

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Revised Pandemic Guidelines

WELCOME!

If you have any signs of the cold, flu, Covid-19 or any other contagious illness or if you suspect that you have been exposed to any illness, then out of love for others, please stay home.

If you are not vaccinated, or if you are in a high risk category for Covid-19, please consider participating from outside, or via live stream from home.

There is also a CCTV live stream of most services in the Fellowship Hall. Please check in with the host before going to the Hall, and observe all pandemic guidelines.

Each available pew can accommodate one family, or two singles may occupy opposite ends of the same pew. Space will be available on a first come, first seated basis, with assistance from the Host.

The Host will record attendance for contact tracing, as well as managing seating/spacing as needed.

Hands should be sanitized upon arrival and departure, before handling candles, pens, or anything else, after coughing or sneezing, prostrations, etc.

Maintain at least 6 feet of distance between households at all times, especially when in line.

Face masks are to be worn at all times, indoors and outdoors. When the mask is removed for eating Antidoron, please observe social distancing.

Icons may be venerated by bowing rather than kissing.

Please follow directional markers.

Holy Week 2021



April 24 - *Lazarus Saturday*

10 a.m. Divine Liturgy, followed by Holy Week preparations

April 25 – *Palm Sunday*

9 a.m. Orthros; 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy

April 26– *Great and Holy Monday*

6:30 p.m. Bridegroom Service

April 27 – *Great and Holy Tuesday*

6:30 p.m. Bridegroom Service

April 28 – *Great and Holy Wednesday*

6:30 p.m. The Sacrament of Holy Unction

April 29 – *Great and Holy Thursday*

10:00 a.m. Vespereal Divine Liturgy

6:30 p.m. Service of the Twelve Passion Gospels

April 30 – *Great and Holy Friday*

9:00 a.m. The Royal Hours

3:00 p.m. Vespers of Taking Christ Down from the Cross

6:30 p.m. Lamentation Service

May 1 – *Great and Holy Saturday*

10:00 a.m. Vespereal Divine Liturgy

11:30 p.m. Paschal Vigil (Resurrection Service)

Sunday, May 2 – *Great and Holy Pascha*

12:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

11:00 a.m. Agape Vespers

Sunday, April 25, 2021 - Orthros, 9 a.m., Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.

Today's Liturgy

The Entrance of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ into Jerusalem

The Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

The Antiphonal Psalm verses are for the Feast.

2nd Antiphon: Save us, O Son of God, who rode on a donkey's colt. We sing to you: Alleluia!

3rd Antiphon: Palm Sunday Apolytikion (p 145): Before Your passion You confirmed the resurrection of all by raising Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore, like the children of old, we also carry symbols of victory, and to You, the Victor over death, do we cry out: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

Hymns after the Gospel Entrance

Palm Sunday Apolytikion (above)

2nd Palm Sunday Apolytikion (p 149): In our baptism we were buried with You, O Christ our God, and by Your resurrection you have granted us eternal life. Therefore, we sing Your praises, O Lord: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He whom comes in the name of the Lord!

Palm Sunday Kontakion (p 273): In heaven upon Your throne, while on earth riding the colt of a donkey, O Christ our God, You accepted the angels' praise with the songs of the children who cried out to You: Blessed is He who comes for the restoration of Adam!

The Epistle Reading: 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.

The Gospel Reading: 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.

The Festal Megalynarion (chanter): The Lord is God and has revealed Himself to us. Together let us keep the Feast, and let us come with rejoicing. Let us magnify Christ; as we wave palm leaves and branches, let us cry out in hymns: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, our Savior!

Communion Hymn (p 317): Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Alleluia!

Instead of "We have seen," the Festal Apolytikion: Before Your passion You confirmed (above)

Announcements

Special Collection for Holy Week Flowers and Kitchen Renovation is taking place on Sundays of Great Lent.

Epitaphios Carriers - we need 4 strong men to carry the Tomb of Christ on Good Friday Night.

Agape Vespers Gospel Readers needed - if you can read the Gospel in another language and plan to attend Agape Vespers, please let Fr. David know.

