

# Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday March 29th, 2026

Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt



*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 30th ~ **Great Compline** ~ 6:00p.m.*

*Δευτέρα, 30η Μαρτίου ~ **Μέγα Απόδειπνόν** ~ 6:00μ.μ*

*Wednesday, April 1st ~ **Pre-Sanctified Liturgy** ~ Liturgy 9:30am*

*Τετάρτη, 1η Απριλίου ~ **Λειτουργία Προηγιασμένων Δώρων** ~*

*Λειτουργία 9:30π.μ.*

**Greek Bible Study** ~ Following Liturgy

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

*Friday, April 3rd ~ **Decorate Church for Palm Sunday** ~ 6:00p.m*

*Παρασκευή, 3η Απριλίου ~ **Στολίσουμε την Εκκλησία για την***

**Κυριακή των Βαΐων** ~ 6:00μ.μ.

*Saturday, April 4th ~ **Saturday of Lazarus** ~*

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

*Σάββατον, 4η Απριλίου ~ **Σάββατον Του Λαζάρου** ~*

*Όρθρος 9:00 π.μ., Θεία Λειτουργία 10:00 π.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. 9:11 – 14**

Ἀδελφοί, Χριστὸς παραγενόμενος ἀρχιερεὺς τῶν μελώντων ἀγαθῶν διὰ τῆς μείζονος καὶ τελειοτέρας σκηνῆς, οὐ χειροποιήτου, τοῦτ' ἔστιν οὐ ταύτης τῆς κτίσεως, οὐδὲ δι' αἵματος τράγων καὶ μόσχων, διὰ δὲ τοῦ ἰδίου αἵματος εἰσῆλθεν ἐφάπαξ εἰς τὰ Ἅγια, αἰώνιαν λύτρωσιν εὐράμενος. εἰ γὰρ τὸ αἶμα ταύρων καὶ τράγων καὶ σποδὸς δαμάλεως ῥαντίζουσα τοὺς κεκοινωνμένους ἀγιάζει πρὸς τὴν τῆς σαρκὸς καθαρότητα, πόσω μᾶλλον τὸ αἶμα τοῦ Χριστοῦ, ὃς διὰ Πνεύματος αἰωνίου ἑαυτὸν προσήνεγκεν ἄμωμον τῷ Θεῷ, καθαρῆ τὴν συνείδησιν ὑμῶν ἀπὸ νεκρῶν ἔργων εἰς τὸ λατρεύειν Θεῷ ζῶντι;

**Heb. 9:11 – 14**

Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

**Μάρκ. 10:32 – 45**

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, παραλαβὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς δώδεκα μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ ἤρξατο αὐτοῖς λέγειν τὰ μέλλοντα αὐτῷ συμβαίνειν, ὅτι ἰδοὺ ἀναβαίνομεν εἰς ἱεροσόλυμα καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου παραδοθήσεται τοῖς ἀρχιερεῦσι καὶ γραμματεῦσι, καὶ κατακρινουσὶν αὐτὸν θανάτῳ καὶ παραδώσουσιν αὐτὸν τοῖς ἔθνεσι, καὶ ἐμπαΐξουσιν αὐτῷ καὶ μαστιγώσουσιν αὐτὸν καὶ ἐμπτύσουσιν αὐτῷ καὶ ἀποκτενοῦσιν αὐτόν, καὶ τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ ἀναστήσεται. Καὶ προσπορεύονται αὐτῷ Ἰακώβος καὶ Ἰωάννης υἱοὶ Ζεβεδαίου λέγοντες· διδάσκαλε, θέλομεν ἵνα ὁ ἕαν αἰτήσωμεν ποιήσῃς ἡμῖν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τί θέτε ποιῆσαι με ὑμῖν; οἱ δὲ εἶπον αὐτῷ· δὸς ἡμῖν ἵνα εἰς ἐκ δεξιῶν σου καὶ εἰς ἐξ εὐωνύμων σου καθίσωμεν ἐν τῇ δόξῃ σου. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· οὐκ οἶδατε τί αἰτήσθε. δύνασθε πιεῖν τὸ ποτήριον ὃ ἐγὼ πίνω, καὶ τὸ βάπτισμα ὃ ἐγὼ βαπτίζομαι βαπτισθῆναι; οἱ δὲ εἶπον αὐτῷ· δυνάμεθα. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τὸ μὲν ποτήριον ὃ ἐγὼ πίνω πῖσθε, καὶ τὸ βάπτισμα ὃ ἐγὼ βαπτίζομαι βαπτισθήσθε· τὸ δὲ καθίσαί ἐκ δεξιῶν μου καὶ ἐξ εὐωνύμων οὐκ ἔστιν ἐμὸν δοῦναι, ἀλλ' οἷς ἠτοίμασται. Καὶ ἀκούσαντες οἱ δέκα ἤρξαντο ἀγανακτεῖν περὶ Ἰακώβου καὶ Ἰωάννου. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς προσκαλεσάμενος αὐτοὺς λέγει αὐτοῖς· οἶδατε ὅτι οἱ δοκοῦντες ἀρχεῖν τῶν ἐθνῶν κατακυριεύουσιν αὐτῶν καὶ οἱ μεγάλοι αὐτῶν κατεξουσιάζουσιν αὐτῶν· οὐχ οὕτω δὲ ἔσται ἐν ὑμῖν, ἀλλ' ὃς ἕαν θέλῃ γενέσθαι μέγας ἐν ὑμῖν, ἔσται ὑμῶν διάκονος, καὶ ὃς ἕαν θέλῃ ὑμῶν γενέσθαι πρῶτος, ἔσται πάντων δοῦλος· καὶ γὰρ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου οὐκ ἦλθε διακονηθῆναι, ἀλλὰ διακονῆσαι, καὶ δοῦναι τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ λύτρον ἀντὶ πολλῶν.

