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**St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church**  
**April 9, 2023**  
**Fr. Stavros Akrotirianakis (Proistamenos)**  
**Fr. Stratton Dorozenski (Retired Priest In Residence)**  
**Fr. John Stefero (Retired Priest In Residence)**  
**Palm Sunday**



**VISION:**  
Love God, Love your neighbor and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as an Orthodox Christian community.

**MISSION:**  
The mission of St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church is to welcome and serve people with love, truth, joy and peace, and to create an environment that encourages all to seek salvation through Orthodox Christianity.

**CORE VALUES:**  
Love, Worship, Community, Learning, Service

**SYNAXARION:**  
Palm Sunday; The Holy Martyr Euphrosyne of Caesarea; Raphael, Nicholas, Irene, & Olympias of Mytilene

**Second Antiphon:**  
Save us o Son of God, who sat upon the colt of a donkey, to Thee we sing: Alleluia.

**Entrance Hymn:**  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. Save us o Son of God, who sat upon the colt of a donkey, to Thee we sing: Alleluia.

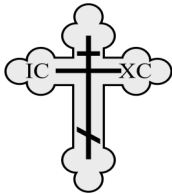
**Apolytikion for Palm Sunday**  
Of the common Resurrection, before Your passion assuring us, from the dead, You raised Lazarus O Christ our God. Wherefore, like the children, we also carry the symbols of victory. To You, the Victor over death, we cry: Hosanna in the Highest, Blessed is He who cometh in the name of the Lord.

**Apolytikion:**  
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:**  
In heaven upon a throne, on earth upon a colt, being carried O Christ our God, You accepted the angels’ praise and the children’s extolling hymns, as they cried out to You: Blessed is He that comes, fallen Adam to recall again.

**Megalinarion:**  
God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. Prepare the feast and come with rejoicing. Let us magnify Christ; bearing palms and branches, let us sing praise to Him: Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord, our Savior, our Savior.

**Communion Hymn: (Psalm 118:26)**  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Alleluia.



**Welcome to all of our Visitors** “Welcome one another just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” Romans 15:7 We pray that your worship experience with us today will be inspirational and uplifting. Please introduce yourself to an usher or a member of the Welcoming Ministry and pick-up a “welcome packet” as you exit the church. We are happy that you are with us today!

**Holy Communion** is offered only to Orthodox Christians who are in good canonical standing with the church and who have prepared through prayer and fasting. Everyone is invited to receive the Antidoron (Blessed Bread) at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

**Order for Holy Communion**—With Sunday School back in session the order for Holy Communion will be as follows:

1. Choir
2. Altar boys
3. Sunday school teachers (who will line up in middle aisle before Communion)
4. Sunday school students (who will line up in the middle aisle before Communion behind the teachers)
5. Then the rest of the congregation

# Upcoming Services & Events

Sunday April 9	Palm Sunday-The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem Orthros 8:30 a.m.      Liturgy 9:45 a.m. Vespers 5:00 p.m.      Bridgroom 6:30 p.m
Monday April 10	Holy Monday 9th Hour 9:00 a.m.      Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Service of the Bridgroom 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday April 11	Holy Tuesday 9th Hour 9:00 a.m.      Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Service of the Bridgroom 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday April 12	Holy Wednesday 9th Hour 9:00 a.m.      Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Unction for Children 3:00-4:00 p.m. Matins of Holy Thursday-5:15-7:00 p.m. Sacrament of Holy Unction for Adults 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Thursday April 13	Holy Thursday Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 9:15 a.m. Service of the Holy Passion 6:30 p.m.
Friday April 14	Good Friday Reading of the Royal Hours 9:00 a.m. Standing vigil at the Cross of Christ Decorating the Epitaphios 11:00 a.m. (all are invited to help) Apokathelosis 3:00 p.m. The Unnailing/Burial of Christ Lamentations 7:00 p.m
Saturday April 15	Holy Saturday Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 8:30 a.m. Reading of Prophecies foretelling the Resurrection of Christ Great Canon 11:00 p.m
Sunday April 16	PASCHA The Service of the Resurrection of Christ-Midnight Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom 12:30 a.m. Following Liturgy, all are invited to a reception in the Kourmolis Center AGAPE Vespers 11:00 a.m.-noon Easter Egg Hunt for Children NOON

