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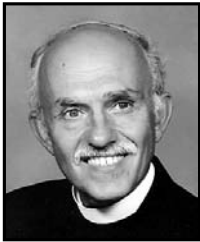
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From Father Bill ...



*A quick fix  
is not  
always the  
solution!*

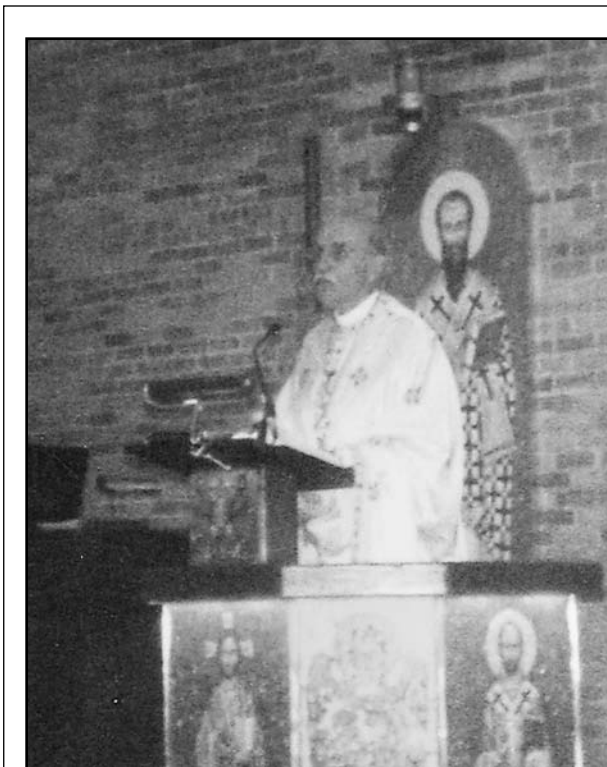
Reality. It has a way of intruding in our lives, doesn't it? We plan our days, dream our dreams, practice for the recital, and then...the car breaks down...the plumbing backs up...the bills accumulate. There are times when reality is much more than a temporary inconvenience. It's downright painful, and then, what none of us plans to encounter is affliction. When it strikes, immediately we come face to face with reality, and when in this position in life, we look for a quick fix.

Whether or not we're willing to face it, life is filled with disappointments, but our generation has a hard time accepting them. Instead of working through life's pain, most people want quick and easy solutions. Sadly, many Orthodox Christians have no place in their theology for personal struggles or the patience to endure some pressure or affliction. We look for a way out rather than a path through.

This has not always been so. The saints understood that God's schoolroom included pain and suffering in its curriculum...that life on planet Earth was anything but fun and games. To cultivate authentic maturity and deep character requires time and soul-searching effort. They really believed that "all who desire to live godly in Christ will be persecuted" (2 Timothy 3:12).

During these past three months, my path came to an abrupt halt when I was face to face with my mortality: a stop sign in my life's journey. I believe that the painful events were a message and reminder from God that there is no quick fix for everything.

How unlike the feel-good message of today's relax and enjoy yourself gospel! The Christ being offered by many is more like a



## Welcome Back Father Bill!

After a 6 week recovery following surgery, Father Bill resumed preaching on Sunday March 3rd. He received a warm welcome from the congregation.

Photo taken March 3rd  
by Harry Pappas

heavenly genie who waits upon our every whim. Granted, the upbeat promise is terribly appealing. "Trust Christ and eliminate all aches and pains...relief is yours to claim! How do you spell relief? J-e-s-u-s!"

The most sobering lesson for me has been that when times are hard we realize our efforts are inadequate and that the only reality is Christ the Saviour. St. Paul, who models the authentic life as well as anyone this side of Jesus Christ, was my source of comfort. St. Paul admits he is inadequate. When disappointment and discouragement take their toll, he doesn't fake it, acting like things are going great. I can only confess these times were difficult. Prayer and God's gentle healing touch, along with my beloved presvytera, a faithful and loving caregiver, brought me from the depths of my darkest hour to the height of Christ's throne.

