

# *Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church*

Sunday March 8th, 2026

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 9th ~ **Great Compline** ~ 6:00p.m.*

*Δευτέρα, 9η Μαρτίου ~ **Μέγα Απόδειπνον** ~ 6:00μ.μ*

***English Bible Study** ~ 7p.m.*

*Theme: Matthew Chapter 12*

*Wednesday, March 11th ~ **Pre-Sanctified Liturgy** ~ 9:30a.m.*

*Τετάρτη, 11η Μαρτίου ~ **Λειτουργία Προηγιασμένων Δώρων** ~ 9:30π.μ.*

*Friday, March 13th ~ **2nd Salutations to the Virgin Mary** ~ 7p.m*

*Παρασκευή, 13η Μαρτίου ~ **Β' Στάσις των Χαιρετισμών** ~ 7μ.μ.*

*Saturday, March 14th ~ **Great Vespers of the Veneration of the Holy Cross** ~ 7pm*

*Σάββατον, 14η 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 εἰσιν οἱ οὐρανοί· αὐτοὶ ἀπολοῦνται, σὺ δὲ διαμένεις· καὶ πάντες ὡς ἱμάτιον παλαιώθησονται, 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, μὴ ποτε παραρρῶμεν. εἰ γὰρ ὁ δι' ἀγγέλων λαληθεὶς λόγος ἐγένετο βέβαιος, καὶ πᾶσα παράβασις καὶ παρακοή ἔλαβεν ἔνδικον μισθαποδοσίαν, πῶς ἡμεῖς ἐκφευξόμεθα 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.

**Μάρκ. 2:1 – 12**

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκεῖνω, 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 ἔλαλει 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 κράβατον, 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 διαλογίζονται ἐν ἑαυτοῖς, εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τί ταῦτα διαλογίζεσθε ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ὑμῶν; τί ἐστιν εὐκοπώτερον, εἰπεῖν τῷ παραλυτικῷ, ἀφέωνταί σοι αἱ ἁμαρτίαι, ἢ εἰπεῖν, ἔγειρε καὶ ἄρον τὸν κράβατόν σου καὶ περιπάτει; ἴνα δὲ εἰδῆτε ὅτι ἐξουσίαν ἔχει ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἀφιέναι ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἁμαρτίας — λέγει τῷ παραλυτικῷ· σοὶ λέγω, ἔγειρε καὶ ἄρον τὸν κράβατόν σου καὶ ὕπαγε εἰς τὸν οἶκόν σου. καὶ ἠγέρθη εὐθέως, καὶ ἄρας τὸν κράβατον 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. β´.

Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμα σου,  
καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν·  
καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζη-  
τοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντὸν σου σῶμα.  
Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν ἄδην, μὴ πειρα-  
σθεὶς ὑπ’ αὐτοῦ· ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρ-  
θένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ  
ἀναστάς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα  
σοι.

## Τοῦ Ἱεράρχου.

Ἦχος πλ. δ´.

Ὁρθοδοξίας ὁ φωστήρ, Ἐκκλησίας τὸ  
στήριγμα καὶ διδάσκαλε, τῶν μον-  
αστῶν 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 νικη-  
τήρια, Ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν  
εὐχαριστήρια, Ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις  
σου Θεοτόκε. Ἄλλ’ ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ  
κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον,  
Ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων  
ἐλευθέρωσον, Ἴνα κράζω σοι· Χαῖρε  
νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

## Resurrectioal Apolytikion.

Mode pl. 2.

When the angelic powers appeared at  
Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it  
feared and became as dead. And  
standing by the sepulcher was Mary,  
who was seeking Your immaculate  
body. Unassailed by Hades, You di-  
vested it of spoils. Then You met the  
Virgin. You granted life. O Lord, risen  
from the dead, glory to You!

## 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 ear-  
nestly 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 res-  
cued from the terrors, O Theotokos. In  
as much as you have power unassaila-  
ble, From all kinds of perils free me, so  
that unto you I may cry aloud: Rejoice,  
O unwedded Bride.