## Religious Education at St. John

<b>Monday Night Bible Study</b>	<b>Women’s Bible Study</b>
Leader: Fr. John	Leader: Fr. Stavros
Resumes April 17: <b>Monday</b> at 6:30 p.m.	Resumes April 18 : <b>Tuesday</b> at 10:00 a.m.

## MINISTRY NEWS & UPDATES

**St. John's Bookstore** - RED EGG DYE imported

from Greece is available in our bookstore today. Don't understand the significance of the red egg? See 2 books that teach the meaning behind dyeing eggs red for Pascha.

### Community Outreach

With Greek Easter falling on the third weekend of April this year, our Outreach will not serve on April 15, allowing our volunteers to worship and enjoy Easter services. We will instead serve on the fifth Saturday of April: April 29, 2023 from 8:00AM - 10:00AM @ Tampa Hope. Located at 3704 E. 3rd Avenue Tampa 33605

Please sign up via the Sign Up Genius barcode!

**St John is responsible for 6 volunteers to serve every third Saturday of every month.**



### Parishioners!

For the last 10 years it has been the tradition to have a vigil at the Cross of Christ starting at 10:00 p.m. Holy Thursday night, until 7:00 p.m. Good Friday evening. By God's grace, we will be continuing this blessed tradition this year. As it has been in years past, there is a sign up process for the vigil.



(scan this barcode to bring you to the sign up).

Each time slot is 15-minutes long, and you may sign up for as many time slots as you would like.

I have been blessed and privileged with the opportunity to put together this year's vigil, so should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

With love in Christ, Vasili

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### GIFT CARD DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY

GIFT CARDS IN ANY AMOUNT FOR  
PUBLIX, WALMART OR SAVE-A-LOT ARE  
GREATLY APPRECIATED!  
FEEL FREE TO DROP THEM OFF TO OUR  
OFFICE ADMIN. ASSISTANT  
MONDAY - FRIDAY 8AM- 5PM OR  
MAIL THEM IN. THANK YOU!

### WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

If you are new to the Tampa Bay area or just  
visiting, we would love to get to know you better.

PLEASE TEXT THE WORD

"WELCOME" TO 813-790-5950

FOLLOW THE PROMPTS TO GIVE US  
YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION AND FROM THERE  
YOU WILL BE DIRECTED TO OUR ONLINE CONNECTION CARD

DO NOT NEGLECT TO SHOW *hospitality* TO STRANGERS.  
FOR THEREBY SOME HAVE ENTERTAINED *angels* UNWARE.  
HEBREWS 13:2

## Readings for Sunday, April 9

**Prokeimenon: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His mercy endures forever.**

**The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians (Chapter 4:4-13)**

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

5 Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. 9 The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

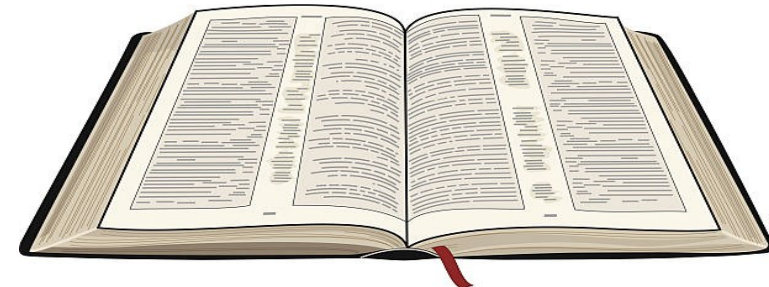
10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. 11 Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: 12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. 13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

**The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to John 12:1-18**

Six days before 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, 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.