By the time you read these words we will have moved through the early weeks of Lent. You will view the darkness and the dawn together. You will see that Christ's love led Him to an excruciating death on the cross, but the story doesn't end there. His decisive victory over death was profoundly illustrated by the empty tomb.

By God's grace we shall welcome and celebrate the Paschal event of joy. Are you ready for that moment? I certainly am. I hope you never tire of singing the triumphant hymn of the Resurrection, Christ is Risen, (Christos Anesti). Those of you who know me and experience that moment when we are called upon to lift our hearts and voices and proclaim His Resurrection know how special that moment is. Perhaps when I invite you to sing along with me, your thoughts are...enough already,

...See Fr. Bill on P.3

From Father Peter..



## April showers bring May flowers

April showers bring May flowers. I remember hearing that phrase so often growing up when I wanted to go and play outside. I remember being tired of winter and tired of rain. I wanted the weather to be just right, sunny and warm. I resented hearing the 'April showers...' phrase. What did flowers have to do with riding my bike?

Well, it is April once again! It seems like we just celebrated Christmas, and yet we are well into Great Lent, and we will be experiencing the April showers soon enough.

During this month we will see the change in the weather outside, but we will also see a change from within as well. We are in the rainy part of the Easter season. At times, we may want the flowers of Easter to come, and this rainy season to pass over us. However, no rain, no flowers. No cross, no Resurrection.

Think back to the winter, when your car and its windows were covered with road salt. You might also recall those sporadic days of rain that naturally washed off the grime. Maybe you went to the car wash more frequently and let the machines douse your car until it was clean. Either way, the rain/water was tolerable because it cleansed. Because of the rain, the streets were cleaner. The gutters thawed out and drained properly, and as we saw the grass in slumber, we got a glimpse of what the good weather was going to be like once again. You could almost smell summer...in January.

This month is all about Lent. We are showered with the Divine services and programs within the church that seek to cleanse us, and show us what it's like to be good in Christ's eyes once again. Whether or not we see Lent as welcome or unwelcome, the cleansing properties of Lent are universal. If you put yourself on the path to God, you will be changed. You have to get wet in order to swim, and you have to accept the rain of this Lent as welcome dew that will cleanse your soul and allow the flower of spiritual renewal and growth to flourish within you. Lent will soon be over, just like Christmas flew by us. However, if you soak up all that the Church offers you during this period, you will surely be a beautiful flower in God's garden.



# Gavel to Gavel



BY NICK KIRKELES... Parish Council Secretary

## Regular Parish Council meeting Thursday, February 21st

Present: Father Bill, Father Peter, Don Alexander, President James Banakis, George Beshilas, Terry Chiganos, Nick Christy, Spiro Kinnaas, Nick Kirkeles, George Mannos Jr., Peter Poteres, Dennis Poulos, Michael Stefanos, Peter Tomaras

Absent: George Alex, John Anos, Sandy Fiascone, Jim Fotopoulos

### Meditation

✦ Father Bill reflected on his recent surgery. He felt a great sense of gratitude to all those who sent him numerous cards, flowers and letters wishing him well. He was overwhelmed and greatly humbled by the amount of love shown to him by the parish. His time away from the church and the congregation was difficult for him. He reminded all of us that we need to take care of the living temple of God - ourselves.

### Stewardship

✦ As of January 31, 537 pledges have been received totaling \$389,114 for an average pledge of \$724.61.

### Building and Grounds

✦ Peter Tomaras reported that the property across the street from the church is smaller than first thought. It measures 1.25

acres, not 3 acres. We will continue to investigate the feasibility of purchasing that property.

- ✦ Ed Strajka, the original architect, is looking into the possibility of expanding the seating capacity of the church.
- ✦ While the A/C project is nearing completion, Nick Christy moved to defer taking out a loan to pay for the A/C until it becomes necessary. Motion seconded and passed.
- ✦ Wally, our custodian, has agreed to work different hours during Holy Week and forego his usual schedule during that time.

