



HOLY CROSS

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, April 28, 2024

Palm Sunday

The Holy Nine Martyrs of Kyzikos

Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: Festal (Matthew 21:1-11,15-17)

Mode of the Week: Festal / της εορτής

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Orthros



Divine Liturgy



Upcoming Schedule

<i>Today, April 28</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on Palm Sunday Youth Procession of the Palms at the end of the Liturgy Palm Sunday Luncheon after the Liturgy 7:00pm Bridegroom Orthros for Holy Monday
<i>Monday, April 29</i>	7:00pm Bridegroom Orthros for Holy Tuesday
<i>Tuesday, April 30</i>	7:00pm Bridegroom Orthros for Holy Wednesday (and Hymn of Kassiani)
<i>Wednesday, May 1</i>	9:30am Pre-Sanctified Liturgy on Holy Wednesday 6:00pm Holy Unction and Orthros for Holy Thursday
<i>Thursday, May 2</i>	9:30am Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil on Holy Thursday 6:00pm Orthros of Holy Friday (12 Gospels/Passion)
<i>Friday, May 3</i>	9:30am Royal (Great) Hours Preparation of the Kouvouklion and the Church after the Hours (all are invited to participate) 3:00pm Great Vespers of Holy Saturday (Un-nailing Service) 7:00pm Orthros of Holy Saturday (Epitaphios Service)
<i>Saturday, May 4</i>	9:30am Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil on Holy Saturday (Proti-Anastasi) 11:00pm Service of the Resurrection for PASCHA (until approx. 1:30am)
<i>Sunday, May 5</i>	12:00pm Agape Vespers on Great and Holy PASCHA 1:00pm Easter Egg Hunt and Pascha Picnic
<i>Monday, May 6</i>	9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy for Bright Monday/Feast of St. George
<i>Wednesday, May 8</i>	5:45pm Vespers 6:30pm Adult Study Class in the Library
<i>Thursday, May 9</i>	5:00pm Great Vespers for the Life-Giving Font of the Theotokos
<i>Friday, May 10</i>	St. Photios/St. Augustine/OCMC Pilgrimage (through Sunday)
<i>Sunday, May 12</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of Thomas/Anti-Pascha Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship after the Divine Liturgy 12:45pm Adult Greek School/Youth Greek Dance
<i>Wednesday, May 15</i>	5:45pm Vespers 6:30pm Adult Study Class in the Library

Upcoming Epistle Readers: (Holy Week+Pascha) See Email; (5/12) George Saratsiotis, Panos Drakopoulos
Upcoming PC Member On-Duty: (Holy Week) See Email; (5/5) Sarah Drakopoulos; (5/12) Melanie Moyer
Upcoming Ushers: (Holy Week+Pascha) See Email; (5/6) Norm+Eleni A.; (5/8) OPEN; (5/12) Cleo B., Melanie M.
Upcoming Video Operators: (Holy Week+Pascha) See Email; (5/6) OPEN; (5/12) Natalia S.; (5/19) Cristina L.
Fellowship Hosts: (5/5) Pascha Picnic; (5/12) Maria Bronisevsky; (5/19) Sarah Drakopoulos; (5/26) Maria McCluskey

Our Parish Hymn of the Holy Cross of Christ:

Save, O Lord, save your people and bless Your inheritance. Give victory to those who battle evil and protect us all by Your Holy Cross.

Σώσον Κύριε τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς Βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

To our Visitors and Guests: We extend a **warm welcome** to all worshipping with us today! While Holy Communion, following ancient practice, is reserved for Orthodox Christians, non-Orthodox may receive the blessed bread (antidoron) offered at the conclusion of the service.
Please join us in the Parish House after the Divine Liturgy for Coffee Fellowship!