**Mk. 10:32 – 45**

At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

## **Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.**

### **Ἦχος α΄. Αυτόμελον.**

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

## **Τῆς Ὁσίας.**

### **Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.**

Ἐν σοὶ Μήτηρ ἀκριβῶς διεσώθη τὸ κατ' εἰκόνα· λαβοῦσα γὰρ τὸν Σταυρόν, ἠκολούθησας τῷ Χριστῷ, καὶ πράπτουσα ἐδίδασκες, ὑπερορᾶν μὲν σαρκός, παρέρχεται γάρ· ἐπιμελεῖσθαι δὲ ψυχῆς, πράγματος ἀθανάτου· διὸ καὶ μετὰ Ἀγγέλων συναγάλλεται, ὁσία Μαρία τὸ πνεῦμά σου.

## **Κοντάκιον.**

### **Ἦχος β΄.**

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγάζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβειάν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

## **Resurrectioal Apolytikion.**

### **Mode 1. Automelon.**

The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, \* and Your all-immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, \* You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. \* Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, \* “Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! \* Glory to Your eternal rule! \* Glory to Your plan for saving us, only benevolent God!”

## **For the Devout Woman.**

### **Mode pl. 4.**

In you, O Mother, is preserved undistorted what was made in the image of God; for taking up the cross, you followed Christ and by example taught, that we should overlook the flesh, since it passes away, and instead look after the soul, since it is immortal. And therefore, O devout Mary, your spirit rejoices with the angels.

## **Kontakion.**

### **Mode 2.**

O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.

## SACRAMENTS AND 40 DAY CHILD BLESSINGS

### No Sacraments

## SAVE THE DATE AND EVENTS

**MARRIAGE SEMINAR:** *May 9th, June 13th, Aug 8th, Oct 10th*

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

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

**APR 3, 4 5** *Philoptochos Easter Bake Sale*

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

**APR 4th** *Saturday of Lazarus; Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am*

**APR 5th** *Palm Sunday; Palm Sunday Luncheon to follow Divine Liturgy*

**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; Vespers 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** *Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil; 8:30am*

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

**APR 12th** *Pascha*

**APR 17th** *Bright Friday BBQ; 6:30pm*

## 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 journey through the sacred season of Great Lent and Pascha, we are reminded the true stewardship flows from the empty tomb where Christ's Resurrection reveals the fullness of life, love, and sacrifice. To be a good Greek Orthodox steward is to offer back to God are time, talents, and treasures with gratitude reflecting the light of the Risen Lord in all we do. Just as Christ gave Himself freely for our salvation, so too are we called to give generously, live faithfully, and serve joyfully, proclaiming with our lives that Christ is Risen.*

*God loves the cheerful giver.*

## MEMORIALS

Rebecca Mallios, *40 Days*, Right Pews 1-4

Chris Mallios, *2 Years*, Right Pews 1-4

George Trihas, *6 Months*, Left Pew 1-2

Christos Sarolas, *1 Year*, Left Pew 3-4

Nicholas Kalomas, *23 Years*, Right Pew 5

Today's luncheon is hosted by the family of Chris & Rebecca Mallios in their memory and the family of Nicholas Kalomas in his memory.

Today's coffee hour is hosted by the family of Christos Sarolas in his memory.

Everyone is invited to our community hall to enjoy Fellowship.





**Original  
GREEK  
Version**

**New  
ENGLISH  
Translation**

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

**Holy Week Easter Service books are  
available for purchase.**

**Please see Fr. John to purchase one.**

**\$40 per book.**



## 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

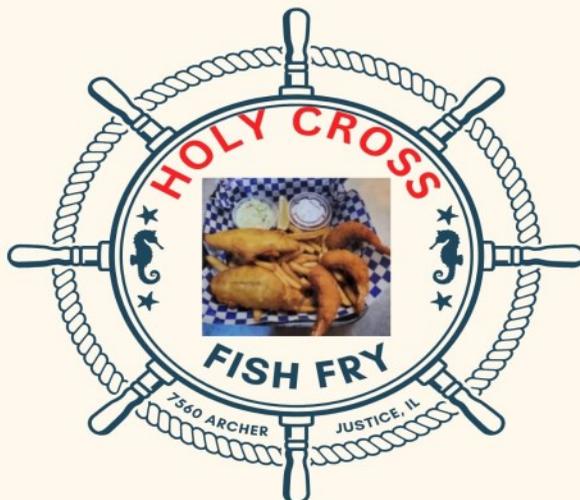
Red Dyed Eggs - \$12 a dozen - Limit 2

*Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church ~7560 S. Archer Rd. Justice, IL*

