Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church Sunday March 30th, 2025 Sunday of 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.

Monday, March 31st ~ <u>Great Compline</u> ~ 6 p.m. Δευτέρα, 31η Μαρτίου ~ <u>Μέγα Απόδειπνόν</u> ~ 6:00 μ.μ. English Bible Study following Service

Wednesday, April 2nd ~ Pre-Sanctified Liturgy ~ 6:00 p.m. Τετάρτη, 2η Απρίλιου ~ $\frac{\Lambda ειτουργία Προηγιασμένων Δώρων}{\sim 6:00 μ.μ.}$ Catechism ~ 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 4th ~ <u>AKATHISTOS HYMNOS</u> ~ 7 p.m. Παρασκευή, 4η Απρίλιου ~ <u>Ο Ακάθιστος 'Υμνος</u> ~ 7 μ.μ.

All Week Day Divine Liturgy Services are as follows: Orthros 9:00a.m. and Liturgy 10:00a.m.



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Εβρ 6:13 - 20

Άβραὰμ Άδελφοί, Tῶ έπαγγειλάμενος ὁ Θεός, ἐπεὶ κατ' οὐδενὸς εἶχε μείζονος όμόσαι, ὤμοσε καθ' ἑαυτοῦ, εὐλονῶν λέγων. μὴν ή εύλογήσω σε καὶ πληθύνων πληθυνῶ σε καὶ οὕτω μακροθυμήσας ἐπέτυχε Τῆς έπαγγελίας. ἄνθρωποι μὲν γὰρ κατὰ τοῦ μείζονος ὀμνύουσι, καὶ πάσης αὐτοῖς ἀντιλογίας πέρας είς βεβαίωσιν ὁ ὅρκος ἐν ὧ περισσότερον βουλόμενος ὁ Θεὸς έπιδεῖξαι τοῖς κληρονόμοις τῆς έπαγγελίας τὸ ἀμετάθετον τῆς βουλῆς αὐτοῦ, ἐμεσίτευσεν ὄρκω, ἵνα διὰ δύο πραγμάτων άμεταθέτων, έν οἷς άδύνατον ψεύσασθαι Θεόν, ίσχυρὰν οἱ καταπαράκλησιν ἔχωμεν φυγόντες κρατῆσαι τῆς προκειμένης ἐλπίδος. ώς ἄγκυραν ἔχομεν τῆς ψυχῆς ἀσφαλῆ τε καὶ βεβαίαν καὶ είσερχομένην είς τὸ ἐσώτερον καταπετάσματος, ὅπου TOŨ πρόδρομος η άπὐ ἡμῶν εἰσῆλθεν Ἰησοῦς, κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδὲκ ἀρχιερεὺς γενόμενος είς 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

$M\kappa 9:17 - 31$

Τῶ καιρῶ ἐκείνω, ἄνθρωπός τις προσῆλθε τῶ Ίησοῦ γονυπετῶν αὐτῶ καὶ λέγων διδάσκαλε, ήνεγκα τὸν υἱόν μου πρός σε, ἔχοντα πνεῦμα άλαλον, καὶ ὅπου ἂν αὐτὸν καταλάβη, ῥήσσει αὐτόν, καὶ ἀφρίζει καὶ τρίζει τοὺς ὀδόντας αὐτοῦ, καὶ ξηραίνεται καὶ εἰπον τοῖς μαθηταῖς σου ἵνα αὐτὸ ἐκβάλωσι, καὶ οὐκ ἴσχυσαν. ὁ δὲ άποκριθεὶς αὐτῶ λέγει ὧ γενεὰ ἄπιστος, ἕως πότε πρὸς ὑμᾶς ἔσομαι; ἕως πότε ἀνέξομαι ὑμῶν; φέρετε αὐτὸν πρός 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 ἀπολέση αὐτόν· ἀλλ' εἴ τι δύνασαι, βοήθησον ἡμῖν σπλαγχνισθεὶς ἐφ' ἡμᾶς. ὁ δὲ Ίησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῶ τὸ εἰ δύνασαι πιστεῦσαι, πάντα δυνατὰ τῶ πιστεύοντι, καὶ εὐθέως κράξας ὁ πατὴρ τοῦ παιδίου μετὰ δακρύων ἔλεγε· πιστεύω, κύριε· βοήθει μου τῆ ἀπιστία. ίδὼν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι ἐπισυντρέχει ὄχλος, έπετίμησε τῶ πνεύματι τῶ ἀκαθάρτω λέγων αὐτῶ· τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἄλαλον καὶ κωφόν, ἐγώ σοι ἐπιτάσσω, ἔξελθε ἐξ αὐτοῦ καὶ μηκέτι εἰσέλθης εἰς αὐτόν. καὶ κράξαν καὶ πολλὰ σπαράξαν αὐτὸν ἐξῆλθε, καὶ ἐγένετο ὡσεὶ νεκρός, ὥστε πολλοὺς λέγειν ὅτι ἀπέθανεν. ὁ δὲ Ίησοῦς κρατήσας αὐτὸν τῆς χειρὸς ἤγειρεν αὐτόν, καὶ ἀνέστη. Καὶ εἰσελθόντα αὐτὸν εἰς οίκον οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἐπηρώτων αὐτὸν κατ' ἰδίαν, ὅτι ἡμεῖς οὐκ ἠδυνήθημεν ἐκβαλεῖν αὐτό. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς τοῦτο τὸ γένος ἐν οὐδενὶ δύναται έξελθεῖν εἰ μὴ ἐν προσευχῆ καὶ νηστεία. Καὶ ἐκεῖθεν ἐξελθόντες παρεπορεύοντο διὰ τῆς Γαλιλαίας, καὶ οὐκ ἤθελεν ἵνα τις γνῷ. ἐδίδασκε γὰρ τοὺς μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ καί ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς ὅτι ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου παραδίδοται είς χεῖρας άνθρώπων, άποκτενοῦσιν αὐτόν, καὶ ἀποκτανθεὶς τῆ τρίτη ἡμέρα 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."