### Ways and Means

- ✦ Golf outing will be held on July 15th at the Oak Meadows golf course. The contract has been sent.
- ✦ Mission Sunday will be March 17th. Proceeds of this year's Macaronada Luncheon will go to Metropolitan Nikitas and the Mission Center. Set up will be March 16th at 9am. Produce for the luncheon has been donated. The Mannos brothers will cook and provide all other essentials.
- ✦ Father Bill proposed that a fundraising event be held this fall or winter, perhaps the Saturday following Thanksgiving.

## Why the difference?



The question surely has been asked of perhaps every member of the Greek Orthodox faith at least once in their lives, if not every spring. That question? So, why is your Easter on a different date than other faiths?

The answer, which has raised controversies for years in the Orthodox Faith, dates back almost 1700 years and has to do primarily with the vernal equinox, the phase of the moon and the observance of Passover.

The First Ecumenical Council in 325 AD deemed that Easter Sunday should fall on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox. The date of the Spring equinox is calculated based on the Julian calendar, not on the Gregorian (Western) calendar. Determining the date of the full moon is calculated based on the full moon's occurrence in Alexandria, Egypt. If that full moon happens to fall on a Sunday, Easter is observed the following Sunday.

The final critical determinant is that Orthodox Easter must be observed after the completion of the eight days of Passover.

# The HARC CORNER

## Featured Books this month in HARC

### Marriage as a Path to Holiness Lives of Married Saints

By David & Mary Ford

In the introduction and forward to *Marriage as a Path to Holiness-Lives of Married Saints*, the various doctrines concerning marriage as upheld in the Orthodox Church are discussed. The ultimate teaching is that the supreme purpose of marriage is for husband and wife to help each other to enter the heavenly kingdom. From this reviewer's perspective, the short biographical sketches in the section entitled Lives of Married Saints make it somewhat difficult to discern how marriage brought about the sainthood of the featured Saints as the title implies. However, when considered separately, *Marriage as a Path to Holiness* is informative as is the section on Lives of Married Saints.

Hardbound \$24.00

### On the Mother of God

By Jacob of Serug

Jacob of Serug lived in the middle 400's AD and became a monk and priest. His great love for the Theotokos is expressed in over 700 homilies. He was noted for the poetic quality of his writing. Mary Hansbury's translation from the Syrian is also graceful in English. This small book is chock full of occurrences in the Old and New Testaments. *On the Mother of God* is a wonderful and insightful resource of the revered role of the Theotokos. Beautifully written!

Softbound \$9.00

### Lydia

Written by Marty Rhodes Figley

Illustrated by Anita Riggio

Children will enjoy reading this amusing story of Lydia, an eccentric lady who is obsessed with the color purple. She loves everything purple – flowers, food, plates, etc., until she finds herself in a dilemma: choosing what she wants or what God wants. Her purple things are precious to her,

but are they more valuable than her friends? The reader is kept in suspense until the end when the theme of the story, true friendship, is revealed.

Softbound, \$14.00

### Celebrate the Earth Psalm 104

Retold and illustrated by Dorrie Papademetriou  
Earth Day is coming up in April! This beautiful, spiritual book for all ages is a celebration of our environment. Psalm 104 is shared in an unchanged, easy-to-follow format. It proclaims the goodness and wonder of the earth, which are gifts from God, and how we are to be its guardians. The beauty of this book is not only the Psalm, but how it is brought to life by the magnificent, bright, and bold illustrations that capture the reader's heart and soul. The whole family will be captivated by its timeless theme. It will reinforce the significance of environmental protection.

Hardbound \$14.00

...reviewed by Pauline Franks  
and Elaine Regopoulos

## Mr. D recommends books by Gilbert Morris

BY GEORGE J. DEMETRALIS  
(alias Mr. D.)

Gilbert Morris served for ten years as a pastor before becoming Professor of English at a Baptist university in Arkansas. He also spent two summers doing post-graduate work at the University of London. He is a prolific writer, having 25 scholarly articles, 200 poems, and over 70 novels published.