*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

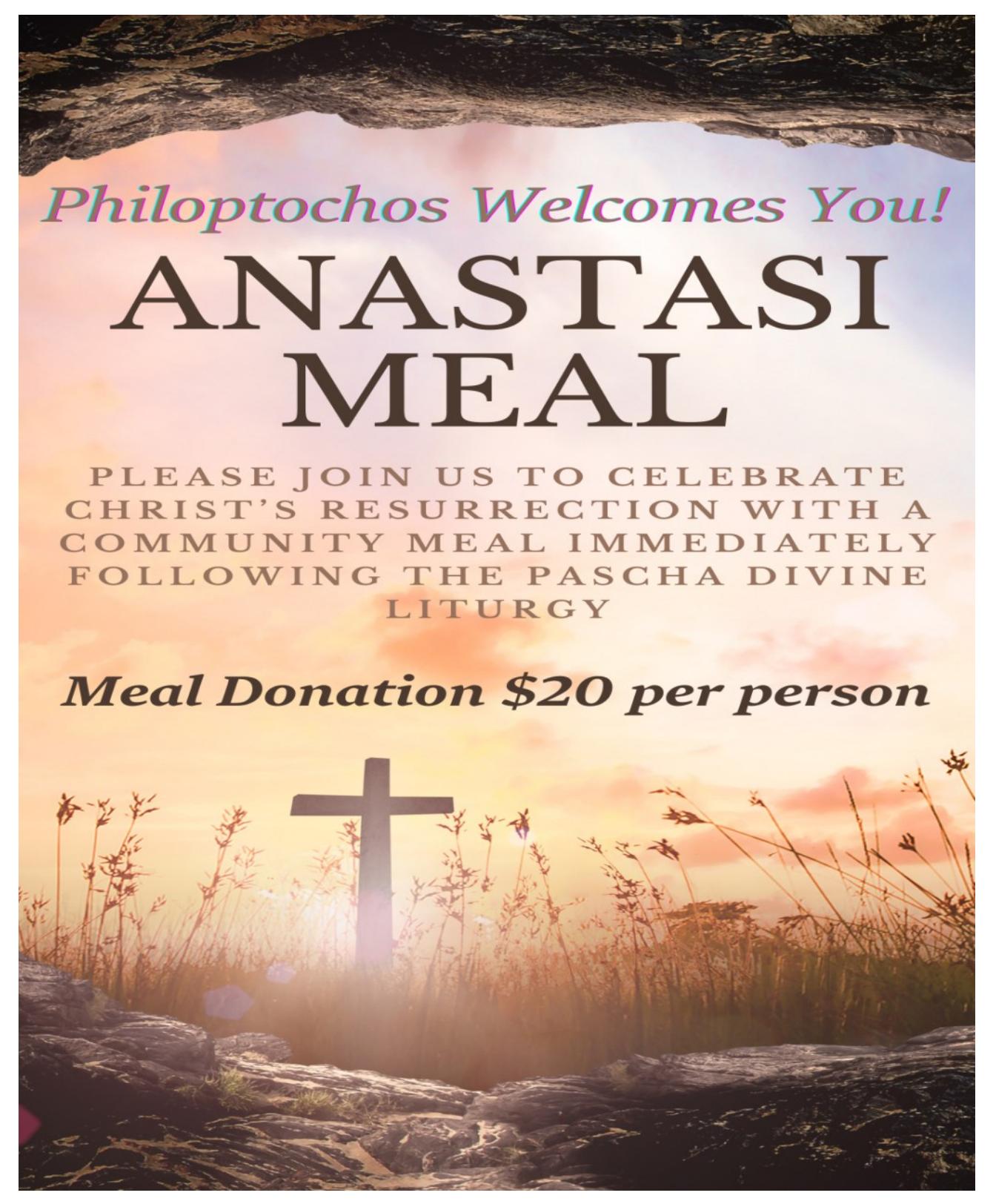
## **DRESS CODE**

*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**

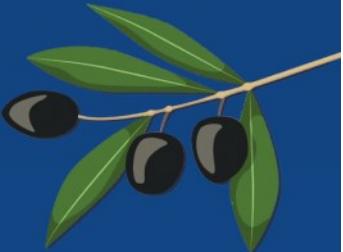
Kids  
**\$10**



**APRIL 17, 2026**

**6:30PM**

**COME HUNGRY!**



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# GREEK

FOOD & MUSIC

# FESTIVAL

AT HOLY CROSS CHURCH



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

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