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ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, April 1, 2018

Palm Sunday

Holy Bread

Enosis Toulaiatos

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Greeters

Epistle Reader

Patricia Grantham

Coffee Fellowship

Palm Sunday Lunch-
eon hosted by Elpis

Welcome to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. We are blessed that you have come to our worship service, and hope that you will be both enlightened and inspired. Every Sunday we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ. The Christian Orthodox Church is the Church of the Resurrection and we rejoice in the Lord's triumph over death.

If you are attending an Orthodox Church for the first time, our service may be foreign and perplexing to you. We assure you that everything we do is firmly rooted in the Scriptures. Please feel free to participate to the level that you feel comfortable.

The Orthodox Church understands the Eucharist – the Lord's Supper – to be, among other things, the paramount expression of Christian unity. The unfortunate reality of our day is that the various segments of Christendom are not unified with the historic Orthodox Faith. We fervently pray for this unity as noted in every service of the Orthodox Church. *Since participation in the Eucharist expresses a unity with all the dogma and practices of the Orthodox Church, non-Orthodox guests do not receive Holy Communion.* All guests are invited to receive the blessed bread at the end of the service.

First Antiphon

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us!

Verse 1. I love the Lord because He has heard my voice and my supplication. Psalm 114:1

Verse 2. The pangs of death encompassed me, the perils of Hades have found me. Psalm 114:3

Verse 3. I suggested distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the Lord. Psalm 114:4

Verse 4. I will live to please the Lord in the land of the living. Psalm 114:9

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God, Who sat upon the colt of a donkey. We sing to You: Alleluia.

Verse 1. I believed, therefore I spoke; but I was greatly afflicted. Psalm 115:1

Verse 2. What shall I render to the Lord for all that He has given me? Psalm 115:3

Verse 3. I will receive the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. Psalm 115:4

Verse 4. I will pay my vows to the Lord, in the presence of all His people. Psalm 115:9

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Third Antiphon

Giving us before Your passion an assurance of the general resurrection, O Christ Our God, You raised Lazarus from the dead, Therefore, like the children, we also carry symbols of victory, and cry to you, the Victor over death: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Verse 1. Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; for His mercy endures forever. Psalm 117:1

Verse 2. Let the house of Israel now say that He is good; for His mercy endures forever. Psalm 117:2

Verse 3. Let the house of Aaron now say that He is good; for His mercy endures forever. Psalm 117:3

Verse 4. Let all that fear the Lord now say that He is good; for His mercy endures forever. Psalm 117:4

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen

Apolytikion for Palm Sunday

Sung before and after the Small Entrance in the First Mode

In confirming the common Resurrection, O Christ God, You did raise up Lazarus from the dead before Your Passion. Wherefore, we also, like the children, bearing the symbols of victory, cry to You, the Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.

Apolytikion for Palm Sunday

Sung after the hymn above in the Fourth Mode

As by baptism we were buried with You, O Christ our God, so by Your Resurrection we were deemed worthy of immortal life; and praising You, we cry: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.

Seasonal Kontakion

Sung after the hymn above in the Sixth Mode

In Heaven, He is seated upon a Throne and on earth He rides upon a foal. O Christ our God, accept the praise of the Angels and the hymn of the Children who cry out to You, "Blessed are You who comes to recall Adam."

Sunday, April 1, 2018
PALM SUNDAY

Monday, April 2, 2018
St. Titus the wonder-
worker
St. Theodora of Pales-
tine

Tuesday, April 3, 2018
St. Nikitas the Confes-
sor
St. Joseph the Hym-
nographer

**Wednesday, April 4,
2018**
St. George of Maleon
St. Plato the Studite

Thursday, April 5, 2018
Sts. Claudius, Diodor,
Victor, & Victorinus
St. Theodora of Thessa-
loniki

Friday, April 6, 2018
St. Eutychios, Patriarch
of Constantinople
St. Methodius, Enlight-
ener of Slavs

Saturday, April 7, 2018
Sts. Kalliopios & Akylina,
the Martyrs
St. Savvas the New in
Calymna

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9

Prokeimenon. Fourth Tone. Psalm 117.26,1.

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

**The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians
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.

Sunday, April 1, 2018
Fast Day (Fish Allowed)

| Fish Oil and wine are allowed. Refrain from meat, dairy, and eggs.

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Saturday, April 7, 2018

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Gospel: John 12: 1-18

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazaros was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazaros 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 Lazaros, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazaros 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 Lazaros 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.