Among the historical novels written by Gilbert Morris, which I've read and highly recommend, are *The House of Winslow Series*, containing 20 books; *The Liberty Bell Series*, seven books; *The Wakefield Dynasty*, seven books; and *The Appomattox Series*, ten books. *The House of Winslow Series* begins when Gilbert Winslow comes to America with the Puritans in 1621, and his descendants are subsequently traced from that time through the American Revolution, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, to the early years of the 20th century. *The Liberty Bell Series* tells

the story of the Bradford family from pre-Revolutionary War times in England to America's fight for independence. *The Wakefield Dynasty*, which I have not finished reading, begins in 16th century England, and *The Appomattox Series* follows the life of a family during the Civil War. I like Gilbert Morris because of the excellent way he weaves historical characters and events into his stories of fiction. He describes in vivid detail the tragedies and joys Christians experienced as they faced war, romance, and the everyday challenges of an imperfect, yet exciting world. His books are filled with adventure, pathos, romance, and will hold your attention from cover to cover.

Although his novels emphasize accepting Christ as one's personal Savior, they also recognize the difficulties people face even after accepting Christ. I've long believed that Christians draw people to Christ primarily by their example, and that belief is confirmed by the Christian characters in Morris' books.

Fr. Bill from P.1

### Fr. Bill's enthusiasm sometimes reigned in by 'secret' signal.

when will this end? There is always tomorrow. Admittedly, I never tire of singing the joyous hymn, but I will promise to heed the angelic call and look forward to my signal from a special messenger, Presvytera, which says... 'kish' (keep it short, honey).

Thank you for your kindness, thoughtfulness and prayers. And remember, there is no lasting quick fix. The road to God is narrow and difficult, but with his grace and our effort we will make it to the mansion He has prepared for us.

All praises and glory are to God!

# One hundred and counting !



Voula Kouros is honored with a bouquet of flowers by Father Bill following the Liturgy on March 10th. A birthday cake was provided by Philoptohos and she was greeted by many wellwishers.

Paraskevi "Voula" Kouros decided to do something different for her birthday in February. She went to Disneyworld in Orlando. She took a spin on the Pirates of the Caribbean ride and went through the Haunted Mansion. She celebrated with 13 members of her family.

It was a pretty exciting way to mark any birthday, but this was an exceptional birthday for Voula. She turned 100 years old. "The secret is not to worry," Voula said, "to eat and keep in good health. You have to be careful what you eat. Not too much," she added.

Voula, who has been coming to Holy Apostles since about 1969, was honored after the liturgy Sunday March 10. Father Bill offered kind words and presented her a bouquet of flowers. Philoptohos hosted a lovely coffee hour in her honor but she was

unable to eat because she was so busy accepting congratulations. Her friends from Wednesday Bible study gave her a new Bible. "I was very surprised and excited and I'm very happy for what they did," Voula said. "I want to thank them all—young and old. We have good people at Holy Apostles. They're so friendly you can't help but love them."

Born Feb. 4, 1902 in Stadio, Tegea in Greece, Voula immigrated to Kingston, Ontario in Canada as a teenager, her son George said. One of 10 children, she married Anthony Kouros—a union that was arranged by the bride's and groom's parents—in 1927 in Chicago. George was the couple's only child.

The family lived on south Ashland Avenue and in the Humboldt Park neighborhood until moving to Glen Ellyn in about 1961, George said. Anthony died in 1969 and Voula moved in with George and his wife, Vivien. All of them have been living in



Wheaton since 1975, George said.

"She's very opinionated," George said, chuckling, "and she never does any wrong. She has never sinned in her life. She's also very defensive of her family."

Voula wakes about 7 a.m. and receives a cup of coffee in bed—sometimes with breakfast—from Vivien Kouros. George said that pampering undoubtedly has contributed to Voula's longevity. After breakfast of one or two eggs or oatmeal, she reads the Chicago Tribune and Greek Star, discussing the day's events with George and Vivien. Voula spends the rest of her morning and early afternoon watching soap operas.

