

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday March 9th, 2025

Sunday of Orthodoxy



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, March 10th ~ Great Compline ~ 6:00p.m.
Δευτέρα, 10η Μαρτίου ~ Μέγα Απόδειπνον ~ 6:00 μ.μ
English Bible Study ~ following Great Compline

Wednesday, March 12th ~ Pre-Sanctified Liturgy ~ 9:30 a.m.
Τετάρτη, 12η Μαρτίου ~ Λειτουργία Προηγιασμένων Δώρων
~ 9:30 π.μ.

Greek Bible Study ~ following Pre- Sanctified Liturgy
Catechism ~ 7:30p.m.

Friday, March 14th ~ 2nd Salutations to the Virgin Mary ~ 7p.m
Παρασκευή, 14η Μαρτίου ~ Β' Στάσις των 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 12:1 – 10

Ἀδελφοί, τοσοῦτον ἔχοντες περικείμενον ἡμῖν νέφος μαρτύρων, ὄγκον ἀποθέμενοι πάντα καὶ τὴν εὐπερίστατον ἁμαρτίαν, δι' ὑπομονῆς τρέχωμεν τὸν προκείμενον ἡμῖν ἀγῶνα, ἀφορῶντες εἰς τὸν τῆς πίστεως ἀρχηγὸν καὶ τελειωτὴν Ἰησοῦν, ὃς ἀντὶ τῆς προκειμένης αὐτῷ χαρᾶς ὑπέμεινε σταυρόν, αἰσχύνῃς καταφρονήσας, ἐν δεξιᾷ τε τοῦ θρόνου τοῦ Θεοῦ κεκάθικεν. ἀναλογίσασθε γὰρ τὸν τοιαύτην ὑπομεμενηκότα ὑπὸ τῶν ἁμαρτωλῶν εἰς αὐτὸν ἀντιλογίαν, ἵνα μὴ κάμῃτε ταῖς ψυχαῖς ὑμῶν ἐκλυόμενοι. Οὕτω μέχρις αἵματος ἀντικατέστητε πρὸς τὴν ἁμαρτίαν ἀνταγωνιζόμενοι, καὶ ἐκλέλησθε τῆς παρακλήσεως, ἣτις ὑμῖν ὡς υἱοῖς διαλέγεται· υἱέ μου, μὴ ὀλιγώρει παιδείας Κυρίου, μηδὲ ἐκλύου ὑπ' αὐτοῦ ἐλεγχόμενος. ὃν γὰρ ἀγαπᾷ Κύριος παιδεύει, μαστιγοῖ δὲ πάντα υἱὸν ὃν παραδέχεται. εἰ παιδεῖαν ὑπομένετε, ὡς υἱοῖς ὑμῖν προσφέρεται ὁ Θεός· τίς γὰρ ἐστὶν υἱὸς ὃν οὐ παιδεύει πατήρ; εἰ δὲ χωρὶς ἐστε παιδείας, ἥς μέτοχοι γεγόνασι πάντες, ἄρα νόθοι ἐστὲ καὶ οὐχ υἱοί. εἴπα τοὺς μὲν τῆς σαρκὸς ἡμῶν πατέρας εἶχομεν παιδεύτας καὶ ἐνετρεπόμεθα· οὐ πολλῶ μᾶλλον ὑποταγησόμεθα τῷ πατρὶ τῶν πνευμάτων καὶ ζήσομεν; οἱ μὲν γὰρ πρὸς ὀλίγας ἡμέρας κατὰ τὸ δοκοῦν αὐτοῖς ἐπαίδευον, ὁ δὲ ἐπὶ τὸ συμφέρον, εἰς τὸ μεταλαβεῖν τῆς ἀγιότητος αὐτοῦ.

Heb. 12:1 – 10

Brethren, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin that easily distracts, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who instead of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation which addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage when you are punished by him. For the Lord disciplines him whom he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers to discipline us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time at their pleasure, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.

Ιω 1:43 – 52

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἠθέλησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐξελθεῖν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν· καὶ εὕρισκε Φίλιππον καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ἀκολούθει μοι. ἦν δὲ ὁ Φίλιππος ἀπὸ Βηθσαῖδᾶ, ἐκ τῆς πόλεως Ἀνδρέου καὶ Πέτρου. εὕρισκε Φίλιππος τὸν Ναθαναὴλ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ὃν ἔγραψε Μωϋσῆς ἐν τῷ νόμῳ καὶ οἱ προφῆται, εὐρήκαμεν, Ἰησοῦν τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ Ἰωσήφ τὸν ἀπὸ Ναζαρέτ. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ Ναθαναὴλ· ἐκ Ναζαρέτ δύναται τι ἀγαθὸν εἶναι; λέγει αὐτῷ Φίλιππος· ἔρχου καὶ ἴδε. εἶδεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὸν Ναθαναὴλ ἐρχόμενον πρὸς αὐτὸν καὶ λέγει περὶ αὐτοῦ· ἴδε ἀληθῶς Ἰσραηλίτης, ἐν ᾧ δόλος οὐκ ἔστι. λέγει αὐτῷ Ναθαναὴλ· πόθεν με γινώσκεις; ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· πρὸ τοῦ σε Φίλιππον φωνῆσαι, ὄντα ὑπὸ τὴν συκὴν εἰδόν σε. ἀπεκρίθη Ναθαναὴλ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ῥαββί, σὺ εἶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, σὺ εἶ ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ. ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ὅτι εἰπόν σοι, εἰδόν σε ὑποκάτω τῆς συκῆς, πιστεύεις; μείζω τούτων ὅψει. καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ἀμὴν ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἀπ’ ἄρτι ὅψεσθε τὸν οὐρανὸν ἀνεωγότα, καὶ τοὺς ἀγγέλους τοῦ Θεοῦ ἀναβαίνοντας καὶ καταβαίνοντας ἐπὶ τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου.