## **SACRAMENTS AND 40 DAY CHILD BLESSINGS**

**Congratulations to James & Tricia Long on the  
Baptism of their so Phillip.**

**Congratulations to George & Michelle Kontos on the 40 day  
Blessings of their child Melania this Saturday.**

## **SAVE THE DATE AND EVENTS**

**MAR 8th** *Philoptochos Meeting*

**MAR 9th** *Great Compline 6pm*

**MAR 9th** *English Bible Study*

**MAR 11th** *Pre-Sanctifies Liturgy; 9:30am*

**MAR 13th** *3rd Salutations to the Virgin Mary; 7pm*

**MAR 14th** *Great Vespers of the Veneration of the Holy Cross; 7pm*

**MAR 16th** *Great Compline 6pm*

**MAR 18th** *Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 9:30am*

**MAR 18th** *Greek Bible Study*

**MAR 20th** *4th Salutations to the Virgin Mary 7pm*

**MAR 23rd** *Great Compline 6pm*

**MAR 23rd** *English Bible Study*

**MAR 25th** *March 25th Feast of the Annunciation; Orthros 8:30am, Liturgy 9:45am*

**MAR 27th** *AKATHISTOS HYMNOS; 7pm*

**MAR 30th** *Great Compline 6pm*

**APR 1st** *Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 9:30am*

**APR 3rd** *Decorate the Church for Palm Sunday*

**APR 4th** *Saturday of Lazarus*

**APR 5th** *Palm Sunday*

## HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA 2026

### *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.

	Full Donation	Partial Donation
Palms and Bay Leaves for Palm Sunday:	\$1,265 _____	\$ _____
Daffodils:	\$510 _____	\$ _____
Akathist Hymn Icon:	\$520 _____	Donated
Floral for the Nymphio Icon:	\$510 _____	\$ _____
Rose petals for Myrrophores:	\$255 _____	\$ _____
Easter Lilies: (\$20 each)	\$1,265 _____	\$ _____
Flowers for Large Anastasis Icon:	\$510 _____	\$ _____
Flowers for 2 small Anastasis Icons:	\$420 _____	\$ _____
Orchids for Anastasis:	\$345 _____	\$ _____
Floral Spray for Lavaron:	\$550 _____	\$ _____
Flowers for the Mystical Supper Icon:	\$375 _____	\$ _____
12 Candles for Holy Thursday Night	\$310 _____	\$ _____
Gardenias for the Epitaphio:	\$200 _____	\$ _____
Ornate Clergy Anastasi Candle:	\$510 _____	\$ _____
9 Candles for the Cross:	\$230 _____	\$ _____
Roses for Holy Friday Evening:	\$1700 _____	\$ _____
Floral arrangements for all other needs	\$1265 _____	\$ _____
Floral Wreath for the Cross	\$415 _____	\$ _____
Floral Spray for Foot of Cross	\$320 _____	\$ _____
Epitaphio Flowers	\$3100 _____	\$ _____
Carnations for Epitaphio	\$380 _____	\$ _____
Rose Water	\$130 _____	\$ _____

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.

## 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 closed out the year of 2025, we thank all of you for your generous donations to our Stewardship offering. As we enter this new year of 2026 we kindly remind you to prayerfully take into consideration your new sacred commitment to your Stewardship offering for the year of 2026. Let us consider the boundless love of our Lord in which we just celebrated his Nativity. God gives us the greatest gift ever; His Son. What can we give in return? Our Stewardship commitment is that gift.*

*Your Stewardship is not simply a financial obligation, but an expression of gratitude to God for His blessings, and a reaffirmation of our shared responsibility to support the life of His Holy Church. In this new year, may we each offer from the heart so that our parish may continue to flourish in faith, love, and service.*