Red Eggs - we need volunteers to bring a dozen red eggs to the Pascha Vigil, to be handed out after the Pascha Liturgy. See Deborah Hunsinger.

PRAYER LIST

Aleksey Navalny	Frances	Andrew	Aurel	Lubov
Pr Ioan	Jean	George	Tammy	Penny
Pr Theodore	Matthew	Randy	Allen	Sharyl
Nun Theodora	Fanica	Patrick	Holly	April
Marius	Marie	Katherine	Richard	Tatiana
Nicolas	Glenn	Robert	Nathan	Ignatius
Natalie	Anna	Mikayla	Raluca Maria	Macrina
Kenner	Coy	Gavin	Anastasia	Amanda
Harry	Richard	Avery	Ananias	Casey
Debra	Lonnie Paul	William	David	Elizabeth
Steven	Stacy	Stamatia	Mario	Anthony
James	Claudia	Nicholas	John	Helen
James	Jon	Rebecca	Jonathon	Anthony
Larissa	Linda	Macrina	Elizabeth	Robin
Seraphina	James	Gabriel	Carolina	Lily
Anastasia	Loralee	Julia	Yianni	Lenutza
Luminitza	Ronnie	Stephen	Michael	April Marie
Charlene	Betty	Florence	Genevieve	Gibb
Kenneth	Tyler	Karen	Elizabeth	Evonne
Cera	Leigh Anna	Faith	Michael	Sandra
Kim	Deborah	Nash	Courtney	
Erin	Elizabeth	Skylar	Benn	
Ryan	Remmie Lynnne	Shelley	Galina	

Rejoice, rejoice, O Bethany!

On this day God came to thee,
And in Him the dead are made alive,
As it is right for He is the Life.

When Martha went to receive Him,
Grieving loudly with bitter tears,
She poured out the sorrow of her heart to Him
With great sadness, wailing her lament.

She at once cried out unto Him:
"My most compassionate Lord, my Lord,
At the great loss of my brother Lazarus
My heart is broken, help me."

Jesus said to her, "Cease your weeping,
Cease your grieving and sad lament;
For your brother, My most beloved friend, Lazarus,
Very soon will live again."

Then He, the faithful Redeemer,
Made His way unto the tomb,
Where he cried unto him who was buried four days,
Calling him forth, saying "Lazarus, arise."

Come with haste, ye two sisters,
And behold a wondrous thing,
For your brother from the tomb has returned to life.
To the beloved Redeemer now give thanks.

To Thee, O Lord of creation,
We kneel down in reverence profound,
For all we who are dead in sin,
In Thee, O Jesus, are made alive.

*A koinonikon for Lazarus Saturday, composed in Arabic by
Metropolitan Athanasios Attallah of Homs, and translated
and arranged by Bishop +BASIL (Essey)*



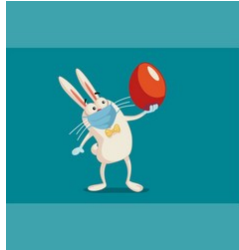
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Please Join us for the Pascha Picnic

Sunday, May 2, 2021

immediately following Agape Vespers

(Important Updates below)



We will follow social distancing practices. Masks on when not eating.

Traditional Pascha fare to be provided for all to enjoy!!

Lunch menu:

Lamb and Chicken
Orzo
2 Vegetables
Salad
Wine

Tables, chairs, and disposables will be provided.

Simply bring a dessert to share and any additional beverage(s) of choice.

Egg hunt for the kids immediately after lunch.

We look forward to (safely) breaking bread together and sharing in the Pascha feast, see you there!

A few details:

We are all familiar with the drill by now: masks on and proper spacing required when indoors, tables will be appropriately spaced outside, etc.

Food to be served using pandemic appropriate, restaurant-tested best practices, served indoors with outdoor seating for the picnic

Some awnings/tents will be set up but please bring your own shade if you have it.

Outdoor seating will be provided but feel free to bring blankets, camp chairs, extra tables, for your pod if you are so inclined.