

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday March 16th, 2025

Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas



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 17th ~ Great Compline ~ 6:00p.m.
Δευτέρα, 17η Μαρτίου ~ Μέγα Απόδειπνον ~ 6:00μ.μ.
English Bible Study ~ 7:00p.m.

Wednesday, March 19th ~ Pre-Sanctified Liturgy ~ 6:00p.m.
Τετάρτη, 19η Μαρτίου ~ Λειτουργία Προηγιασμένων Δώρων
~ 6:00μ.μ.
Catechism ~ 7:30p.m.

Friday, March 21st ~ 3rd Salutations to the Virgin Mary ~ 7p.m.
Παρασκευή, 21η Μαρτίου ~ Γ' Στάσις των Χαιρετισμών ~ 7μ.μ.

Saturday, March 22nd ~ Great Vespers Veneration
of the Holy Cross ~ 7:00p.m.
Σάββατον, 22η Μαρτίου ~ Μέγας Εσπερινός
Σταυροπροσκυνήσεως ~ 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 1:10 – 14, 2:1 – 3

Κατ' ἀρχὰς σύ, Κύριε, τὴν γῆν ἐθεμελίωσας, καὶ ἔργα τῶν χειρῶν σου εἰσὶν οἱ οὐρανοί· αὐτοὶ ἀπολοῦνται, σὺ δὲ διαμένεις· καὶ πάντες ὡς ἱμάτιον παλαιωθήσονται, καὶ ὡσεὶ περιβόλαιον ἐλίξεις αὐτούς, καὶ ἀλλαγῆσονται· σὺ δὲ ὁ αὐτὸς εἶ, καὶ τὰ ἔτη σου οὐκ ἐκλείψουσι. πρὸς τίνα δὲ τῶν ἀγγέλων εἴρηκέ ποτε· κάθου ἐκ δεξιῶν μου ἕως ἂν θῶ τοὺς ἐχθρούς σου ὑποπόδιον τῶν ποδῶν σου; οὐχὶ πάντες εἰσὶ λειτουργικὰ πνεύματα εἰς διακονίαν ἀποστελλόμενα διὰ τοὺς μέλλοντας κληρονομεῖν σωτηρίαν; Διὰ τοῦτο δεῖ περισσοτέρως ἡμᾶς προσέχειν τοῖς ἀκουσθεῖσι, μή ποτε παραρρῶμεν. εἰ γὰρ ὁ δι' ἀγγέλων λαληθεὶς λόγος ἐγένετο βέβαιος, καὶ πᾶσα παράβασις καὶ παρακοὴ ἔλαβεν ἔνδικον μισθαποδοσίαν, πῶς ἡμεῖς ἐκφευζόμεθα τηλικαύτης ἀμελήσαντες σωτηρίας; ἥτις ἀρχὴν λαβοῦσα λαλεῖσθαι διὰ τοῦ Κυρίου, ὑπὸ τῶν ἀκουσάντων εἰς ἡμᾶς ἐβεβαιώθη.

Heb. 1:10 – 14; 2:1 – 3

“In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.” But to what angel has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation? Therefore we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him.