Epistle Reading

*Εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν
ὀνόματι Κυρίου.*

*Στίχ. Ἐξομολογεῖσθε τῷ Κυρίῳ,
ὅτι ἀγαθός, ὅτι εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τὸ
ἔλεος αὐτοῦ.*

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*Πρὸς Φιλιππισίους Ἐπιστολῆς
Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.*

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Ἀδελφοί,
χαίρετε ἐν Κυρίῳ πάντοτε· πάλιν
ἔρῳ, 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
ἢ 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 ἀρετὴ καὶ εἴ
τις ἔπαινος, ταῦτα λογίζεσθε· ἃ
καὶ ἐμάθετε καὶ παρελάβετε καὶ
ἠκούσατε καὶ εἶδετε ἐν ἐμοί,
ταῦτα πράσσετε· καὶ ὁ Θεὸς τῆς
εἰρήνης ἔσται μεθ' ὑμῶν.

*Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.*

*Verse: Give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good; for His mercy
endures forever. (Psalm 117)*

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

(4:4-9)

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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.

The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. John (12:1-8)

Palm Sunday

Πρὸ ἕξ ἡμερῶν τοῦ πάσχα ἦλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς
Βηθανίαν, ὅπου ἦν Λάζαρος ὁ τεθνηκώς, ὃν
ἤγειρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν. ἐποίησαν οὖν αὐτῷ δείπνον
ἐκεῖ, καὶ ἡ Μάρθα διηκόνει· ὁ δὲ Λάζαρος εἷς ἦν
τῶν ἀνακειμένων σὺν αὐτῷ. ἡ οὖν Μαρία,
λαβοῦσα λίτραν μύρου νάρδου πιστικῆς
πολυτίμου, ἠλειψε τοὺς πόδας τοῦ Ἰησοῦ καὶ
ἐξέμαξε ταῖς θριξίν αὐτῆς τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ· ἡ δὲ
οἰκία ἐπληρώθη ἐκ τῆς ὀσμῆς τοῦ μύρου. λέγει
οὖν εἷς ἐκ τῶν μαθητῶν αὐτοῦ, Ἰούδας Σίμωνος
Ἰσκαριώτης, ὁ μέλλων αὐτὸν παραδιδόναι· διατί
τοῦτο τὸ μύρον οὐκ ἐπράθη τριακοσίων
δηναρίων καὶ ἐδόθη πτωχοῖς; εἶπε δὲ τοῦτο οὐχ
ὅτι περὶ τῶν πτωχῶν ἔμελεν αὐτῷ, ἀλλ' ὅτι
κλέπτῃς ἦν, καὶ τὸ γλωσσόκομον εἶχε καὶ τὰ
βαλλόμενα ἐβάσταζεν. εἶπεν οὖν ὁ Ἰησοῦς· ἄφες
αὐτήν, εἰς τὴν ἡμέραν τοῦ ἐνταφιασμοῦ μου
τετήρηκεν αὐτό. τοὺς πτωχοὺς γὰρ πάντοτε ἔχετε
μεθ' ἑαυτῶν, ἐμὲ δὲ οὐ πάντοτε ἔχετε. Ἔγνω οὖν
ὄχλος πολὺς ἐκ τῶν Ἰουδαίων ὅτι ἐκεῖ ἐστι, 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 πολὺς ὁ ἐλθὼν εἰς
τὴν ἑορτήν, ἀκούσαντες ὅτι ἔρχεται Ἰησοῦς εἰς
Ἱεροσόλυμα, ἔλαβον τὰ βραβία τῶν φοινίκων καὶ
ἐξῆλθον εἰς ὑπάντησιν αὐτῷ, καὶ ἔκραζον·
ὡσαννά, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι
Κυρίου, ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ. εὐρῶν δὲ ὁ
Ἰησοῦς ὄναριον ἐκάθισεν ἐπ' αὐτό, καθὼς ἐστι
γεγραμμένον· μὴ φοβοῦ, θύγατερ 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 ὑπήντησεν αὐτῷ ὁ ὄχλος,
ὅτι ἤκουσαν τοῦτο αὐτὸν πεποιηκέναι τὸ
σημεῖον.

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.