Visitation Committee

April: Cary Chiungos & Mary Katherine Taras

May: Demie Bitinis, Tricia Grantham, Emily Capadalis Love, & Georgia Karris

June: Despina Karas & Angela Tobias

July: Maria Moore & Diane Kavelaras

August: NEED VOLUNTEERS

September: Susanna Peters & Cathe Skefos

October: Sophie Theodore & Kristine Wagner

November: Loretta Taras & Tasia Vergos

December: Anastasia Terranova & Athena Jamison

January: Nancy Tashie, Jan Futris & Tina Liollo

February: Vicki Hoover & Evangelina Panas

March: Linda Nichols, Anne Schmitt, & Debbie Bookas

The following members of our parish family have requested visitation. For address and/or contact information please check your parish directory or contact the Church Office.

Alec Collis

Alex Gogonelis

Sarantos Hatzigeorgiou

Maria Hetos

Stella Nichols

Kosta Taras

Please contact Kristine Wagner if you would like to volunteer to be on the 2018-2019 Visitation Committee, a ministry of the Elpis Philoptochos.

Announcements

- ◆ **Palm Sunday Luncheon**, Sunday, April 1st, hosted by Elpis Philoptochos, Sunday, April 1st at 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope Palm Sunday Bake Sale**, Sunday, April 1st at 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Attention Sunday School Families!**
 - 10:30am on April 6th**, Sunday School will host a **Holy Friday Youth Retreat** for children in Cotros Hall. We will have a lesson and then paint wooden crosses. If you come to the Royal Hours at 9am please don't forget to bring a change of clothing for painting or smocks. The opportunity to decorate Christ's Tomb with flowers (that you may bring) will follow the activity.
 - If you need a letter to be excused from school for our Holy Friday** on April 6th, please contact Father Simon:
FatherSimonThomas@gmail.com
Looking forward to your company Holy Friday!
- ◆ **AGAPE MEAL**, Sunday, April 8th, 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall immediately following Agape Vespers
- ◆ **Becoming Truly Human**—Follow Basil as he navigates our modern cultural landscape, engaging with a group of spiritual "nones" (religious unaffiliated) in honest and open discussion on religion and spirituality, while recounting his own journey as a "none" in search of spiritual wholeness.
- ◆ **3 Screenings**
 - Tuesday, April 24 7:00 pm**—Malco Forest Hill Cinema Grill
 - Wednesday, April 25 7:00 pm**—Malco Studio on the Square
 - Thursday, April 26 7:00 pm**—Cordova Town Cinema
- ◆ *******Fundamentals of Financial Well-Being, Postponed.** Watch for updates in the April Epistle and in the bulletins.
- ◆ **Library News:** We have Lenten reading available here in the parish library including The Lenten Spring, Great Lent, and the Lenten Covenant. **New library arrivals**—Tears of Repentance, Know Your Faith, and Everyday Saints and Other Stories. Don't forget to look for our monthly book reviews in the parish epistle! Come check us out on Tuesdays 10:00am to 2:00pm or see me after services and I will help you find a book. Billy Benson
- ◆ **Stewardship Cards:** By now you should all have received your 2018 Stewardship Information packet in the mail. Please prayerfully consider your pledge and turn your Stewardship Card in to Maria Moore or mail to/drop it by the church office. Thank you!
- ◆ **2018 Scholarship Applications**, as provided, are available on the Parish website at <http://www.goann.net/education/scholarships>. Check back regularly for updates.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, April 1st, Palm Sunday

- † Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- † Nursery available 10:00 am—12:00 Noon
- † Sunday School 11:00 am
- † Palm Sunday Luncheon hosted by Elpis Philoptochos 12:00 Noon
- † Daughters of Penelope Palm Sunday Bake Sale 12:00 Noon
- † Bridegroom Service 6:30 pm

Monday, April 2nd Holy Monday

- † Choir Practice 11:00 am—1:00 pm
- † Bridegroom Service 6:30 pm
- † Fr. V's Adult Greek Class 6:30 pm

Tuesday, April 3rd Holy Tuesday

- † Library Open 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
- † Bridegroom Service 6:30 pm

Wednesday, April 4th Holy Wednesday

- † Ninth Hour Service 8:40 am
- † Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 9:00 am
- † Holy Unction 3:30 pm
- † Holy Unction 6:30 pm

Thursday, April 5th Holy Thursday

- † Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 7:00 am
- † Passion Service 6:30 pm

Friday, April 6th Holy Friday

- † Royal Hours 9:00 am
- † Sunday School/Hope/Joy Lenten Retreat & Art Project 10:30 am after Royal Hours in Cotros Hall
- † Service of Christ's Descent from the Cross 3:30 pm
- † Lamentations Service 6:30 pm

Saturday, April 7th Holy Saturday

- † Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 9:00 am
- † Canon of the Resurrection 11:00 pm

Sunday, April 8th , GREAT & HOLY PASCHA

- † Divine Liturgy 12:00 am
- † Resurrection Meal 2:00 am
- † No Sunday School
- † Agape Vespers 11:00 am
- † Agape Meal 12:00 Noon