Μκ 2:1 – 12

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, εἰσῆλθε ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς Καπερναοὺμ δι' ἡμερῶν καὶ ἠκούσθη ὅτι εἰς οἶκόν ἐστι. καὶ εὐθέως συνήχθησαν πολλοί, ὥστε μηκέτι χωρεῖν μηδὲ τὰ πρὸς τὴν θύραν· καὶ ἐλάλει αὐτοῖς τὸν λόγον. καὶ ἔρχονται πρὸς αὐτὸν παραλυτικὸν φέροντες, αἰρόμενον ὑπὸ τεσσάρων· καὶ μὴ δυνάμενοι προσεγγίσει αὐτῷ διὰ τὸν ὄχλον, ἀπεστέγασαν τὴν στέγην ὅπου ἦν, καὶ ἐξορύξαντες χαλῶσι τὸν κράβαττον, ἐφ' ᾧ ὁ παραλυτικὸς κατέκειτο. ἰδὼν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὴν πίστιν αὐτῶν λέγει τῷ παραλυτικῷ· τέκνον, ἀφέωνταί σοι αἱ ἁμαρτίαι σου. ἦσαν δὲ τινες τῶν γραμματέων ἐκεῖ καθήμενοι καὶ διαλογιζόμενοι ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις αὐτῶν· τί οὗτος οὕτω λαλεῖ βλασφημίας; τίς δύναται ἀφιέναι ἁμαρτίας εἰ μὴ εἰς ὁ Θεός; καὶ εὐθέως ἐπιγνοὺς ὁ Ἰησοῦς τῷ πνεύματι αὐτοῦ ὅτι οὕτως αὐτοὶ διαλογιζόνται ἐν ἑαυτοῖς, εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τί ταῦτα διαλογιζέσθε ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ὑμῶν; τί ἐστιν εὐκοπώτερον, εἰπεῖν τῷ παραλυτικῷ, ἀφέωνταί σοι αἱ ἁμαρτίαι, ἢ εἰπεῖν, ἔγειρε καὶ ἄρον τὸν κράβαττόν σου καὶ περιπάτει; ἵνα δὲ εἰδῆτε ὅτι ἐξουσίαν ἔχει ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἀφιέναι ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἁμαρτίας — λέγει τῷ παραλυτικῷ· σοὶ λέγω, ἔγειρε καὶ ἄρον τὸν κράβαττόν σου καὶ ὑπάγε εἰς τὸν οἶκόν σου. καὶ ἠγέρθη εὐθέως, καὶ ἄρας τὸν κράβαττον ἐξῆλθεν ἐναντίον πάντων, ὥστε ἐξίστασθαι πάντας καὶ δοξάζειν τὸν Θεὸν λέγοντας ὅτι οὐδέποτε οὕτως εἶδομεν.

Mk. 2:1 – 12

At that time, Jesus entered Capernaum and it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “My son, your sins are forgiven.” Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, “Why does this man speak thus? It is a blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your pallet and walk? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins” — he said to the paralytic — “I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home.” And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.

Ἦχος πλ. α΄.

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν· ὅτι ἠϋδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελεθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεώτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

Τοῦ Ἱεράρχου.

Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Ὁρθοδοξίας ὁ φωστήρ, Ἐκκλησίας τὸ στήριγμα καὶ διδάσκαλε, τῶν μοναστῶν ἡ καλλονή, τῶν θεολόγων ὑπέρμαχος ἀπροσμάχητος· Γρηγόριε θαυματουργέ Θεσσαλονίκης τὸ καύχημα κήρυξ τῆς χάριτος· ἰκέτευε διὰ παντός, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Κοντάκιον.

Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

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

Resurrectional Apolytikion.

Mode pl. 1.

As the Father and Spirit are unoriginate, * so the Word, who was born from the Virgin for us. * Let us praise Him, O believers, and let us worship Him. * For our salvation He was pleased * to be crucified in the flesh, * and to undergo death, * and to resurrect the dead, by His glorious resurrection.

For the Hierarch.

Mode pl. 4.

Beacon of Orthodox belief, the strong support of the Church and her teacher inspired by God, you are the ornament of monks, the unassailable champion of theologians, O Gregory the Wonder-worker and the boast of Thessalonica, the messenger of grace. Forever earnestly entreat for the salvation of our souls.

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: *May 10, August 9, October 11*

MAR 17th *Great Compline 6p.m.; English Bible Study 7p.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*

APR 20th *Easter*

APR 25th *Bright Friday BBQ*

APR 26th *Metropolis Oratorical Festival*

MAY 4th *Philoptochos Meeting*

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

No Memorials

Everyone is invited to our community hall
to enjoy Fellowship.





Holy Cross Philoptochos
Invites All to Our Annual

Anastasi Meal

April 20, 2025

Donation \$20 |

Please join us to celebrate
Christ's Resurrection with a
community meal after Divine
Liturgy.

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church - Community Hall

7560 South Archer Road, Justice
708-594-2040



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 υποστήριξη 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.

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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

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