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Bulletin for the week of April 28, 2024

Ushers on Duty: Cleo Bennette, Tassie Cantrell

Video: Natalia Saratsiotis Altar Servers: All Adult/Youth Servers

Epistle Readers: Kostas Iakovidis (Greek); Charles Glotzbach (English)

Fellowship Host (Thank You!): Philoptochos

PC Member On-Duty: Natalia Saratsiotis

Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

+ Palm Sunday—The Triumphant Entry to Jerusalem

On Sunday, five days before the Passover of the Law, the Lord came from Bethany to Jerusalem. Sending two of His disciples to bring Him a foal of an ass, He sat thereon and entered into the city. When the multitude there heard that Jesus was coming, they straightway took up the branches of palm trees in their hands, and went forth to meet Him. Others spread their garments on the ground, and yet others cut branches from the trees and strewed them in the way that Jesus was to pass; and all of them together, especially the children, went before and after Him, crying out: "Hosanna: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel" (John 12:13). This is the radiant and glorious festival of our Lord's entry into Jerusalem that we celebrate today.

The branches of the palm trees symbolize Christ's victory over the devil and death. The word Hosanna means "Save, I pray," or "Save, now." The foal of an ass, and Jesus' sitting thereon, and the fact that this animal was untamed and considered unclean according to the Law, signified the former uncleanness and wildness of the nations, and their subjection thereafter to the holy Law of the Gospel.

+ The Holy Nine Martyrs of Kyzkios: Theognis, Rufus, Antipater, Theostichos, Artemas, Magnus, Theodotos, Thavmasios, and Philemon (+286)

These holy Martyrs, who were from various regions, suffered martyrdom together when they were beheaded in Cyzicus, a city in Asia Minor on the southern coast of the Sea of Marmara.

+ Our Devout Father Memnon the Wonder-worker (+6th Century)

+ Our Devout Father Afxivios, Bishop of Soli, Cyprus (+304)

+ The Holy Martyr Tibald of Pannonia (+304)

Through the intercessions of Your Saints, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.



Variable Hymns of the Day in the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (pg. 8 in the Small Book/pg. 37 in the Hymnal):

- Hymn of Palm Sunday (Την κοινήν Ανάστασιν, First Mode):

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." (Sung before and after the Small Entrance. Greek text found in large hymnal on pg. 144)

- Entrance Hymn (Ευλογημένος ο ερχόμενος, Second Mode):

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord, and He revealed Himself to us. Save us, O Son of God, who sat on a donkey's colt. We sing to You, Alleluia.

- Another hymn of Palm Sunday (Συνταφέντες σοι, Fourth Mode):

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." (Greek text found in large hymnal on pg. 148)

- Hymn of the Holy Cross is not sung today.

- The Kontakion of Palm Sunday (Τω θρόνω εν οvpανώ, Plagal of the Second Mode):

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." (Greek text found in large hymnal on pg. 272)

Guidance, Prayer Requests, and Announcements

This Week's Daily

Scripture Readings and Fasting Guidance:

Palm Sunday (4/28—Fish+Wine+Oil): Matthew 21:1-11, 15-17; Philippians 4:4-9; John 12:1-18

Holy Monday (4/29—Strict Fast): Matthew 21:18-43; Matthew 24:3-35

Holy Tuesday (4/30—Strict Fast): Matthew 22:15-46, 23:1-39; Matthew 24:36-51, 25:1-46, 26:1-2

Holy Wednesday (5/1—Strict Fast): John 12:17-50; Matthew 26:6-16

Holy Thursday (5/2—Wine+Oil): Luke 22:1-39; I Corinthians 11:23-32; Matthew 26:1-20; John 13:3-17; Matthew 26:21-39; Luke 22:43-44; Matthew 26:40-75, 27:1-2

Holy Friday (5/3—Strict Fast): I Corinthians 5:6-8; Matthew 27:62-66

Holy Saturday (5/4—Strict Fast): Matthew 27:62-66; Romans 6:3-11; Matthew 28:1-20

Prayer Requests:

