



from Fr. George

### The Treasure Inside Us

*"And we all are being transformed into the Lord's likeness from glory to glory."*

~ 2 Corinthians 3:18

As I write this Paschal letter for the April edition of The Mosaic, I must admit that I find it a bit difficult to "get in the mood" of the joy of Christ's resurrection, since Holy Lent has barely just begun at the present time, nor has Holy Week even come.

But as I further reflect on this and introspect, the words of St. Paul come to mind, perfectly reflecting my inner state: *"We have this treasure in earthen vessels... We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; **always carrying in our body the death of Jesus.**"*

And the great Apostle continues: *"**Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed every day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, because we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal**"* (2 Corinthians 4:7-10,16-18).

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### The Epitaphios

Did you know that the Epitaphios is a symbol of death overcoming death?

The Epitaphios is a large, beautiful cloth with an embroidered icon of Christ's dead body lying on the tomb. While Christ appears to sleep, He has descended into Hades to release the captive souls of the righteous in the great "Harrowing of Hell" (Greek: η εις Αδου κάθοδος).

Epitaphios in Greek (Επιτάφιος) means "on the tomb." The name of the icon on the cloth is called the "Lamentations at the Tomb," (Greek: Επιτάφιος θρ η νος) which is based on the Gospel account in John 19:38-42.

Initially, the cloth was used to cover the Gospel book as it was brought out on Holy Friday for veneration. Over time, the cloth became the focus of the liturgical services of Holy Friday and Saturday.

During the Vespers service of Apokathelosis ("Unnailing from the

Cross") on Holy Friday, the Epitaphios is brought out from the altar to be processed and placed inside the wooden tomb, called the "Kouvouklion."

The Gospel book is placed on top of the Epitaphios. During Orthros (Matins) for Holy Saturday — celebrated in the evening of Holy Friday — the tomb, decorated with flowers, is processed around the church in a funeral-like procession with the singing of Lamentations.

Holy Saturday is the day between the death and resurrection of Jesus. It is the epitome of "bright sadness" and "joyful sorrow" (Greek: χαρμολύπη) — the tension between mourning and celebration that characterizes Great Lent and Holy Week. It is a "Sabbath rest" for Christ and a day of watchful expectation for us, as we anticipate the victory of eternal life overcoming death and the eternal beatitude (blessing) that is promised to those who mourn.





**POISED FOR SUCCESS  
CLOTHING DRIVE**



Philoptochos will be collecting new or gently used clothing **May 10<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>** for Poised for Success.

Accepting dresses, blazers, pants, blouses, jewelry, handbags, shoes, and winter items (coats, scarves, gloves). All items must be clean, in new condition and on hangers.



**EASTER  
LAMBATHES  
SALE**

Purchase your decorated Easter Lambathes after Sunday liturgies 3/23 thru 4/13 and following Holy Unction services on Holy Wednesday, April 16th

Candles are \$15 each and make beautiful gifts for children/godchildren  
Cash - check -online  
[www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501](http://www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501)



If you have any questions or would like to decorate or sell candles, please contact  
Angela Karras Neboyskey  
at [arkarras@gmail.com](mailto:arkarras@gmail.com)  
or (773) 719-2619

## Plan Ahead ...



**H**oly Apostles is pleased to offer **cemeterary plots for sale at Chapel Hill Gardens West**, located at 17W201 Roosevelt Road in Oakbrook Terrace.

Situated within the serene, park-like Garden of Ascension, these plots provide a peaceful and dignified final resting place.

**With fewer than 50 plots remaining** from the original purchase of 270, this is a unique opportunity for our members to secure a plot at a significantly discounted price—well below the cost of purchasing directly from Chapel Hill.

For more information, please contact Lou Kafkes, Parish Administrator, at 708-562-2744.

## The Treasure Inside Us *(continued)*

Brothers and sisters in Christ, **the treasure we carry within us, within our hearts and souls, is the life and the joy of the triumph of the resurrection of Christ.**

This joy and this life are ever with us – not just during the forty days after Pascha.

While we walk about this earthly life, as our “outer nature wastes away,” as we suffer many hardships and afflictions and setbacks and carry the death of Jesus in our body, **the inner and unseen person is continually renewed and filled with the light of the resurrection and God’s sure promise of eternal life** in His Kingdom, with Him, in His glory.

The very life of God pumps through us on account of our faith, and our inner state is continually being resurrected and is forever being transformed from one degree of glory to another, regardless of exterior circumstances.

