

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday March 15th, 2026

Sunday of the Holy Cross



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 16th ~ **Great Compline** ~ 6:00p.m.*

*Δευτέρα, 16η Μαρτίου ~ **Μέγα Απόδειπνον** ~ 6:00μ.μ*

*Wednesday, March 18th ~ **Pre-Sanctified Liturgy** ~ 9:30a.m.*

*Τετάρτη, 18η Μαρτίου ~ **Λειτουργία Προηγιασμένων Δώρων** ~ 9:30π.μ.*

***Greek Bible Study** ~ Following Liturgy*

***Μελέτη τού Ευαγγελίου στα Ελληνικά** ~ μετά τη λειτουργία*

*Friday, March 20th ~ **4th Salutations to the Virgin Mary** ~ 7p.m*

*Παρασκευή, 20η Μαρτίου ~ **Δ' Στάσις των Χαιρετισμων** ~ 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. 4:14 – 16,
5:1 – 6**

Ἀδελφοί, ἔχοντες ἀρχιερέα μέγαν διεληλυθότα τοὺς οὐρανοὺς, Ἰησοῦν τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ Θεοῦ, κρατῶμεν τῆς ὁμολογίας. οὐ γὰρ ἔχομεν ἀρχιερέα μὴ δυνάμενον συμπαθεῖσαι ταῖς ἀσθενείαις ἡμῶν, πεπειραμένον δὲ κατὰ πάντα καθ' ὁμοίότητα χωρὶς ἁμαρτίας. προσερχώμεθα οὖν μετὰ παρηρησίας τῷ θρόνῳ τῆς χάριτος, ἵνα λάβωμεν ἔλεον καὶ χάριν εὖρωμεν εἰς εὐκαιρον βοήθειαν. Πᾶς γὰρ ἀρχιερεὺς ἐξ ἀνθρώπων λαμβανόμενος ὑπὲρ ἀνθρώπων καθίσταται τὰ πρὸς τὸν Θεόν, ἵνα προσφέρῃ δῶρά τε καὶ θυσίας ὑπὲρ ἁμαρτιῶν, μετριοπαθεῖν δυνάμενος τοῖς ἀγνοοῦσι καὶ πλανωμένοις, ἐπεὶ καὶ αὐτὸς περὶκεῖται ἀσθένειαν· καὶ διὰ ταύτην ὀφείλει, καθὼς περὶ τοῦ λαοῦ, οὕτω καὶ περὶ ἑαυτοῦ προσφέρειν ὑπὲρ ἁμαρτιῶν. καὶ οὐχ ἑαυτῷ τις λαμβάνει τὴν τιμὴν, ἀλλὰ καλούμενος ὑπὸ τοῦ Θεοῦ, καθάπερ καὶ Ἀαρών. οὕτω καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς οὐχ ἑαυτὸν ἐδόξασε γεννηθῆναι ἀρχιερέα, ἀλλ' ὁ λαλήσας πρὸς αὐτόν· υἱὸς μου εἶ σύ, ἐγὼ σήμερον γεγέννηκά σε· καθὼς καὶ ἐν ἑτέρῳ λέγει· σὺ ἱερεὺς εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδέκ.

**Heb. 4:14 – 16;
5:1 – 6**

Brethren, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

Μάρκ. 8:34 – 9:1

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Ὅστις θέλει ὀπίσω μου ἀκολουθεῖν, ἀπαρνησάσθω ἑαυτὸν καὶ ἀράτω τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἀκολουθεῖτω μοι. ὃς γὰρ ἂν θέλῃ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ σῶσαι, ἀπολέσει αὐτήν· ὃς δ' ἂν ἀπολέσῃ τὴν ἑαυτοῦ ψυχὴν ἕνεκεν ἐμοῦ καὶ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου, οὗτος σώσει αὐτήν. τί γὰρ ὠφελήσει ἄνθρωπον ἐὰν κερδήσῃ τὸν κόσμον ὅλον, καὶ ζημιωθῇ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ; ἢ τί δώσει ἄνθρωπος ἀντάλλαγμα τῆς ψυχῆς αὐτοῦ; ὃς γὰρ ἐὰν ἐπαισχυνθῇ με καὶ τοὺς ἐμοὺς λόγους ἐν τῇ γενεᾷ ταύτῃ τῇ μοιχαλίδι καὶ ἁμαρτωλῷ, καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπαισχυνθήσεται αὐτὸν ὅταν ἔλθῃ ἐν τῇ δόξῃ τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ μετὰ τῶν ἀγγέλων τῶν ἁγίων. Καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι εἰσὶ τινες τῶν ὧδε ἐστηκότων, οἵτινες οὐ μὴ γεύσονται θανάτου ἕως ἂν ἴδωσι τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐληλυθυῖαν ἐν δυνάμει.