By 1 or 2 p.m., she takes a nap until about 4 p.m. then eats dinner at 5 and sometimes spends her nights going for a ride or watching TV while stroking her Siamese cat, Nagi. She's in bed by 9:30 p.m., George said.

Voula said she loves her Wednesday Bible study at Holy Apostles. For Sunday liturgy,

she often gets a ride from parishoner Jim Bobis. Her other loves include lamb prepared Greek style, and a glass of wine when company visits.

A grandmother of three and great-grandmother of four, Voula was driving until age 97 and has always taken great pride in her appearance. She doesn't like to wear a coat in the winter for fear it will wrinkle her clothes, and she avoids using her cane. Many people comment that she looks much younger than her 100 years.

"She is a very upbeat individual," Father Bill said. She has a very positive attitude. She believes that the key to her longevity is the love God gives to her and the love that she is able to manifest to other people.

Says Voula: "Father Bill and Father Peter are so good to the people. I'd love to be in my church every day, if I had my way."

*March / April  
Registry*

**Baptisms**

Gabriella, daughter of  
Andria & Steven Zervakis  
*Sponsor: George Nikolopoulos*

Stephanie, daughter of  
Anastasia & Steven Heffner  
*Sponsor: James Koretsos*

Gianna, daughter of  
Mia & Anthony Stomponato  
*Sponsors: Laina & Michael Krabbe*

**Weddings**

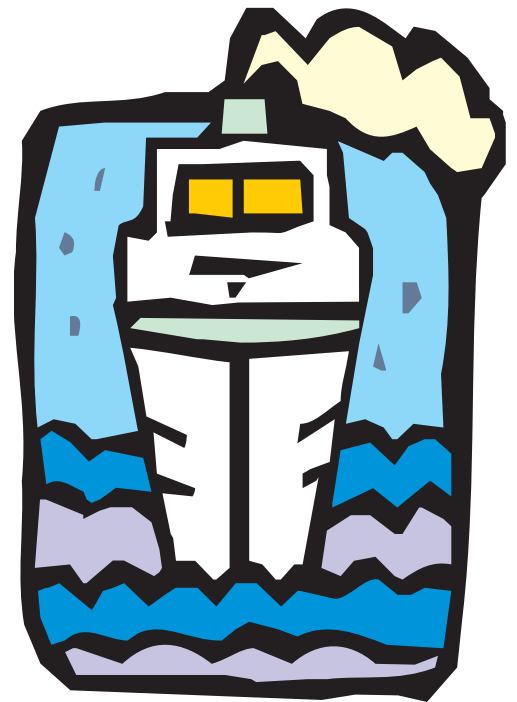
Gina & Michael Rice  
*Sponsor: Chrissy Rice*

**Seniors Social  
members  
can't stop  
having fun!**

On April 10th, there will be a trip to the Greek-American Nursing Home followed by brunch at a nearby restaurant. We will leave Holy Apostles at 9:30am. Details will be in our mailed flyer. If others are interested in joining us, call Rosalie Christofidis at (708) 865-0457.

On May 8th, we are planning a trip to the "Boat" in Joliet.

June 12th is the annual luncheon at a restaurant. Location to be announced later.



**AMNOS'  
Project Salvation  
targets Denver**

Almost 10,000 copies of the book, *Are You Saved?, The Orthodox Christian Process of Salvation*, by Barbara Pappas, have recently been mailed to 47 parishes in the Denver Diocese with the blessings of His Eminence, Metropolitan Isaiah. This is a part of Project Salvation, an ongoing effort distribute this book free to every member of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese. This outreach is being funded entirely by an anonymous donor, purely out of concern for the salvation of the souls of his fellow man.

In previous mailings, similar numbers of the book were mailed to New York, New Jersey, Florida and Maryland. We have also responded affirmatively to a request from His Grace, Bishop Soterios for permission to have *Are You Saved?* translated into the Korean language. The publication will include a prologue written by His Grace, and an appendix that offers a brief history of Orthodoxy in Korea, as well as photos and addresses of their parishes.

Current plans include printing 20,000 copies to be used for outreach to Orthodox and non-Orthodox alike.



