

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday April 5th, 2026

Palm Sunday



HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2026

SATURDAY OF LAZARUS ~ SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

Orthros 9:00am / Divine Liturgy 10:00am

PALM SUNDAY ~ SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH

*Orthros 8:30am / Divine Liturgy 9:45am
Service of Bridegroom 7:00pm*

HOLY MONDAY ~ MONDAY, APRIL 6TH

Service of Bridegroom 7:00pm

HOLY TUESDAY ~ TUESDAY, APRIL 7TH

Service of Bridegroom 7:00pm

HOLY WEDNESDAY ~ WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8TH

*Sacrament of the Holy Oil 3:00pm
Service of the Mystical Supper & Holy Oil 6:45pm*

HOLY THURSDAY ~ THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH

*Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil 9:00am
Reading of the Twelve Gospels 6:30pm
Procession of the Crucified Christ after the 5th Gospel*

HOLY FRIDAY ~ FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH

*Service of the Great Hours 8:30am
Service of the Apokathelosis 3:00pm
Service of the Lamentations 7:00pm
Procession of the Epitaphio outside and around the Church*

HOLY SATURDAY ~ SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH

*Vesperal Liturgy 8:30am
Preparatory Service for Pascha 11:00pm*

SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION/ PASCHA ~ SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH

*Resurrection Service, Orthros, Divine Liturgy 12:00 Midnight
Great Vespers of AGAPE Service 11:30am*

BRIGHT FRIDAY LIFE GIVING FONT ~ FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH

*Orthros/ Divine Liturgy 9:00am
Bright Friday BBQ 6:30pm*



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Φιλ. 4:4 – 9

Ἀδελφοί, χαίρετε ἐν Κυρίῳ πάντοτε· πάλιν ἐρῶ, χαίρετε. τὸ ἐπιεικὲς ὑμῶν γνωσθήτω πᾶσιν ἀνθρώποις. ὁ Κύριος ἐγγύς. μηδὲν μεριμνᾶτε, ἀλλ' ἐν παντὶ τῇ προσευχῇ καὶ τῇ δεήσει μετὰ εὐχαριστίας τὰ αἰτήματα ὑμῶν γνωρίζεσθω πρὸς τὸν Θεόν. καὶ ἡ εἰρήνη τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡ ὑπερέχουσα πάντα νοῦν φρουρήσει τὰς καρδίας ὑμῶν καὶ τὰ νοήματα ὑμῶν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. Τὸ λοιπόν, ἀδελφοί, ὅσα ἐστὶν ἀληθῆ, ὅσα σεμνά, ὅσα δίκαια, ὅσα ἀγνά, ὅσα προσφιλῆ, ὅσα εὐφημα, εἴ τις ἀρετῆ καὶ εἴ τις ἔπαινος, ταῦτα λογίζεσθε· ἂ καὶ ἐμάθετε καὶ παρελάβετε καὶ ἠκούσατε καὶ εἶδετε ἐν ἐμοί, ταῦτα πράσσετε· καὶ ὁ Θεὸς τῆς εἰρήνης ἔσται μεθ' ὑμῶν.