Fr. Symeon (mission priest supported by our parish), Panteleimon, Michael, Kassiani, Dimitrios, Georgia, Pavlos, Maria, Betty, Irene, Valerie, Dianna, Keith, Jeannie, Dawn, Kenneth, Hermione, Mary, Kay, Helen, Nikki, Mena, Austin, Kiley, Garrett, Carolina, Maria, Laurie, Lindsey, Randy, Marina, Effie, Christina, Ashley, Foster, Peggy, Lynn, Dimitri, Stelianos, Brian, Vassilios, Bessie, Katerina, Link, Bill, Virginia, Karl, Colin, Mitch, Rinne, Michael, Christian

Prayers for those recently reposed:

Jeffrey (+March 23), Audrey (+April 2), Kathy (+April 26)

Prayers for expecting mothers:

Julie G., Bobbie I., Muryah S.

Prayers for Military Personnel and Their Families:

Aubriana Butchko, Kyle Glotzbach, Robert Ice, Aaron Vrahotes, Aleksander Zajac

Prayers for our Catechumens and Inquirers into the Orthodox Church:

Bobbie, Jessica, Nate, Schyler, Susan and pray for those who are seeking Christ and His Church!

Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers:

St. John of Kronstadt on the Cross and our Lord's Passion: "In the cross, like light in the sun, is concentrated the Love of God the Almighty for the world and men: in the cross is the whole power of Love. If God, the Father, has given His Son for us, how would He not, with Him, give everything to us... Thus the cross, which we use during prayer, is a token of God's great mercy to us and an answer to our prayers. The cross is also a weapon for the banishment of spiritual enemies and worldly passions."

Upcoming Celebrations This Week

Name Days—Chronia Polla, Many Years!

April 29: Wyatt "Jason" Morris

April 30: Mina Stewart

Birthdays—Happy Birthday!

April 29: George Lane, Maria Murphy, Eleni Saratsiotis

April 30: Despina Passias

May 1: Taylor Zoumberis

May 3: Dragos Filimon, Tennessee Morris,

Mary Claire Zoumberis

May 4: Sarah Drakopoulos, Maria Mahoney

Anniversaries—Congratulations!

April 28: Ray and Helen Vardy

(If you have a celebration that did not make it into the bulletin, please e-mail Fr. Theodore!)

Announcements:

* **Congratulations** to Mary Katherine Saratsiotis for advancing to the Metropolis level Oratorical Festival. We also congratulate Carter Zoumberis and Isabelle Saratsiotis who participated at the District level and received honorable mentions!

* **The Lenten Book Discussion** after the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy has finished for this Lenten period, though we will discuss the last chapters/steps in the book on the coming Wednesdays after Pascha.

* If you would like to participate in the 2024 **Paschal Lilies** Dedication "In Memory of" or "For the Health of", please see the link that was sent by email. You may also place your payment in the box located in the Narthex (please specify on the memo line Paschal Lilies Dedication). Deadline is this Sunday, Palm Sunday, April 28th. Names will be listed in the Pascha bulletin as well as the following Sunday.

* **Holy Week Postcards** have been mailed to parishioners, family and friends. We have placed extras in a basket in the Narthex and Parish House. Please feel free to take as many and invite your friends and family to come worship with us during Holy Week this coming week!

* **RED EGGS:** Families are asked to bring 1 dozen red eggs for the Resurrection Service Saturday night (service begins at 11:00pm)

* **Youth:** A letter has been sent over email for an excused absence from school to be present during the day this week on Holy Friday. Our Youth are welcome to assist in the preparation of the Church for the services of the end of Holy Week and Pascha!

* Philoptochos and Youth are teaming up for a **Donation Drive** to benefit the Rescue Mission of Georgia. Please bring your donations (needs are listed in the flyer sent by email) to drop in the box in the Narthex through Pascha, May 5. The donation truck will come that day to collect our donations!

* Please contact Fr. Theodore by phone or email ASAP if you are interested in **Holy Confession** before Pascha—the days are running short!

Kali Anastasi, a blessed Holy Week to us all!