

SERVICES AND INFORMATION

This Week's Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, 1 April:

2 Prosfora Coffee

Fifth Sunday of Lent St. Mary Egypt

Monday, 2 April:

Great Complain 5:00pm

Wednesday 4 April:

Presanctified Liturgy 5:00pm

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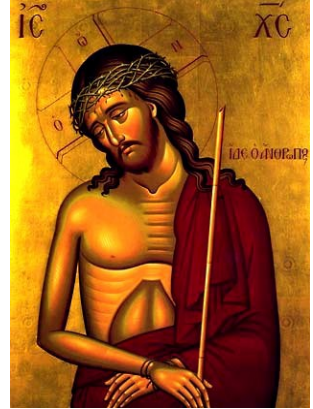
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Saturday of Lazarus

After the Divine Liturgy we will be making the cross for Palm Sunday. I hope to see everyone there to help.

Decorating the Kouvouklion on Holy Good Friday

We will be decoration the tomb of Christ at 9:00am in the morning on Friday the 13th of April . Please make sure to be there and also make sure to remain quiet and to respect that you are still in church.

Need readers

Fr. Dimitri need people to read in different languages Greek, Spanish, French, Arabic, Serbian, Portuguese, Russian, Chinese, Romanian, Etc. for the Agapi Service on Pascha Day April 15th. Please let Father know as soon as possible.

Dance Lessons

Greek Folk Dance Lessons at St. John College at the Gym at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to come and learn dances from all over Greece. And don't forget your Tsarouxia.

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Saint Mary of Egypt



The memory of this Saint is celebrated on April 1, where her life is recorded. Since the end of the holy Forty Days is drawing nigh, it has been appointed for this day also, so that if we think it hard to practice a little abstinence forty days, we might be roused by the heroism of her who fasted in the wilderness forty-seven years; and also that the great loving-kindness of God, and His readiness to receive the repentant, might be demonstrated in very deed.

GOSPEL AND EPISTLE READINGS

Epistle Reading

St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-14

BRETHREN, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have 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, taking not the blood of goats and calves but 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.

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:32-45 Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

At that time, Jesus taking the twelve again, 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."

APOLYTIKION AND KONTAKION HYMNS

Resurrectional Apolytikion First Tone

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, * and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. * You rose on the third day, O Lord * and Savior, granting life unto the world. * For this reason were the powers of heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver: * Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; * glory to Your eternal rule; * glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind.

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντὸν 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.

Apolytikion for Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

The image of God, was faithfully preserved in you, O Mother. For you took up the Cross and followed Christ. By Your actions you taught us to look beyond the flesh for it passes, rather to be concerned about the soul which is immortal. Wherefore, O Holy Mary, your soul rejoices with the angels.

Apolytikion of the Church

The incarnate Angel and the Prophets' summit and boast, the second fore-runner of the coming of Christ, Elias, the glorious, from above he has sent down his grace upon Elisha; he doth cast out sickness and also doth cleanse the lepers; and unto all that honor him, streams of cures he poureth forth.

Kontakion

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to

intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Concerning the reception of Holy Communion during Pre-sanctified Liturgy consumed Please keep the following in mind: Those who wish to receive Holy Communion at an evening Liturgy should have fasted strictly (no food or drink) for at least six hours preceding Communion; this is comparable to the customary fast before a morning Liturgy whereby no food or drink is after midnight the night before.

Tsourekia Sale

Next Sunday on Palm Sunday following Divine Liturgy will be selling our traditional Greek Tsourekia for \$10 each.

FOOD DRIVE

The food drive will run through Pascha.

Sign up sheet

We need people to sign up for Palm Sunday meal and for Anastasi meal after the Divine Liturgy . Also for the Pascha meal following the Agapi Service. Sign up sheet is down stairs or ask Nia Parry.

Why is the celebration in the Orthodox Church that it calls Holy Pascha the day of Resurrection so important?

Holy Pascha the day of Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is very important in the Orthodox Church, because it's the greatest and oldest feast in the Christian calendar. Especially for Orthodox Christians there is no greater feast then celebration of Holy Pascha. Let us note that the celebration of Holy Pascha has preeminence among the Orthodox are many, all based on a particular passage of the Holy Apostle St. Paul First Epistle to the Corinthians, '*if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain*' (15:14). Characteristic of the importance of the Resurrection for the Orthodox is the fact that Holy Pascha is also called in Greek "Lampira", the brightest day of all. At the mid-night Paschal Divine Liturgy the Resurrection light that is brought to the Orthodox home and to the graves of our loved ones, is taken to be the visible symbol of a new life in the Resurrected Christ, a life of joy after the sorrow of the Cross. And though the Passion is observed with the depth and significance it befits the supreme sacrifice of Christ, it is His Resurrection that seals the redemption issuing from the Cross.

Without it, the Orthodox feel, the divine drama would have remained unfulfilled in terms of the experience of human life by which a triumphant katharsis must follow all sacrifices including that on Golgotha. In the Orthodox Church the Sunday Liturgy of the year is devoted to the Resurrection rather than to the suffering Christ. Hence the joyful tone the Orthodox Eucharist and underlying victory against the forces of evil implied in the Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ. In this respect, the etymology of Pascha claimed by some as deriving from the Greek verb 'paschein' (to suffer) is erroneous. The name Pascha is merely the approximate rendering by sound of the Hebrew name for Passover. Therefore Christ Passover from death to life –offering to us all everlasting life through His Glorious Resurrection.



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