Jn. 1:43 – 51

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.

Ἦχος δ΄.

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἡγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Τῆς Ἑορτῆς.

Ἦχος β΄.

Τὴν ἄχραντον Εἰκόνα σου, προσκυνοῦμεν ἀγαθέ, αἰτούμενοι συγχώρησιν τῶν πταισμάτων ἡμῶν, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός· βουλήσει γὰρ ἡὐδόκησας σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, ἵνα ῥύσῃ οὓς ἐπλάσας, ἐκ τῆς δουλείας τοῦ ἐχθροῦ· ὅθεν εὐχαρίστως βοῶμέν σοι· Χαράς ἐπλήρωσας τὰ πάντα ὁ Σωτὴρ ἡμῶν, παραγενόμενος εἰς τὸ σῶσαι τὸν κόσμον.

Ἀπολυτίκιον. Τῶν Ἀγίων.

Ἦχος α΄.

Τὰς ἀληθδόνας τῶν Ἀγίων, ἃς ὑπὲρ σοῦ ἔπαθον, δυσωπήθητι Κύριε, καὶ πάσας ἡμῶν τὰς ὁδύνας, ἴασαι φιλόανθρωπε δεόμεθα.

Κοντάκιον.

Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, Ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, Ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε. Ἀλλ' ὥς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, Ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, Ἵνα κράζω σοι· Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

Resurrectional Apolytikion.

Mode 4

When the women disciples of the Lord heard the Angel joyously proclaim the resurrection, they cast aside the ancestral verdict, and boasting in glory they said to the Apostles, "Death has been despoiled! Christ God has risen, granting the great mercy to the world!"

For the Feast.

Mode 2.

We venerate Your immaculate icon, O good Lord, and entreat You to forgive our offenses, O Christ our God. By Your own choice you were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, to deliver us, whom You created, from our slavery to the foe. Therefore we cry to You with gratitude: You have filled all things with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world.

Apolytikion. For the Saints.

Mode 1.

The holy martyrs suffered painful tortures for Your sake, O Lord; be compelled by what they endured, and heal our every pain, we entreat You, O only benevolent God.

Kontakion.

Mode pl. 4.

O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you Triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, Being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos. Inasmuch as you have power unassailable, From all kinds of perils free me, so that unto you I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

Holy Cross Philoptochos kindly requests

**DONATIONS AND MONETARY GIFTS FOR OUR
EASTER BAKE SALE ARE GLADLY ACCEPTED**

Items Needed: Eggs, Flour, Regular Sugar, Butter, Walnuts,
Honey, Powder Sugar

Thank you!
Holy Cross Philoptochos

Come join us
in decorating
the Church
for
Palm
Sunday



Friday April 11th at 6pm

SACRAMENTS AND 40 DAY CHILD BLESSINGS

No Sacraments

SAVE THE DATE AND EVENTS

MARRIAGE SEMINAR 2025: *March 15, May 10, August 9, October 11*

MAR 9th *Philoptochos Meeting*

MAR 10th *Great Compline 6p.m.*

MAR 12th *Pre– Sanctified Liturgy 9:30 a.m.; Catechism 7:30p.m*

MAR 14th *2nd Salutations to the Virgin Mary 7p.m.*

MAR 17th *Great Compline 6p.m.*

MAR 19th *Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6p.m.; Catechism 7:30p.m*

MAR 21st *3rd Salutations to the Virgin Mary 7p.m.*

MAR 22nd *Great Vespers Veneration of the Holy Cross 7p.m.*

MAR 23rd *Stavroproskineosis*

MAR 25th *Feast of the Annunciation; Orthros 9a.m.; Divine Liturgy 10a.m.*

MAR 26th *Pre– Sanctified Liturgy 9:30a.m.; Catechism 7:30p.m*

MAR 28th *4th Salutations to the Virgin Mary 7p.m.*

MAR 30th *Parish Oratorical Festival*

APR 6th *Greek Independence Parade*

APR 6th *Philoptochos Meeting*

APR 11-13 *Philoptochos Bake Sale*

APR 13th *Palm Sunday Luncheon*

APR 13-19 *Holy Week*

ARMY OF AGAPE

Holy Cross Philoptochos

**Inviting all women over the
age of 18 to make a
difference in our community
by helping those in need!
COME JOIN US!**



**Membership Table
available every Sunday in
March!**

Annual Membership - \$25

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

During Great and Holy Lent, let us take a moment and ponder on the great sacrifice that our Lord did for us on the Cross. Great Lent allows us a renewal of our life just as Christ's sacrifice gave us a renewal of our soul. Therefore, let your Stewardship be also a renewal for your life and for God's Church. Please look at your stewardship offering and if you haven't done so, fulfil it today. As always give the best to God's house for the gifts that He has given to all of us.