Liturgical Notes

Palm Sunday afternoon—The Vespers of Holy Monday

There is a short vespers service of Holy Monday that is generally suppressed in parish usage. We have done this the past three years and will continue this year as well. The Bridegroom Service is done Palm Sunday night. The Vespers of Holy Monday is the transition from the joy of Palm Sunday to the sorrow of Holy Week. The service begins with bright colors, green for Palm Sunday, and in the middle of the service, the colors change to the dark purple of Holy Week. The service will be from 5:00-5:45 p.m., with the Bridegroom Service beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy on Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, and Holy Wednesday mornings.

These three Pre-Sanctified Liturgies include important Scripture readings—from Exodus, from Job and from the Gospels. The Gospel readings are the last teachings of Jesus to His disciples on Holy Monday and Holy Tuesday. The Gospel of Holy Wednesday morning is the first act of the Passion, the betrayal by Judas. The Scripture readings of these services are an important part of the Holy Week narrative.

Holy Unction

The Mystery of Holy Unction is established upon the words and actions of our Lord Jesus Christ and is a sacrament of the church. This is a sacrament of healing and transformation from a bruised and hurt world to the deliverance from sin and corruption

Bridegroom Service for the Last Supper

There is actually a Bridegroom Service which is traditionally celebrated on Holy Wednesday evening. However, this service has been suppressed in most parishes because of the Sacrament of Holy Unction. This service is important because it contains the Gospel lesson of the Last Supper. We will celebrate this service, beginning at 5:15 p.m. The evening Holy Unction service will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday Evening - The Service of the Passion

The service of the 12 Gospels and procession of the crucified Lord is the longest service of the Church year. On Holy Thursday, light and darkness, joy and sorrow are mixed.

An All-Night/All Day Vigil at the Cross of Christ

For the past ten years, we have done an All-Night Vigil at the Cross of Christ. Those who participated found it VERY inspiring. The vigil will begin following the service of the 12 Gospels and will continue until the service of the Lamentations on Good Friday Evening. Thus, beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Holy Thursday, there will be 28 continuous hours of prayer in our church. This way, even those who can’t come out in the middle of the night can participate by taking a shift during the day The schedule will be as follows:

Holy Thursday Evening

6:30-10:00 p.m. Service of the 12 Gospels 10:00 p.m. - 9:00 a.m. (Fri.) Vigil of Psalm Reading at the Cross

Good Friday

9:00-11:00 a.m. Service of the Royal Hours

11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Vigil of Psalm Reading at the Cross

3:00-4:30 p.m. The Service of the Un-nailing

4:30-7:00 p.m. Vigil of Psalm Reading at the foot of the Cross

7:00-10:30 p.m. Service of the Lamentations

Good Friday- Decoration of the Kouvouklion will be done following the Royal Hours on Good Friday. All are invited to come and help decorate the tomb of Christ. Please, however, work quietly—this job is meant to be solemn not social.

Anastasis Service

The service of the Anastasis will begin at 11:00 p.m. on Holy Saturday evening, with the chanting of the Canon. Shortly before midnight, the light of the Resurrected Christ will be given to all the faithful. We will then go outside, weather permitting, to read the Resurrection Gospel and sing the Christos Anesti for the first time.

Blessing of Baskets of Food

It is the Orthodox Tradition on Pascha that we not only bless eggs but other types of food that will go on the table for the Paschal Banquet. Therefore, if anyone wishes to bring a basket of food to be blessed on Pascha night, they may come and place it beneath or around the table on the Solea where the basket of Easter eggs will be.

Reading of the Resurrection Gospel at the Agape Vespers

Those interested in participating in the beautiful Vespers of Agape on Pascha on Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. by reading the Gospel of the Resurrection in a foreign language are encouraged to see Fr. Stavros or call the church office, prior to Holy Week. DON’T JUST SHOW UP EXPECTING TO READ. WE NEED TO CAREFULLY PLAN THE SERVICES SO THEY ARE DONE PROPERLY. Please come to the Agape service by 10:45 a.m. to find out where you will stand for the reading of the Gospel. The reading is from the Gospel of John 20:19- 25. You may read it in any language you wish, the more the better.

