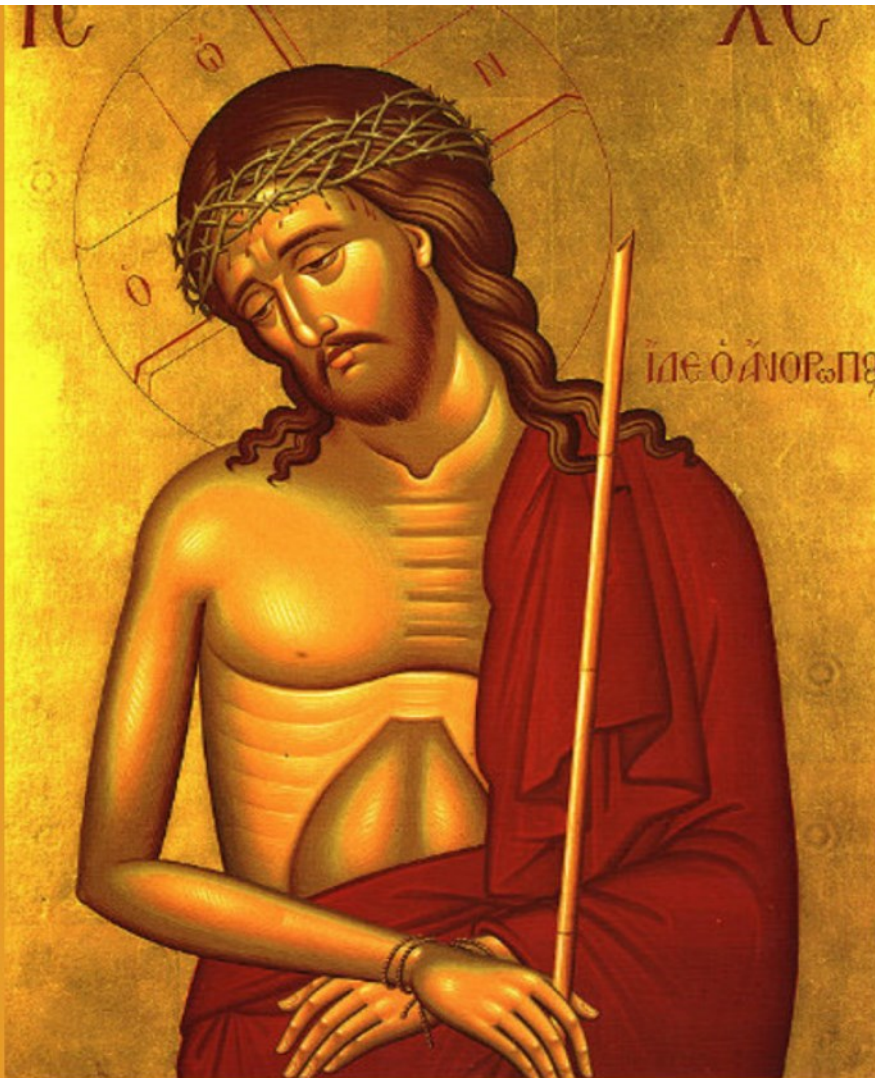
7560 Archer Rd. Justice, IL

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.