

# *Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church*

Sunday March 22nd, 2026

Sunday of St. 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 23rd ~ **Great Compline** ~ 6:00p.m.*

*Δευτέρα, 23η Μαρτίου ~ **Μέγα Απόδειπνόν** ~ 6:00μ.μ*

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

***Theme:** Matthew Chapter 13*

*Wednesday, March 25th ~ **March 25th Feast of the Annunciation** ~*

*Orthros 9:00a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00am*

*Τετάρτη, 25η Μαρτίου ~ **Ο Ευαγγελισμός** ~*

*Όρθρος 9:00 π.μ., Θεία Λειτουργία 10:00 π.μ.*

*Friday, March 27th ~ **AKATHISTOS HYMNOS** ~ 7p.m*

*Παρασκευή, 27η Μαρτίου ~ **Ο Ακάθιστος Ύμνος** ~ 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. 6:13 – 20**

Ἀδελφοί, τῷ Ἀβραὰμ ἐπαγγειλάμενος ὁ Θεός, ἐπεὶ κατ' οὐδενὸς εἶχε μείζονος ὁμόσαι, ὥμοσε καθ' ἑαυτοῦ, λέγων· ἢ μὴν εὐλόγων εὐλογησά σε καὶ πληθύνων πληθυνῶ σε· καὶ οὕτω μακροθυμήσας ἐπέτυχε τῆς ἐπαγγελίας. ἄνθρωποι μὲν γὰρ κατὰ τοῦ μείζονος ὁμνύουσι, καὶ πάσης αὐτοῖς ἀντιλογίας πέρας εἰς βεβαίωσιν ὁ ὄρκος· ἐν ᾧ περισσότερον βουλόμενος ὁ Θεὸς ἐπιδειξάτω τοῖς κληρονόμοις τῆς ἐπαγγελίας τὸ ἀμετάθετον τῆς βουλῆς αὐτοῦ, ἐμεσίτευσεν ὄρκῳ, ἵνα διὰ δύο πραγμάτων ἀμεταθέτων, ἐν οἷς ἀδύνατον ψεύσασθαι Θεόν, ἰσχυρὰν παράκλησιν ἔχωμεν οἱ καταφυγόντες κρατήσαι τῆς προκειμένης ἐλπίδος· ἦν ὡς ἄγκυραν ἔχομεν τῆς ψυχῆς ἀσφαλῆ τε καὶ βεβαίαν καὶ εἰσερχομένην εἰς τὸ ἐσώτερον τοῦ καταπετάσματος, ὅπου πρόδρομος ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν εἰσῆλθεν Ἰησοῦς, κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδέκ ἀρχιερεὺς γενόμενος εἰς 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.