Prayer List: Lord Jesus Christ, Physician of our Souls and Bodies, visit and heal your servants: Calliope Herman; Delaney & Alexis Johnson; Ron & Linda Ledet; Helen & Mike Mitchell; Marcelle T., Joanna R., Carlos R., Elena, Ricky& Michael Gordenina, Tina Chakonas, Felix R., Ivco; ; George Joseph; Anna, Stavroula, George, Pam, and Liz; Christopher Labatos; Sylvia Michos; Eva Coppalla; Christopher; Christopher; Peter Nenos; Tony Ekonomou; Patrick Carroll; Ourania Tziotis, Irina, Marina, Yuri, and Christophoros; Ashley Snyder; Evangelos & Caroline Critkas; Christine Alex, June, Lillian Thomas; Scotty; Desi Serriera; Ashley Kladakis; Dora Kallas, Kathy & Andrew Bouzinekis; Anastasia; Virginia Georgiou, Toulas Tsaros, Nellie Pringle, Yolanda Webb, Angela Bougas, Ron, Jason Vickers, Rex Garrison, Ann Demas, Christina Noel Kouzes Houck, Evangeline Xeroteris, Ashley Henderson, Natalie Henderson, Chris, Debbie, James, Avery, Lily, Jacob, Jesse, Ann, Rosario, Alissa, John, Angela, Joey, Christine Scourtes, Steven, Phyllis, John Zelatis, Reagan, Peter Zaharis, Alexandra Ferrarolis, Leon & Despina Botham, Cindy Xenick, Mary Ellen Evdemon, Marie Sofia Panagopoulos, Maria Hursey, Chris Vamvakias, John Myer, Mike Trimis, Alice Stoccardo, Michael Romero, George Hambos, Dean Kondilis and Family, Bill and Nancy Manikas, Patricia Costello, Ekaterina & Anna S. Dora K., Debbie P., Mary V., David V., Don Payne, Vasili, Moriah, Andoni, and all victims of war, terrorism, crime, natural disaster, and all of whom we are unaware.

Altar Boy Schedule

April 9	Captains	April 16
John Palios, Nichlas Akrotirianakis, James Magos, Demetri Passalaris, George Xenick, Nicholas Magos, Nicholas Carter, PJ Zelatis, Andrew Thatcher, Alex Findlay, Leo Lenardos, Zachary Carter	John Palios Genaro Scarfogliero Nicholas Akrotirianakis Nicholas Carter James Magos Demetri Passalaris George Xenick Nicholas Magos PJ Zelatis	Anyone attending may serve

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATE

April 9	April 16
TOPIC: Holy Week – Palm Sunday ALL STUDENTS will participate in the Palm Sunday Procession.	PASCHA – No Sunday School

If you do not receive our weekly Sunday School Constant Contact every Friday afternoon, please e-mail Vickie Peckham to let her know. Her e-mail address is [vickiepeckham@gmail.com](mailto:vickiepeckham@gmail.com)

We invite your Pre-K - 6th graders to our Great and Holy Friday Youth Retreat Friday, April 14, 2023 10:15a.m. - 4p.m.

The retreat will begin with prayer at the Foot of the Cross during the Service of Royal Hours. \*Please arrive to church by 10:15a.m.\*

Join your Sunday School friends to journey through Holy Week and prepare for the Triumphant Resurrection with faith building mini lessons and special Resurrection Garden craft..

Lunch and Snacks will be served.

The retreat will end with participation in the Apokathelosis Service - The Unnailing of Christ at 3:00p.m. All parents are encouraged to attend!