Άπολυτίκιον Άναστάσιμον. Ήχος βαρύς.

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον· ἠνέῳξας τῷ λῃστῆ τὸν Παράδεισον· τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς ἄποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Τοῦ Ὀσίου. ἦΗχος πλ. δ΄.

Ταῖς τῶν δακρύων σου ῥοαῖς, τῆς ἐρήμου τὸ ἄγονον ἐγεώργησας, καὶ τοῖς ἐκ βάθους στεναγμοῖς, εἰς ἑκατὸν τοὺς πόνους ἐκαρποφόρησας, καὶ γέγονας φωστὴρ τῆ οἰκουμένη, λάμπων τοῖς θαύμασιν, Ἰωάννη Πατὴρ ἡμῶν ὅσιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωσράμασιν, σοῦς

Κοντάκιον. Ἡχος πλ. δ΄.

θῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἠμῶν.

Τῆ ὑπερμάχω στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, Ὠς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, ἄναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε. ἄλλὶ ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, Ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, ἵΙνα κράζω σοι Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Grave Mode.

You destroyed death by Your Cross, You opened Paradise to the Robber. You turned the Myrrh-bearing Women's lament into joy, and You commanded Your Apostles to preach that You rose, O Christ God, granting the world the great mercy.

For the Devout Man. Mode pl. 4.

With the rivers of your tears you made the barren desert bloom; and with your sighs from deep within, you made your labors bear their fruits a hundredfold; and you became a star, illuminating the world by your miracles, O John, our devout father. Intercede with Christ our God, for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion.

Mode pl. 4.

O unwedded Bride.

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,

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



SACRAMENTS AND 40 DAY CHILD BLESSINGS

No Sacraments

SAVE THE DATE AND EVENTS

MARRIAGE SEMINAR 2025: August 9, October 11

MAR 31st Great Compline, 6p.m.

APR 2nd Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 6p.m.; Catechism 7:30p.m.

APR 4th Akathistos Hymnos, 7p.m.

APR 6th Greek Independence Parade

<u>A**PR 6th**</u> Philoptochos Meeting

APR 7th Great Compline, 6p.m.

APR 9th Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 9:30a.m.; Catechism 7:30p.m.

APR 11th Decorate church for Palm Sunday 6p.m.

APR 12th Saturday of Lazarus

APR 11-13 Philoptochos Bake Sale

APR 13th Palm Sunday Luncheon

APR 14th Service of Bridegroom, 7p.m

APR 15th Service of Bridegroom, 7p.m

APR 16th Sacrament of the Holy Oil, 3p.m

APR 16th Service of the Mystical Supper & Holy Oil, 6:45p.m

APR 17th Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil, 9a.m

APR 17th Reading of the Twelve Gospels, 6:30p.m.

APR 18th Service of the Great Hours, 8:30a.m.

Sunday School and Greek School
Saturday of Lazarus
Retreat

APRIL 12 | After Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m. - 1:45 p.m

Children should bring a lunch from home. Lenten Snacks, Craft and Palm Folding

> Any questions, please contact the Holy Cross Church Office at 708.594.2040

START HOLY WEEK WITH US AT HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON

APRIL 13, 2021
FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

STEWARDSHIP QUOTE

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.

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

Efstratios Starogiannis, 40 Days, Right Pews 1-4

Anastasia Kourafas, 3 Years, Left Pews 1-3

Todays coffee hour is hosted by the family of Anastasia Kourafas in her memory.

Everyone is invited to our community hall to enjoy Fellowship.



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 Week Easter
Bibles are
available for
purchase at Holy
Cross. Bibles can
be purchase by the
candles for \$40.



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 Pizza Pulis - \$3.00 each Lenten Spanakopita - \$4.00 each

Laganes – \$5.00 each
Taramasalata – \$5.00 small and \$10 Large

Pre-Orders needed for the following Items by March 21, 2025
Pastiohio - Small Pan \$45.00 - Large Pan \$90.00
Red Dyed Eggs - \$12.00 a dozen - Limit 2

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church 7560 Archer Road, Justice IL 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:

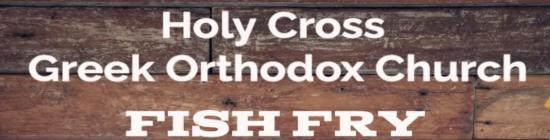
Below you will find the needs for the costs of this year's Lenten/Holy Week/Pascha Flowers. If you wish to help and be a donor for anything in memory of any individuals or a sum of the below mentioned items, please call the church and either speak to Fr. John or Tina. Thank you for your constant love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



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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