MEMORIALS

Athena Peters, 3 Years, Right Pew 1
Spyridon Peters, 60 Years, Right Pew 1

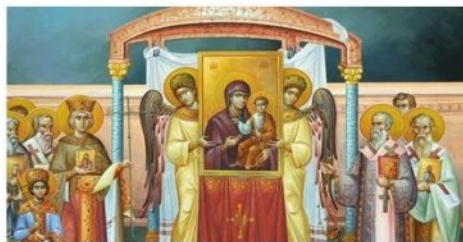
Everyone is invited to our community hall
to enjoy Fellowship.



Triumph of Orthodoxy

PAN ORTHODOX VESPERS

Sponsored by the Orthodox Christian Clergy Association of Greater Chicago



6:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 9, 2025

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
601 S Central Avenue, Chicago, IL

Homilist: His Grace Bishop Alexei
Diocese of Sitka and Alaska
of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA)

Responses by
The Pan Orthodox Choir
of Greater Chicago
Gordana Trbuhovich, Director



THE SYNODIKON

THIS is the Faith of the Apostles!
THIS is the Faith of the Fathers!
THIS is the Faith of the Orthodox!
THIS is the Faith which has
established the Universe!



Holy Cross Philoptochos Easter Bake Sale

April 11, 12, 13, 2025
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Melomakarona, Kourambiethes, Koulouria, Paximadia

All cookies \$12.00 a dozen

Large Tsourekia - \$10.00 Small Tsourekia - \$7.00

Baklava - \$6.00 a square

Galaktobouriko and Karithopita - \$4.00 a square

Diples - \$2.00 each

Cheese Pie and Spinach Pie - \$3.00 each

Lenten Pizza Puffs - \$3.00 each

Lenten Spanakopita - \$4.00 each

Laganas - \$5.00 each

Taramasalata - \$5.00 small and \$10 Large

Pre-Orders needed for the following items by March 21, 2025

Pastichio - Small Pan \$45.00 - Large Pan \$90.00

Red Dyed Eggs - \$12.00 a dozen - Limit 2

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For pre-orders call the Church Office at 708-594-2040

or Joanna Pinos at 630-915-6501

NEEDS FOR GREAT LENT / HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA 2025

Beloved Brethren:

Below you will find the needs for the costs of this year's Lenten/Holy Week/Pascha Flowers. If you wish to help and be a donor for anything in memory of any individuals or a sum of the below mentioned items, please call the church and either speak to Fr. John or Tina. Thank you for your constant love and support.

Αγαπητοί Αδελφοί,

Κατωτέρω θά εύρετε τί χρειαζόμεθα γιά τήν Μεγάλη Τεσσαρακοστή καί το Πάσχα. Αν έχετε τήν ευχαρίστηση νά προσφέρετε ότι δωρεά μπορείτε γιά τις ανάγκες της Εκκλησίας μας, σας παρακαλούμε τηλεφωνήστε στο γραφείο της Εκκλησίας μας, νά επικοινωνήσετε μέ τον Πατέρα Ιωάννη ή την Κωνσταντίνα. Σας ευχαριστούμε γιά την αγάπη καί την υποστήριξή σας.

	Donation
Palms and Bay Leaves for Palm Sunday:	\$1,100.00
Daffodils:	\$440.00
Akathist Hymn Icon:	\$450.00
Floral for the Nymphio Icon:	\$440.00
Rose petals for Myrrophores:	\$220.00
Easter Lilies: (\$20 each)	\$1,100.00
Flowers for Large Anastasis Icon:	\$440.00
Flowers for 2 small Anastasis Icons:	\$360.00 each
Orchids for Anastasis:	\$300.00
Floral Spray for Lavaron:	\$470.00
Flowers for the Mystical Supper Icon:	\$325.00
12 Candles for Holy Thursday Night	\$270.00
Gardenias for the Epitaphio:	\$175.00
Ornate Clergy Anastasi Candle:	\$440.00
9 Candles for the Cross:	\$200.00
Roses for Holy Friday Evening:	\$1,485.00
Floral arrangements for all other needs	\$1,100.00
Floral Wreath for the Cross	\$360.00
Floral Spray for Foot of Cross	\$275.00
Epitaphio Flowers	\$2,750.00
Carnations for Epitaphio	\$330.00
Rose Water	\$110.00

Please check the items in which it will be a full donation or a partial donation so that it can properly be credited. Thank you again for your continued support.

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church

FISH FRY

Every Friday
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm



All dinners include fries and coleslaw.

Fish Dinner - \$14

Shrimp Dinner - \$16

Combo - \$19

March 7th - April 11th

7560 Archer Road,
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