**Philoptohos Happenings**



A Lenten dinner will be served on Wednesday, April 17th in the multi-purpose room following the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy. Everyone is welcome to the buffet-style dinner. The meal is in lieu of an April General Meeting.

"A Little Light of Mine" is a project where Philoptohos decorates Easter candles for godchildren. The sale will begin during Lent. If you would like to participate, please call Mary Syregelas at 630-654-4099.

On May 3rd, following the Good Friday morning service, Philoptohos will be wrapping red eggs to be distributed at the Anastasi and Agape Services. Please bring your donated red eggs to the church Thursday evening or Friday morning (May 2nd or 3rd.)

The "Quilt-A-Thon," a Diocese Metropolitan Task Force Lenten Project, will take place at Sts. Peter and Paul Church on April 13th from 9:30am to 4pm. Lunch will be provided at both locations. The groups will make quilts for distribution to area hospitals and social agencies. A knowledge of sewing is not necessary; just bring a pair of scissors. If anyone is interested in participating, call Ann Lampros 630-887-1641.

# A call to action from Mr. D!

BY GEORGE J. DEMETRALIS

"Let's Roll" were the final words spoken by Todd Beamer over his cell phone on September 11, 2001. He, and other brave passengers aboard United Airlines flight 93 overpowered Al Qaeda terrorists, which resulted in the plane crashing into a Pennsylvania field. The crash killed all aboard but no doubt saved many innocent lives in our nation's Capital.

Since that memorable day, the words "Let's roll" have been the rallying cry in America's fight against international terrorism. I believe it should also be the rallying cry against the terrorism leveled specifically at our children.

During a recent radio talk show, the hosts were discussing the murder in San Diego of seven-year-old Danielle van Dam, allegedly by a neighbor. They and their callers expressed outrage over this senseless crime.

Is outrage and frustration enough when we hear of a mother who drowns her five children, gang bangers who shoot down in cold blood unarmed adults and children, and clergy who molest children? No, feelings of anger and helplessness are no longer enough for those of us who love kids. It's time we take action, and here are some suggestions:

1. Let's urge kids to begin and end each day with prayer, concluding with "in Christ's name. Amen" (Mt. 18:20; Jn. 14:13-14; Acts 4:12). Among other things, they must ask God to be with them throughout the day and night and thank Him for His love and protection.

2. Kids must be taught respect for human life and basic human dignity.

3. Children must be taught the difference between a loving caress and a gesture with evil intent.

4. Parents must monitor their children's internet use.

5. Encourage kids to talk about things that concern or trouble them.

Continually remind them that no problem they might have is stupid or unimportant to those who love them.

6. In these times of gigantic advances in satellite technology, where the location of stolen automobiles, downed aircraft, and boats in trouble can be pinpointed, could we not provide our children with miniature transmitters with which they can quickly be located in time of trouble?

7. Finally—and this is the most difficult of all—tell kids that they must defend themselves if they honestly feel threatened with bodily harm. They should be encouraged to first run

from a source of danger while crying for help. But if they are caught by their attacker, it's okay to scream, bite, scratch, gouge, and, as a last resort, deliver well-placed kicks to the offender's manhood. If such methods seem excessive to some, I ask you this, would you not do the same, and even more, if a child you

loved were so threatened?

In conclusion, outrage and frustration over the sexual abuse or murder of a child is not enough; the time for action is at hand.

Let's roll!



## Upcoming Youth Events



Sunday, April 21, 2002, immediately following Divine Liturgy, our **Adventure Theater Easter play**, *The Moment Christ Died*, preceded by a delicious Lenten luncheon and live musical entertainment provided by members of the group, will be presented in the multi-purpose room. We will be taking reservations (donation \$6.00) on Sunday, April 7th and 14th. Since the Celebration of Books will take up the entire room on April 7th, we will be taking reservations on that date in my office (Room 104 at the east end of the multi-purpose room). You may also make your reservations by calling Mr. D. at 708-562-0869, or E-mailing him at [fanari@interaccess.com](mailto:fanari@interaccess.com)