**Mk. 8:34 – 38;
9:1**

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.

ᾠχος βαρύς.

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον· ἠνέωξας τῷ ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον· τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύπτειν ἐπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Τῆς Ἑορτῆς.

ᾠχος α΄.

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου, καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων, διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολιτεύμα.

Κοντάκιον.

ᾠχος πλ. δ΄.

Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, 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.

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 Feast.

Mode 1.

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth.

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. In as much as you have power unassailable, 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

No Sacraments

SAVE THE DATE AND EVENTS

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; Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am*

APR 5th *Palm Sunday*

APR 6th *Holy Monday; Service of the Bridegroom; 7pm*

APR 7th *Holy Tuesday; Service of the Bridegroom; 7pm*

APR 8th *Holy Wednesday; Sacrament of the Holy Oil; 3pm*

APR 8th *Service of the Mystical Supper & Holy Oil; 6:45pm*

APR 9th *Holy Thursday; Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil; 9am*

APR 9th *Reading of the Twelve Gospels; 6:30pm*

APR 10th *Holy Friday; Service of the Great Hours; 8:30am*

APR 10th *Service of the Apokathelosis; 3pm*

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.

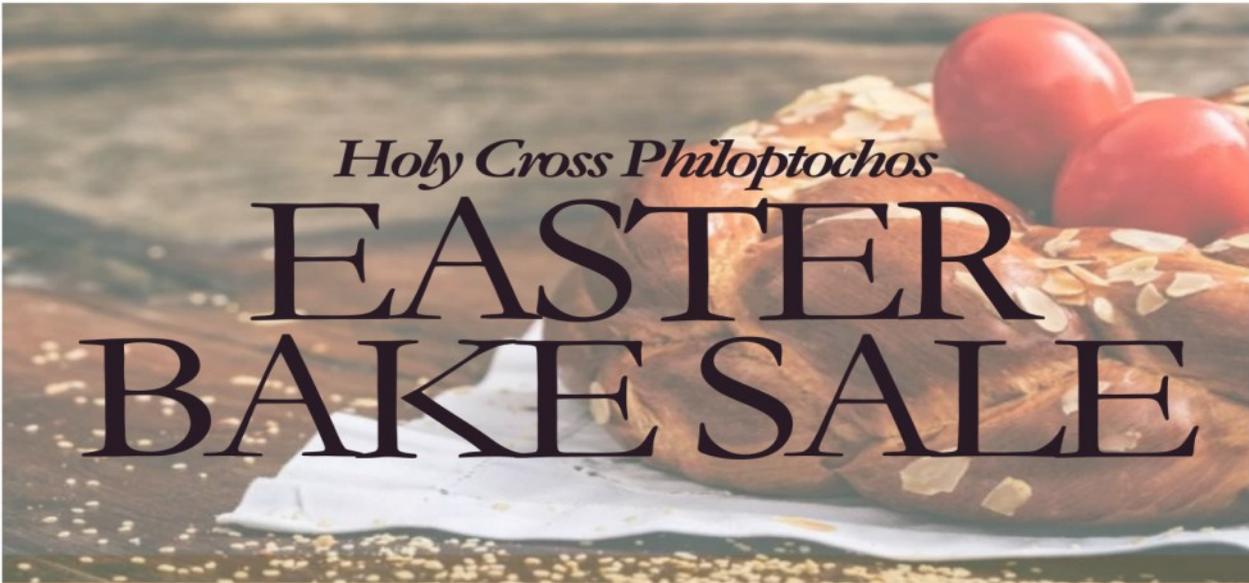
Your Stewardship is not simply a financial obligation, but an expression of gratitude to God for His blessings, and a reaffirmation of our shared responsibility to support the life of His Holy Church. In this new year, may we each offer from the heart so that our parish may continue to flourish in faith,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

MEMORIALS

No Memorials

Everyone is invited to our community hall to enjoy Fellowship.





Holy Cross Philoptochos
**EASTER
BAKE SALE**

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April 3rd, 4th, 5th 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

**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 3RD
6:00 PM**

**CHURCH
DECORATING**

**APRIL 4TH
following Divine
Liturgy**

**PALM CROSS
MAKING**

SEE YOU THERE!