Kindly RSVP here by April 10th

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040B45AAA82BA57-holy>

Excused absence forms are available. For questions please contact: Zackie Ameres at 813.245.3813 or [zackiec@yahoo.com](mailto:zackiec@yahoo.com)



Join us for the

# PHILOPTOCHOS



## EASTER BAKE SALE

SATURDAY APRIL 8TH & 9TH, 2023

FOLLOWING LITURGY

Spanakopita 2lb tray \$20

Spanakopita or Tyropita 48 piece tray \$30

Koulourakia \$7

Tsoureki \$10

South Tampa Sugar Mama- Easter Sugar Cookie  
\$4.50

Paximathia \$6

*All proceeds go to Philoptochos Philanthropic Charities  
Sugar cookies, graciously donated by South Tampa Sugar Mama*

# Philoptochos Palm Sunday Luncheon



**TODAY**  
after Church services

## LUNCH MENU

**Fish**

**Rice**

**Green Beans**

**Beets**

**Skordalia**

**Desserts**

**Macaroni and cheese (children)**

**Adults- \$15**  
**Children 12 & under- \$5**



HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA EASTER SCHEDULE FOR 2023

**April 8 Saturday of Lazarus**-Commemoration of the raising of Lazarus from the dead  
Orthros 8:30 a.m. Proskomide 9:30a.m.  
Divine Liturgy 10:00-11:15 a.m.  
\*Fr. Stavros will celebrate the service of the Proskomide, the Preparation of the Holy Communion on the solea at 9:30 a.m.  
GOYA and Sunday School students are requested to attend to help in preparing the crosses for Palm Sunday, after Liturgy.

**April 9 Palm Sunday-The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem**  
Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:45 a.m.-noon  
Vespers 5:00-6:00 p.m.  
Service of the Bridegroom 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Procession of the Icon of the Nymphios  
Theme: Christ as the Bridegroom of the Church; watchfulness

**April 10 Holy Monday**  
9th Hour 9:00 a.m. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 9:30-11:00 a.m.  
Service of the Bridegroom 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Theme: The Parable of the Talents

**April 11 Holy Tuesday**  
9th Hour 9:00 a.m. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 9:30-11:00 a.m.  
Service of the Bridegroom 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
The Choir will sing the Hymn of Kassiane  
Theme: Repentance of the harlot vs. the Betrayal by Judas

**April 12 Holy Wednesday**  
9th Hour 9:00 a.m. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 9:30-11:00 a.m.  
Sacrament of Holy Unction for Children 3:00-4:00 p.m.  
Matins of Holy Thursday-5:15-7:00 p.m.  
Sacrament of Holy Unction for Adults 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Theme: washing away of sin; healing of soul and body

**April 13 Holy Thursday**  
Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 9:15-11:00 a.m.  
Service of the Holy Passion 6:30-10:00 p.m.  
Reading of the 12 Gospels, Procession of the Crucified Christ  
Themes: The Betrayal, Trial and Death of Christ, the Passion  
All-Night Vigil will follow the service

**April 14 Good Friday**  
Reading of the Royal Hours 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Standing vigil at the Cross of Christ  
Decorating the Epitaphios 11:00 a.m. (all are invited to help)  
Apokathelosis 3:00-4:15 p.m. The Unnailing/Burial of Christ  
Lamentations 7:00-10:30 p.m. Singing of the Funeral Lamentations and Procession with the Epitaphios

**April 15 Holy Saturday**  
Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 8:30-11:00 a.m.  
Reading of Prophecies foretelling the Resurrection of Christ  
Great Canon 11:00 p.m.

**April 16 PASCHA**  
The Service of the Resurrection of Christ-Midnight  
Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom 12:30-2:00 a.m.  
Following Liturgy, all are invited to a reception in the Kourmolis Center

AGAPE Vespers 11:00 a.m.-noon  
Easter Vespers of Love-The Gospel is read in numerous languages to indicate the universal character of the Christian message  
**Easter Egg Hunt for Children NOON**

ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΩΝ ΤΗΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΗΣ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΟΣ–2023

Σαββατο, 8 Απριλιου Σαββατο του Λαζαρου  
Ορθρος 8:30–9:30 π.μ.  
Ακολουθια τη Θεια Προσκομιδη 9:30–10:00 π.μ.  
Θεια Λειτουργια 10:00–11:15 π.μ.  
Κυριακη, 9 Απριλιου Κυριακη των Βαιων  
Ορθρος 8:30 π.μ. Θεια Λειτουργια 9:45 π.μ.  
Κατανυκτικο Εσπερινο 5:00–6:00 μ.μ.  
Ακολουθια Νυμφιου 6:30–8:00 μ.μ.