**Μάρκ. 9:17 – 31**

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἄνθρωπός τις προσῆλθε τῷ Ἰησοῦ γονυπετιῶν αὐτῷ καὶ λέγων· διδάσκαλε, ἤνεγκα τὸν υἱόν μου πρὸς σε, ἔχοντα πνεῦμα ἄλαλον. καὶ ὅπου ἂν αὐτὸν καταλάβῃ, ῥήσσει αὐτόν, καὶ ἀφρίζει καὶ τρίξει τοὺς ὀδόντας αὐτοῦ, καὶ ξηραίνεται· καὶ εἶπον τοῖς μαθηταῖς σου ἵνα αὐτὸ ἐκβάλωσι, καὶ οὐκ ἴσχυσαν. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς αὐτῷ λέγει· ὦ γενεὰ ἄπιστος, ἕως πότε πρὸς ὑμᾶς ἔσομαι; ἕως πότε ἀνέξομαι ὑμῶν; φέρετε αὐτὸν πρὸς με. καὶ ἤνεγκαν αὐτὸν πρὸς αὐτόν. καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὸν εὐθέως τὸ πνεῦμα ἐσπάραξεν αὐτόν, καὶ πεσὼν ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἐκυλιέτο ἀφρίζων. καὶ ἐπηρώτησε τὸν πατέρα αὐτοῦ· πόσος χρόνος ἔστιν ὡς τοῦτο γέγονεν αὐτῷ; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· παιδιόθεν. καὶ πολλὰκις αὐτὸν καὶ εἰς πῦρ ἔβαλε καὶ εἰς ὕδατα, ἵνα ἀπολέσῃ αὐτόν· ἀλλ' εἶ τι δύνασαι βοηθήσον ἡμῖν σπλαγχνισθεὶς ἐφ' ἡμᾶς. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ τὸ εἶ δύνασαι πιστεῦσαι, πάντα δύναται τῷ πιστεύοντι. καὶ εὐθέως κράξας ὁ πατὴρ τοῦ παιδίου μετὰ δακρύων ἔλεγε· πιστεύω, κύριε· βοήθει μου τῇ ἀπιστίᾳ. ἰδὼν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι ἐπισυντρέχει ὄχλος, ἐπέτιμησε τῷ πνεύματι τῷ ἀκαθάρτῳ λέγων αὐτῷ· τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἄλαλον καὶ κωφόν, ἐγὼ σοι ἐπιτάσσω, ἔξελθε ἐξ αὐτοῦ καὶ μηκέτι εἰσέλθῃς εἰς αὐτόν. καὶ κράξαν καὶ πολλὰ σπαράξαν αὐτόν ἐξῆλθε, καὶ ἐγένετο ὡσεὶ νεκρός, ὥστε πολλοὺς λέγειν ὅτι ἀπέθανεν. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς κρατήσας αὐτόν τῆς χειρὸς ἤγειρεν αὐτόν, καὶ ἀνέστη. καὶ εἰσελθόντα αὐτόν εἰς οἶκον οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἐπηρώτων αὐτόν κατ' ἰδίαν, ὅτι ἡμεῖς οὐκ ἤδυσνήθημεν ἐκβαλεῖν αὐτό. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τοῦτο τὸ γένος ἐν οὐδενὶ δύναται ἐξελεῖν εἰ μὴ ἐν προσευχῇ καὶ νηστείᾳ. καὶ ἐκείθεν ἐξελθόντες παρεπορεύοντο διὰ τῆς Γαλιλαίας, καὶ οὐκ ἤθελεν ἵνα τις γινῶ· ἐδίδασκε γὰρ τοὺς μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς ὅτι ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου παραδίδοται εἰς χεῖρας ἀνθρώπων, καὶ ἀποκτενοῦσιν αὐτόν, καὶ ἀναστάνθεις τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ 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."

## **Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.**

**Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.**

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ Εὐσπλαγ-  
χνος, ταφήν κατεδέξω τριήμερον,  
ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν πα-  
θῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ ἀνάστασις  
ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

## **Τοῦ Ὁσίου.**

**Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.**

Ταῖς τῶν δακρύων σου ῥοαῖς, τῆς  
ἐρήμου τὸ ἄγονον ἐγεώργησας,  
καὶ τοῖς ἐκ βάθους στεναγμοῖς, εἰς  
ἐκατὸν τοὺς πόνους  
ἐκαρποφόρησας, καὶ γέγονας φω-  
στήρ, τῇ οἰκουμένη λάμπων τοῖς  
θαύμασιν, Ἰωάννη Πατὴρ ἡμῶν  
ὅσιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ,  
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, Ἵνα κράζω σοι· Χαῖρε  
νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

## **Resurrectioal Apolytikion.**

**Mode pl. 4.**

You descended from on high, O  
compassionate One, and consented  
to a three-day burial, to free us from  
the passions. O Lord, our life and  
resurrection, glory to You!

## **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 mira-  
cles, O John, our devout father. In-  
tercede with Christ our God, 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 Nicholas & Cassandra Tagliere on the  
Baptism of their son Nicholas today.

Να σας ζήσει!