Myrophores Schedule

Ages 4th grade through High School

Bridegroom Services

Palm Sunday Evening, Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday,
Holy Wednesday: 7:00pm

Holy Thursday: 6:30pm

**This service is nearly 3 1/2 hours long. Please make sure girls are well hydrated, fed and wearing comfortable flat shoes for this service.*

Holy Friday

3:00pm - Apokathelosis (*Please wear black*)

7:00pm - Lamentations

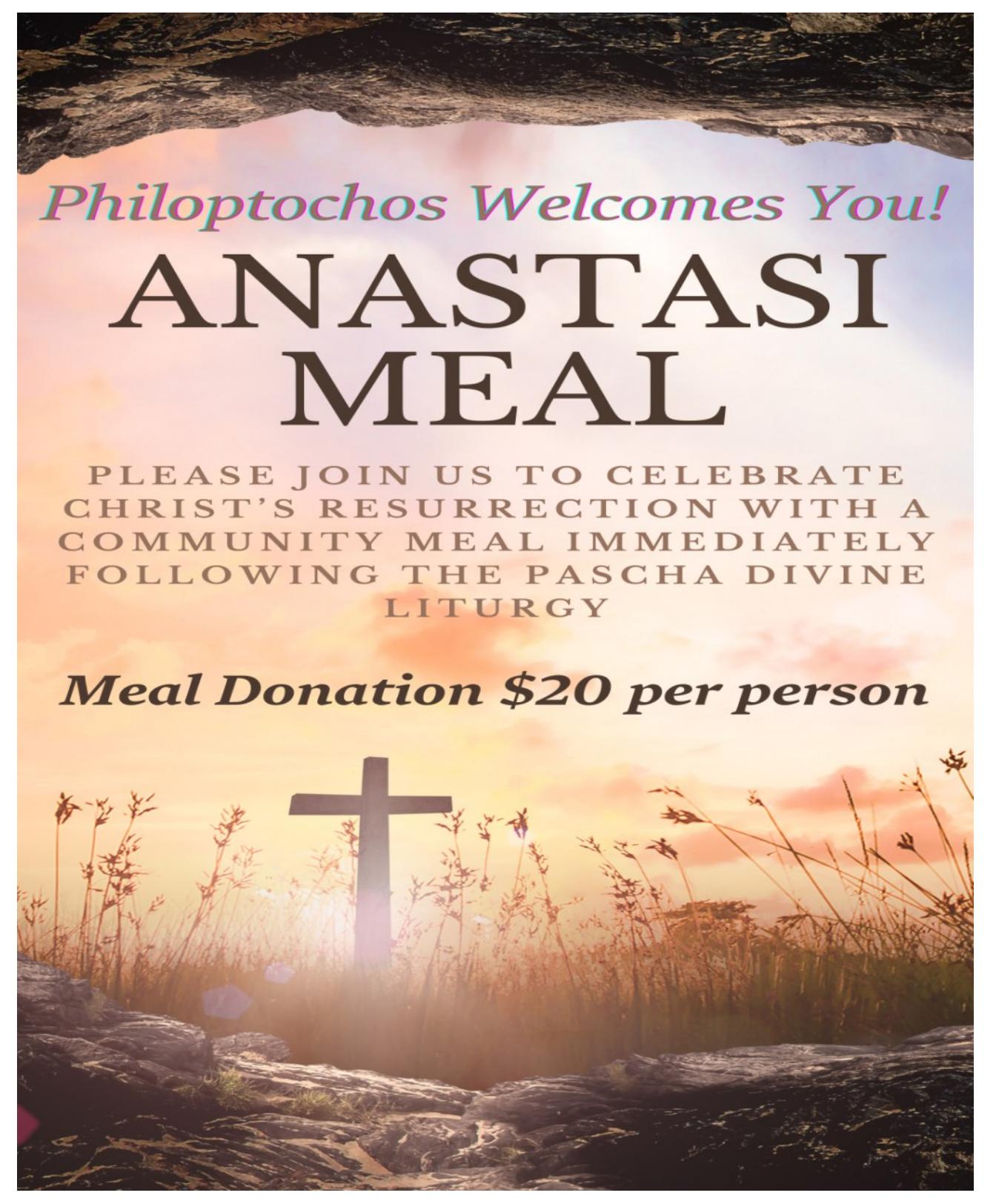
DRESS CODE

Wear comfortable flat shoes and have hair tied up in either a braid, bun or ponytail away from face. Dresses and skirts should be at a modest length (right above the knee or longer).

Any additional questions, please text

Katrina Kalomas (630) 401-9111

***(Please make sure to state your first and last name
when sending initial text)***



Philoptochos Welcomes You!

ANASTASI MEAL

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

Meal Donation \$20 per person

HOLY



CROSS

BRIGHT FRIDAY

BBQ

Adults
\$25

Kids
\$10



APRIL 17, 2026

6:30PM

COME HUNGRY!



— JUSTICE —

GREEK

FOOD & MUSIC

FESTIVAL

AT HOLY CROSS CHURCH



JUNE 26, 27, 28
FRI + SAT 4PM, SUN NOON

AUTHENTIC GREEK FOOD, PASTRIES, BAR, CAFE,
FUN ZONE, BAZZAR, DANCING, AND MORE...

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