Δευτερα, 10 Απριλιου Μεγαλη Δευτερα  
Ενατη Ωρα 9:00–9:30 π.μ.  
Θεια Λειτουργια των Προηγιασμενων Δωρων 9:30–11:00 π.μ.  
Ακολουθια Νυμφιου 6:30–8:00 μ.μ.

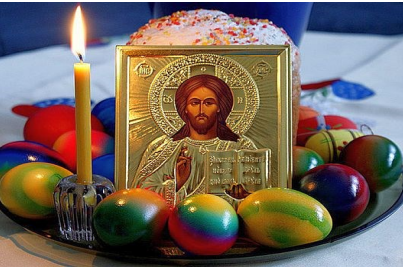
Τριτη, 11 Απριλιου Μεγαλη Τριτη  
Ενατη Ωρα 9:00–9:30 π.μ.  
Θεια Λειτουργια των Προηγιασμενων Δωρων 9:30–11:00 π.μ.  
Ακολουθια Νυμφιου 6:30–8:30 μ.μ.

Τεταρτη, 12 Απριλιου Μεγαλη Τεταρτη  
Ενατη Ωρα 9:00–9:30 π.μ.  
Θεια Λειτουργια των Προηγιασμενων Δωρων 9:30–11:00 π.μ.  
Ακολουθια Ευχελαιονγια τα παιδια 3:00–4:00 μ.μ  
Ακολουθια Νυμφιου 5:15–7:00 μ.μ.  
Ακολουθια Ευχελαιον 7:00–8:30 μ.μ.

Πεμπτη, 13 Απριλιου Μεγαλη Πεμπτη  
Θεια Λειτουργια του Αγιου Βασίλειου 9:15–11:00 π.μ.  
Ακολουθια Σταυρωσεως 6:30–10:00 μ.μ.  
Παρασκευη, 14 Απριλιου Μεγαλη Παρασκευη  
Οι Βασιλικες Ωρες 9:00–11:00 π.μ.  
Αποκαθηλωσις 3:00–4:15 μ.μ.  
Επιταφιος Θρηνος 7:00–10:30 μ.μ.

Σαββατο, 15 Απριλιου Μεγαλο Σαββατο  
Θεια Λειτουργια του Αγιου Βασίλειου 8:30–11:00 π.μ.  
Ο Κανων 11:00 μ.μ.  
Ακολουθια της Αναστασεως Μεσανυχτα  
Θεια Λειτουργια της Αναστασεως 12:30–2:15 π.μ.

Κυριακη, 16 Απριλιου Αγιον Πασχα  
Μεγας Εσπερινος της Αγαπης 11:00 π.μ.