Phil. 4:4 – 9

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Ἰωάν. 12:1 – 18

Πρὸ ἑξ ἡμερῶν τοῦ πάσχα ἦλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς Βηθανίαν, οἴπου ἦν Λάζαρος ὁ τεθνηκώς, ὃν ἤγειρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν. ἐποίησαν οὖν αὐτῷ δεῖπνον ἐκεῖ, καὶ ἡ Μάρθα διηκόνει· ὁ δὲ Λάζαρος εἰς ἦν τῶν ἀνακειμένων σὺν αὐτῷ. ἡ οὖν Μαρία, λαβοῦσα λίτραν μύρου νάρδου πιστικῆς πολυτίμου, ἤλειψε τοὺς πόδας τοῦ Ἰησοῦ καὶ ἔξεμαζε τὰς θριξίν αὐτῆς τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ· ἡ δὲ οἰκία ἐπληρώθη ἐκ τῆς ὀσμῆς τοῦ μύρου. λέγει οὖν εἰς ἐκ τῶν μαθητῶν αὐτοῦ, Ἰούδας Σιμωνος Ἰσκαριώτης, ὁ μέλλων αὐτὸν παραδιδόναι· διατὶ τοῦτο τὸ μύρον οὐκ ἐπράθη τριακοσίων δηνარიῶν καὶ ἐδόθη πτωχοῖς; εἶπε δὲ τοῦτο οὐχ ὅτι περὶ τῶν πτωχῶν ἔμελεν αὐτῷ, ἀλλ' ὅτι κλέπτῃς ἦν, καὶ τὸ γλωσσόκομον ἔχει καὶ τὰ βαλλόμενα ἐβάσταζεν. εἶπεν οὖν ὁ Ἰησοῦς· ἀφες αὐτήν, εἰς τὴν ἡμέραν τοῦ ἐνταφιασμοῦ μου τετήρηκεν αὐτό. τοὺς πτωχοὺς γὰρ πάντοτε ἔχετε μεθ' ἑαυτῶν, ἐμὲ δὲ οὐ πάντοτε ἔχετε. Ἔγνων οὖν ὄχλος πολλὸς ἐκ τῶν Ἰουδαίων ὅτι ἐκεῖ ἐστὶ, καὶ ἦλθον οὐ διὰ τὸν Ἰησοῦν μόνον, ἀλλ' ἵνα καὶ τὸν Λάζαρον ἴδωσιν ὃν ἤγειρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν. ἐβουλεύσαντο δὲ οἱ ἀρχιερεῖς ἵνα καὶ τὸν Λάζαρον ἀποκτείνωσιν, ὅτι πολλοὶ δι' αὐτὸν ὑπήγον τῶν Ἰουδαίων καὶ ἐπίστευον εἰς τὸν Ἰησοῦν. Τῇ ἐπαύριον ὄχλος πολλὸς ὁ ἐλθὼν εἰς τὴν ἑορτήν, ἀκούσαντες ὅτι ἔρχεται Ἰησοῦς εἰς Ἱερουσόλυμα, ἔλαβον τὰ βῆαια τῶν φοινίκων καὶ ἔξῃλθον εἰς ὑπάντησιν αὐτῷ, καὶ ἔκραζον· ὡσαννὰ, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου, ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ. εὐρῶν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὠνόμαζεν ἐκάθισεν ἐπ' αὐτό, καθὼς ἐστὶ γεγραμμένον· μη φοβοῦ, θυγάτηρ Σιών· ἰδοὺ ὁ βασιλεὺς σου ἔρχεται καθήμενος ἐπὶ πῶλον ὄνου. Ταῦτα δὲ οὐκ ἔγνωσαν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ τὸ πρῶτον, ἀλλ' ὅτε ἐδοξάσθη ὁ Ἰησοῦς, τότε ἐμνήσθησαν ὅτι ταῦτα ἦν ἐπ' αὐτῷ γεγραμμένα, καὶ ταῦτα ἐποίησαν αὐτῷ. Ἐμαρτύρει οὖν ὁ ὄχλος ὁ ὢν μετ' αὐτοῦ ὅτε τὸν Λάζαρον ἐφώνησεν ἐκ τοῦ μνημείου καὶ ἤγειρεν αὐτὸν ἐκ νεκρῶν. διὰ τοῦτο καὶ ὑπήνησεν αὐτῷ ὁ ὄχλος, ὅτι ἠκούσαν τοῦτο αὐτὸν πεποιθέναι τὸ σημεῖον.

Jn. 12:1 – 18

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

Ἀπολυτίκιον.

Ἦχος α΄.

Τὴν κοινὴν Ἀνάστασιν πρὸ τοῦ σοῦ Πάθους πιστούμενος, ἐκ νεκρῶν ἤγειρας τὸν Λάζαρον, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός· ὅθεν καὶ ἡμεῖς ὡς οἱ Παῖδες, τὰ τῆς νίκης σύμβολα φέροντες, σοὶ τῷ Νικητῇ τοῦ θανάτου βοῶμεν· Ὡσαννὰ ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

Ἔτερον.

Ἦχος δ΄.

Συνταφέντες σοι διὰ τοῦ Βαπτίσματος, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, τῆς ἀθανάτου ζωῆς ἠξιώθημεν τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου, καὶ ἀνυμνοῦντες κράζομεν· Ὡσαννὰ ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

Κοντάκιον.

Ἦχος πλ. β΄. Αὐτόμελον.

Τῷ θρόνῳ ἐν οὐρανῷ, τῷ πάλῳ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ἐποχοῦμενος Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, τῶν Ἀγγέλων τὴν αἴνεσιν, καὶ τῶν Παίδων ἀνύμνησιν προσεδέξω βοῶντων σοι· Εὐλογημένος εἶ ὁ ἐρχόμενος, τὸν Ἄδὰμ ἀνακαλέσασθαι.

Apolytikion.

Mode 1.

To confirm the general resurrection before Your Passion, You resurrected Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore imitating the children, carrying the symbols of victory, we cry out to You the Victor over death: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the One, who comes in the name of the Lord."

Another.

Mode 4.

We were buried with You through Baptism, O Christ our God, and thus by Your Resurrection we have been granted immortal life, and extolling You we cry aloud, "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the One who comes in the name of the Lord."

Kontakion.

Mode pl. 2. Automelon.

In heaven upon the throne, on earth upon the colt, * You were carried, O Christ our God; * and the praise of the Angels, and the hymns of the children, You received as they cried to You, * "Blessed are You, the One, who is coming to call Adam back again."

SACRAMENTS AND 40 DAY CHILD BLESSINGS

Congratulations to Christopher & Arielle Stamas on the 40 day Blessings of their child Juliana today.

Να σας ζήσει!

SAVE THE DATE AND EVENTS

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

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

APR 5th *Service of the Bridegroom; 7pm*

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*

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

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

APR 11th *Preparatory Service for Pascha 11pm*

APR 12th *Pascha*

APR 17th *Feast of the Life Giving Font; Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am*

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

APR 23rd *Feast Day of St. George; Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am*

MAY 3rd *Philoptochos Meeting*

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 προσφέρτε 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 Myrophores:	\$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

No Memorials

Everyone is invited to our community hall to enjoy Fellowship.





ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ ΕΣΠΕΡΑΣ

**Original
GREEK
Version**

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

GREAT FRIDAY EVENING
The Station of Holy Saturday, sung in anticipation.
The LAMENTATIONS

**New
ENGLISH
Translation**

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

Please see Fr. John to purchase one.

\$40 per book.

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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