The Saint John Chrysostom **Oratorical Festival** is an event that allows young people grades four to seniors in high school to proclaim their Orthodox faith. Each participant will receive inner satisfaction as well as religious and monetary prizes. Participants may give a speech, write an essay or poem, or print an icon. Winners at the parish level will proceed to the diocese level. The speech contestants may then proceed to the national level. This year's theme will be "Theology and Dogma of the Orthodox Church". The topics are varied and interesting. Please contact Paul Franks, Father Peter or a Sunday School teacher as soon as possible if you are interested. Date: April 15, Parish Festival; May 11, Diocese Level, at St. Andrew's church.

**Fanari Camp** this year is June 16-22 and June 23-29. If you have not received an application or are applying to be a camp counselor for the first time, stop by the church office and pick up an application. Counselors are needed for both weeks. Camper applications are also available in the church office. Camp is open to 6th through 11th graders.

**Ionian Village** information for campers and counselors for this summer's programs is available in the church office as well as in the multi-purpose room.

**Junior Olympics** is held on Memorial Day Weekend at Ss. Constantine and Helen, Palos Heights. Our parish representative and coordinator is Elouise Koumelis. If you have any questions, contact her or Father Peter. More information and registration materials will be forthcoming.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>8:00am Orthros</b> <b>9:15am Awaken To God</b> <b>9:30am Divine Liturgy</b> <b>6:30pm Vesper Service</b> <b>8:00pm Presentation by Bishop Ware</b> <b>31</b>	5:15pm The Way <b>6:30pm Great Compline</b> <b>1</b>	<b>12:00pm Sixth Hour</b> 4:30pm Greek School <b>6:30pm Great Compline</b> <b>8:00pm Presentation by Bishop Ware</b> <b>2</b>	1:00pm Adult Christian Fellowship And Study Group <b>6:00pm Presanctified Liturgy</b> 7:30pm Catechism Instruction <b>3</b>	<b>12:00pm Sixth Hour</b> 4:30pm Greek School <b>6:30pm Great Compline</b> <b>8:00pm Presentation by Bishop Ware</b> <b>4</b>	4:30pm Adventure Theater <b>7:00pm 3rd Herefismi (Salutations)</b> 8:00pm Choir Rehearsal <b>5</b>	<b>5:00pm Great Vespers</b> <b>6</b>
<b>VENERATION OF THE CROSS</b> <b>8:00am Orthros</b> <b>9:15am Awaken To God</b> <b>9:30am Divine Liturgy</b> Coffee Hour <b>7</b>	4:30pm Adventure Theater <b>6:30pm Great Compline</b> <b>8</b>	<b>12:00pm Sixth Hour</b> 4:30pm Greek School <b>6:30pm Great Compline</b> <b>9</b>	9:30am Seniors Social Visit Greek-American Nursing Home 10:00am TOTs Program <b>6:00pm Presanctified Liturgy</b> 7:30pm Catechism Instruction <b>10</b>	<b>12:00pm Sixth Hour</b> 4:30pm Greek School <b>7:00pm 4th Herefismi (Salutations)</b> 8:00pm Choir Rehearsal <b>11</b>	4:30pm Adventure Theater <b>7:00pm 4th Herefismi (Salutations)</b> 8:00pm Choir Rehearsal <b>12</b>	<b>5:00pm Great Vespers</b> <b>13</b>
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<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <b>8:00am Orthros</b> <b>9:15am Awaken To God</b> <b>9:30am Divine Liturgy</b> Coffee Hour <b>7:00pm Nymphios Service</b> <b>28</b>	<b>HOLY MONDAY</b> 7:00pm Nymphios Service <b>29</b>	<b>HOLY TUESDAY</b> 7:00pm Nymphios Service <b>30</b>	<b>HOLY WEDNESDAY</b> 10:00am Holy Unction 3:30pm Holy Unction 7:00pm Holy Unction <b>1</b>	<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> 6:30am Divine Liturgy 7:00pm 12 Gospel Readings <b>2</b>	<b>HOLY FRIDAY</b> 9:00am Royal Hours 3:00pm Apokathelosis 7:00pm Epitaphios <b>3</b>	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> 8:00am Divine Liturgy 10:30pm ChoirEaster Concert 11:00pm Easter Service 12:00am Resurrection Service 12:15am Divine Liturgy 11:00am Easter Sunday Agape Service <b>4</b>

# Holy Week Services

## April 27 Saturday of Lazarus

On the Saturday of Lazarus (**Orthros 8am, Liturgy 9am**), we commemorate the divine love that brought Lazarus back to life - the same love that Christ offers to each one of us today.