Family Calendar for Great Lent 2023						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
February 26 Matthew 6:21 Sunday of Forgiveness Divine Liturgy Forgiveness Vespers Ask forgiveness of your family members	Psaln 95:6 Clean Monday Great Lent begins Canon of St. Andrew Holy Unction Service No screens today WORSHIP	1 Chronicles 16:29 7 Call your Godparents to wish them a Blessed Lent	March 1 Romans 12:1 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Pray for your priest	Hebrews 12:28 2 Silently pray about how much God loves you	Psaln 63:3-4 3 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Salutations to the Virgin Mary Make a proskomo bread to offer at church	Psaln 150:6 4 Saturday of the Souls St. Theodore Divine Liturgy Pray for a loved one who has passed away
5 John 1:44-45 Sunday of Orthodoxy Divine Liturgy Bring an icon from home to have it blessed	Psaln 133:1 6 Great Compline	Romans 12:4-5 7 Donate clothing to a charity COMMUNITY	Proverbs 27:17 8 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Pray for sick children	Galatians 6:2 9 Send a card to a friend who lives in another state	Matthew 18:20 10 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Salutations to the Virgin Mary Make a list of five things you are thankful for	Hebrews 10:24-25 11 Forgive someone who hurt you
12 Mark 2:3-5 St. Gregory Palamas Divine Liturgy Give your Sunday School teacher a handmade card	John 13:34 13 Great Compline Make mid send a get-well card to someone who is sick	John 3:16 14 Draw a picture of the Cross with the word "love" on it	Luke 10:27 15 Paraklesis Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Pray for world leaders	1 Peter 4:8 16 Do an intentional act of kindness for someone at school	1 John 4:18-19 17 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Salutations to the Virgin Mary Smile at everyone you walk by today	1 Corinthians 13:4-7 18 Make a donation to a charity you love
19 Mark 8:34 Veneration of Holy Cross Divine Liturgy Bring a flower home from the cross	Philippians 4:9 20 Great Compline Learn the words to a new prayer LEARNING	Isaiah 1:17 21 Read about the life of your patron saint	Psaln 119:73 22 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Pray your teachers	Titus 3:14 23 Choose a Bible verse and put it on your refrigerator	2 Peter 3:18 24 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Salutations to the Virgin Mary Read a favorite Bible story with your family	Luke 1:35 25 Annunciation to the Virgin Mary Divine Liturgy Thank God for something in nature He created
26 Mark 9:23-24 St. John of the Ladder Divine Liturgy Draw a ladder and put a Lenten goal on each step	Ephesians 2:10 27 Great Compline Clean your room without being asked SERVICE	2 Corinthians 9:11-12 28 Do a chore in your yard	3 John 1:16 29 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Pray for first responders Proverbs 3:5-6 5 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Pray for people who feel alone	Matthew 5:16 30 Find a charity where your family can volunteer	Psaln 100:2 31 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Akathist Hymn Visit someone who lives alone	1 Peter 4:10 Make and serve someone a Lenten meal today
2 Mark 10:45 St. Mary of Egypt Divine Liturgy Sing "Agios o Theos" in Church today	Matthew 6:33 4 Great Compline Make a plan for the Holy Week services you will attend PRIORITY	Colossians 3:17 4 Write the names of your family members to give the priest to pray over during Holy Week	Proverbs 3:5-6 5 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Pray for people who feel alone	Philippians 2:4 6 Memorize a short bible verse	Proverbs 3:9-10 7 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Tell your family members what you love about them	John 11:27 8 Saturday of Lazarus Service of Proskomide Divine Liturgy Watch a faith based movie or show with your family
9 John 12:15 Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy Vespers Service of the Bridegroom Replace your old palm cross	Matthew 25:14-15 10 Holy Monday Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Service of the Bridegroom Read the story about Joseph from the Old Testament	Luke 17:3-4 11 Holy Tuesday Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Service of the Bridegroom Read the story of Kassiane the hymnographer	Psaln 147:3-4 12 Holy Wednesday Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Holy Unction Service of the Bridegroom Holy Unction Receive Holy Unction	John 15:12-13 13 Holy Thursday Liturgy of St. Basil 12 Gospels service Color eggs red for Pascha	Joshua 24:15 14 Holy Friday Royal Hours Unnailing from the Cross Lamentations Pray about Jesus on the cross	Acts 2:22-24 15 Holy Saturday Liturgy of St. Basil Resurrection Service Come see the leaves scattered at the morning liturgy
16 Psaln 51:10 PASCHA Agape Vespers Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!	2 Corinthians 4:16 18 Crack your red eggs while saying "Christ is risen! Truly He is risen!"	Ephesians 4:23 19 Joyfully sing Christ is risen!	Isaiah 41:1 20 Find a picture with the verse John 3:16 and print it out	Romans 12:2 21 Play with someone who feels left out	Colossians 3:10 22 Life-Giving Fountain Divine Liturgy Say a prayer for the gift of clean water	Isaiah 40:31 Make resurrection rolls