## SAVE THE DATE AND EVENTS

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

**MAR 23rd** *English Bible Study; following Great Compline*

**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 5th** *Service of the Bridegroom*

**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; Vespertal 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*

**APR 10th** *Service of the Lamentations; 7pm*

**APR 11th** *Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil; 8:30am*

**APR 11th** *Preparatory Service for Pascha 11pm*

## 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

Georgia Tsiones, *1 Year*, Right Pews 1-2

Everyone is invited to our community hall to enjoy Fellowship.



# MARCH 25 LUNCHEON

*following Divine Liturgy*



3 piece fried cod fish,  
fries, skordalia and  
coleslaw

**\$15 per person**



**Holy Week Easter  
Service books are  
available for  
purchase. Please  
see Fr. John to  
purchase one.  
\$40 per book.**

**Follow the Service in Greek  
with English on opposite page**



## HOLY CROSS PHILOPTOCHOS *Fundraising*



### Help Philoptochos Reach Our Goal

We are collecting monetary donations on **March 22 & March 29** to help purchase items for **Philoxenia House in Rochester, MN.**

#### About Philoxenia Charities

Philoxenia Charities offers lodging to patients of Mayo Clinic and their families who are facing serious medical diagnoses or undergoing major surgeries. They provide refuge for up to six weeks of stay, completely free. They also help lower income guests with food and other resources.

#### PLEASE DONATE

Our goal is to help raise **\$1,000** for Philoxenia Charities in memory of our beloved sister **Rebecca Mallios.**

For more information, please contact Stacy Tsihlopoulos at [stacytsihlop@gmail.com](mailto:stacytsihlop@gmail.com)



*Holy Cross Philoptochos*

# EASTER BAKE SALE

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

Melomakarouna, Kourambiedes, Koulourakia, Paximadia

*All cookies \$12 per dozen*

Large Tsourekia - \$12      Small Tsourekia - \$8

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

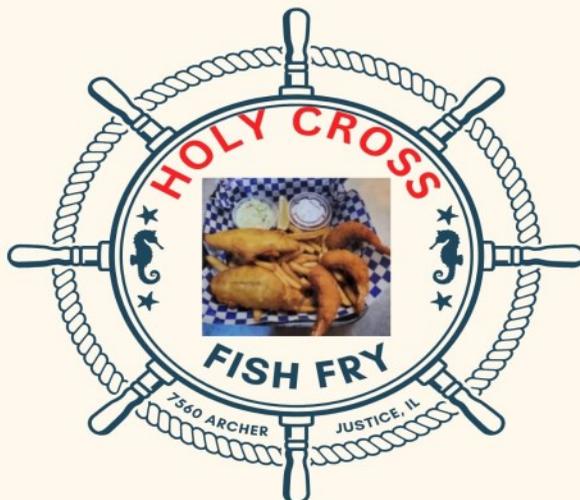
Red Dyed Eggs - \$12 a dozen - Limit 2

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

**CHURCH  
DECORATING**

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

**PALM CROSS  
MAKING**

**SEE YOU THERE!**

START HOLY WEEK WITH US AT  
HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

**PALM  
SUNDAY  
LUNCHEON**

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**APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY

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\$25 - ADULTS - PLAKI FISH DINNER WITH  
COTTAGE POTATOES AND SALAD

\$15 - KIDS - MAC & CHEESE

# 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

11:00pm - Anastasi - Midnight Service

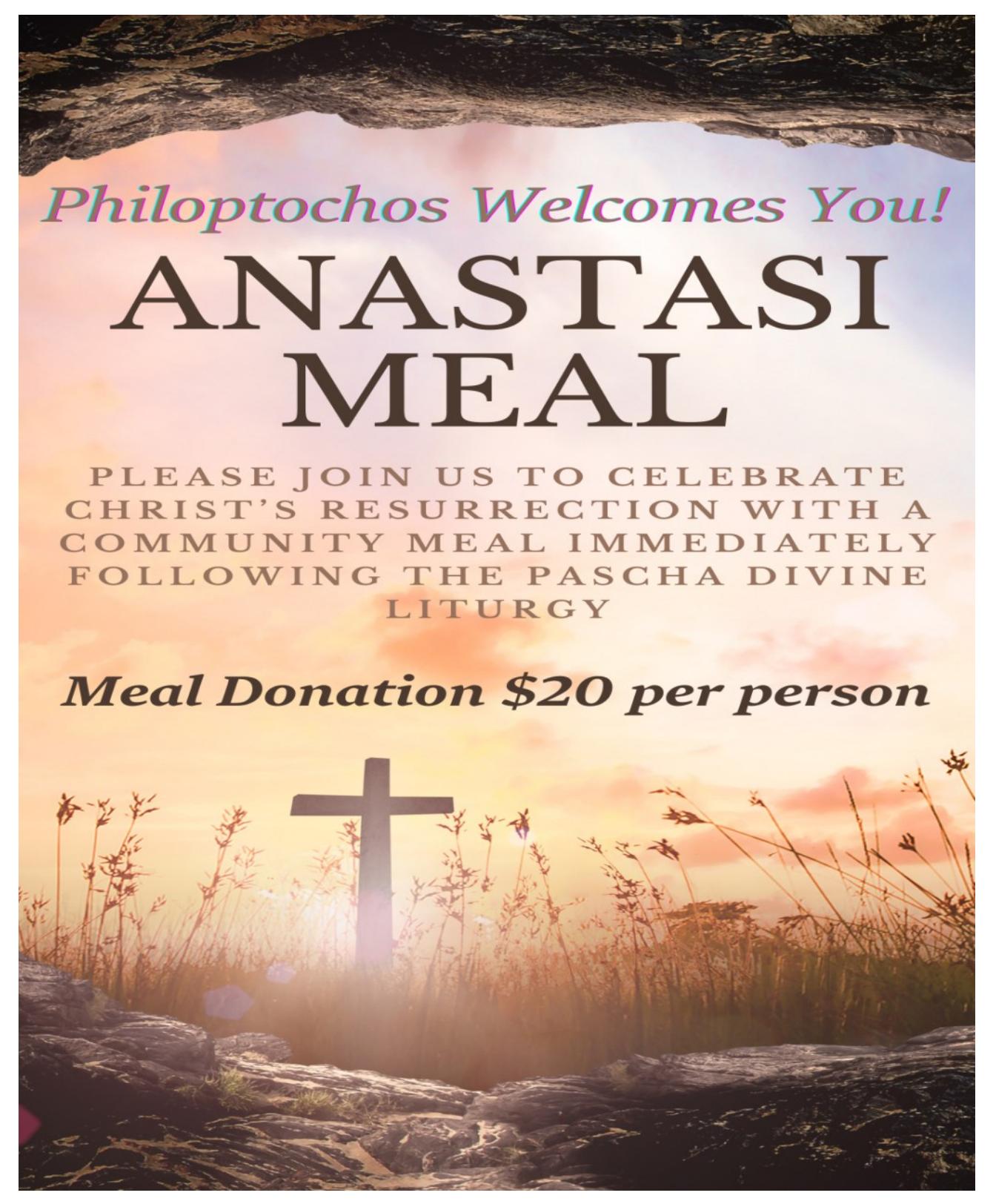
## **DRESS CODE**

*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  
*Easter Egg  
Hunt*

Following Agape Service

April 12

Bring your Easter Basket!

Sponsored by the  
Holy Cross Sunday  
School



**HOLY**



**CROSS**

**BRIGHT FRIDAY**

**BBQ**

Adults  
**\$25**

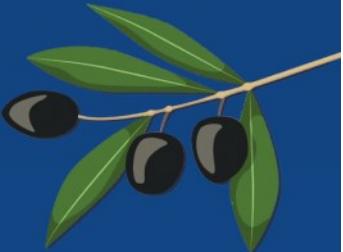
Kids  
**\$10**



**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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KYMA DANCE TROUPE**

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