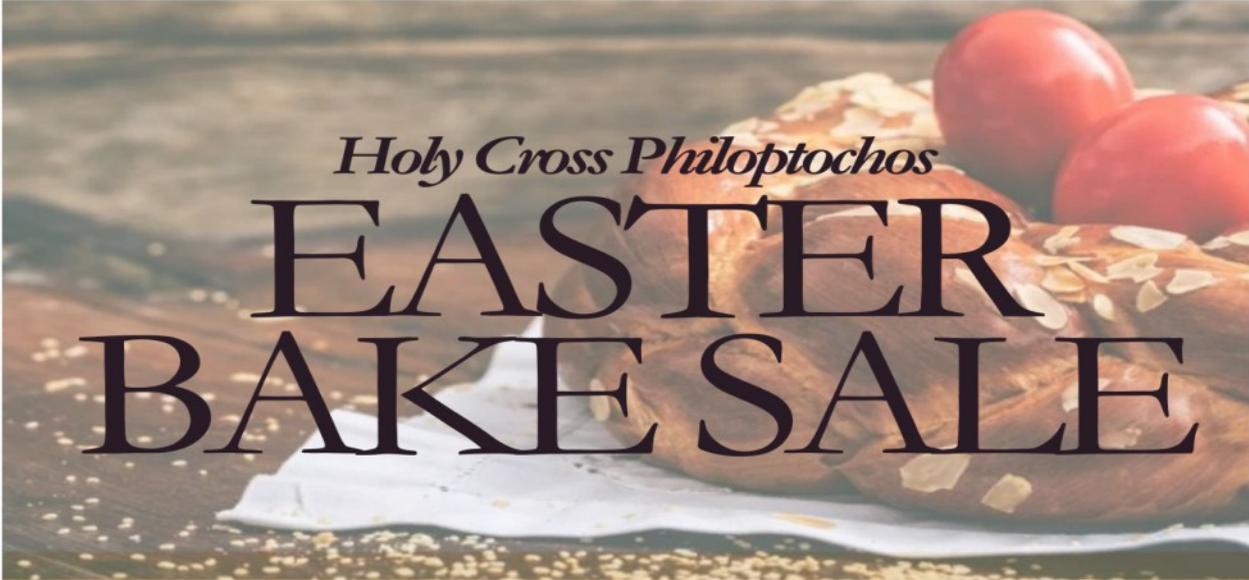
## MEMORIALS

George Georgakopoulos, 40 Days, Right Pews 1

Ekaterini "Katina" Chiampas, 40 Days

Everyone is invited to our community hall to enjoy Fellowship.





*Holy Cross Philoptochos*  
**EASTER  
BAKE SALE**

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*April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> 2026*  
*9 - 3pm*  
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Melomakarouna, Kourambiedes, Koulourakia, Paximadia

*All cookies \$12 per dozen*

Large Tsourekia - \$10      Small Tsourekia - \$7

Baklava - \$6 *per square*

Galaktoboureko & Karithopita - \$4 *per square*

Spanakopita & Tiropita - \$3 *each*

Lenten Pizza Puffs - \$3 *each*

Lenten Spanakopita - \$4 *each*

Laganes - \$5 *each*

Pre-Orders for the following items by **March 27, 2026**

Pastichio - Small Pan \$45    Large Pan \$90

Red Dyed Eggs - \$12 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*



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**EVERY FRIDAY STARTING  
FEBRUARY 20-APRIL 3 | 4-8PM**



**FISH, SHRIMP, & COMBO DINNERS  
ALL DINNERS INCLUDE FRENCH FRIES & COLE SLAW**



*Please join us*

**FOR OUR  
PALM SUNDAY  
PREPARATIONS**

**APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>  
6:00<sup>PM</sup>**

**CHURCH  
DECORATING**

**APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>**  
*following Divine  
Liturgy*

**PALM CROSS  
MAKING**

**SEE YOU THERE!**



**HOLY**



**CROSS**

**BRIGHT FRIDAY**

**BBQ**

Adults  
**\$25**

Kids  
**\$10**



**APRIL 17, 2026**

**6:30PM**

**COME HUNGRY!**



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