## April 28 Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday (**Orthros 8:00am, Liturgy 9:30am**), we commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

On Palm Sunday evening (**Nymphios Service 7pm**), we commemorate: 1) Christ the Bridegroom by singing "The Hymn of the Bridegroom," warning us to be prepared for Christ's coming. We behold Christ as the Bridegroom of the Church, bearing the marks of suffering, yet preparing a marriage feast for us in God's Kingdom. 2) The Blessed Joseph who was thrown into a pit and sold into slavery by his brothers, and who later became a powerful ruler. In the same way, Christ was rejected, betrayed and crowned with glory in God's Kingdom. 3) The Barren Fig Tree which Christ cursed and withered because it bore no fruit. The tree is like those who have heard God's word but fail to bear fruit by not obeying it.

## April 29 Holy Monday

On Holy Monday evening (**Nymphios Service 7pm**), we commemorate The Parable of the Ten Virgins. The maidens who filled their lamps with oil were prepared to receive the bridegroom. Those with empty lamps were

shut out of the marriage feast. So each of us should light our lives with faith and good works and be ready to receive Christ.

## April 30 Holy Tuesday

On Holy Tuesday evening (**Nymphios Service 7pm**), we commemorate The Sinful Woman who anointed Christ in anticipation of His death. Her repentance and love for Christ is the theme of the Hymn of Kassiani.

## May 1 Holy Wednesday

The Sacrament of Holy Unction (**10:00am, 3:30pm and 7pm**) is celebrated when we confess our sins and seek to be reconciled by God. The priest anoints us with holy oil so that we may be healed physically and spiritually.

## May 2 Holy Thursday

On Holy Thursday morning (**Divine Liturgy 6:30am**), we commemorate: 1) The Washing of the Disciples' Feet - This is an example of Christian humility and love. 2) The Betrayal - Jesus announced that a traitor (Judas Iscariot) was among the twelve. 3) The Last Supper - when Jesus offered Himself as the food for all of us. The bread and wine of this meal became the Body and Blood that gives us eternal life. 4) Christ's Vigil In The Garden - Before Jesus was arrested, He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane and endured the agony of His impending death. On Holy Thursday evening (**12 Gospel Readings 7pm**), we commemorate The Crucifixion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who died to

take away our sins!

## May 3 Holy Friday

On Holy Friday morning (**Royal Hours 9am**), we commemorate the story of Christ's passion.

On Holy Friday afternoon (**Apokathelosis 3pm**), we commemorate the un-nailing of the crucified Christ and His burial.

On Holy Friday evening (**Lamentations 7pm**), we commemorate the burial of the Divine Body, and the descent of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to Hades through which He restored our kind from corruption and transplanted it to eternal life.

## May 4 Holy Saturday

On Holy Saturday morning (**Divine Liturgy 8am**), we commemorate Christ's descent into hell so that death itself might be destroyed. We also anticipate the Resurrection.

At the Easter (**11pm**) & Resurrection Services (**midnight**), the faithful hear the good news of Christ's triumph over death.

Immediately following, **the Paschal Liturgy 12:15am** invites us to take part in the Feast of the Resurrection and to receive Holy Communion.

## May 5 Easter Sunday

At the Agape Service (**11am**), faithful celebrate Christ's gift of new life with each other. The Gospel is proclaimed in several languages.

## Mosaic Deadline

The deadline for the May Mosaic  
is Tuesday, April 9th.

## Memorials

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*Juho Rehvonen*  
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