This is “*our life hidden with Christ in God*” (Colossians 3:3). True, our spiritual senses become keener to this reality within us during Pascha and the bright days that follow because of the

vivid liturgical experience and because of our spiritual preparation during the days of Holy Lent, but we should never at any time become totally unaware of this divine resurrected life within us, of the transformation taking place at the core of our person each and every day.

Jesus Christ physically rose from the dead one time at a specific historical point. **Jesus Christ continuously rises in our hearts, filling us with His grace and His life.**

Fully aware that the life of immortality and the resurrection dwelled within him at all times on account of Christ dwelling in him, the Spirit-bearer St. Seraphim greeted everyone he encountered throughout the year with the joyful Paschal proclamation: “Christ is Risen!” Such was the faith and inner awareness of the Saint. May these also become ours.

With love in our Resurrected Lord, Who has also risen in our hearts,

+ Fr. George

# EASTER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

## HOLY FRIDAY RETREAT

**WHO:** Children Pre-K through 5th Grade

**WHEN:** April 18 after Royal Hours: 10:30 am to 2:15 pm

**WHERE:** Holy Apostles Church

**VOLUNTEERS:** All ages of volunteers welcome!

## 6th to 12th GRADES:

Sign up to help with flowers, candles, eggs and more!

Any questions or need a note excusing you from school, please email Alexa at youthdirector@holyapostleschurch.com.



**RSVP:**

◀ scan QR code or visit <https://form.jotform.com/250566787533165>







## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FEBRUARY 2025 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

PC SECRETARY: PATTY PAPPAS    EDITED BY: VAL DRANIAS

**Call to Order:** James Maragos at 7:33 PM. **Opening Prayer:** Father George. The Mission Statement was recited.

Patty Pappas presented the Minutes of the January 16, 2025 meeting. Bill Leider moved that the Parish Council approve the January Minutes; Sandy Pihos seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

**Explanation of Robert’s Rules of Order:** James Maragos, Sandra Pihos and Patty Pappas informed the Parish Council that, in accordance with the Holy Apostles Bylaws, all meetings must be conducted following Robert’s Rules of Order. They offered an overview of these Rules and led a mock exercise to demonstrate their application in practice.

**Correspondence:** Patty Pappas reported that event invitations were received from the following organizations: Panhellenic Scholarship Foundation, IOCC Chicago Grand Banquet, Assumption Centennial Celebration, DuPage Pads, Greek American Rehabilitation & Care Centre Fashion Show. Additionally, she shared a donation request letter from the Souper Bowl of Caring (IOCC), as well as donation acknowledgments from the AOK Foundation and St. Iakovos Retreat Center.

Motion by James Maragos to donate \$100 for full page ad for the Fr. Ted Poteres Retirement Program Book. Sandra Pihos seconded the motion. Motion passed by majority.

**Ecclesiastical Report:** Father Dokos presented a video regarding the Prayer of St. Ephraim for discussion.

### Ministries

**Finance:** George Antonopoulos reported that in January the cash accounts increased by \$128,000, due in large part to the collection of pledges. He presented a review of the 2024 pledge collections: \$914,000 was pledged. \$903,000 was collected. For 2025, \$920,000 is budgeted for pledges. To date for 2025, \$504,000 has been pledged, and \$311,000 has been collected. The average monthly expenses budgeted is \$108,000. In January, the expenses were \$111,000.

**Stewardship:** Sandra Pihos provided a report on stewardship pledges.

METRIC	JAN. 2025 YTD	JAN 2024 YTD	% CHANGE
# of pledges	345	373	-8%
Total pledged	\$554,615	\$532,695	4%
Amount collected	\$311,419	\$301,364	3%
Median pledge	\$600	\$800	33%
Average pledge	\$1,608	\$1,428	13%

**Building and Grounds:** Chris Pepke reported as follows:

- Approval has been received from the Metropolis of Chicago, Buildings Projects and Architecture Committee (BPA) for the rebuilding of the front doors. Work will begin very soon.
- Duct cleaning will begin on 2/24/25.
- Thermostats for the classrooms will be updated. They will be installed in the next week or so based upon material lead time. There will be one thermostat per floor.
- Two new bottle fill stations will be installed within the next couple of months.
- Lawn care - we are looking to switch to a new service.
- Snow removal - we are looking to switch to a new service. We have received three bids received & will accept a bid with in the next month or so.
- Hanging wires - we will rent a lift to begin cleaning and moving them.
- Roof corrections - an annual inspection of the roof was performed. Warranty items have been taken care of. Other roof items with cost impact will be corrected this spring.

- Lower level storage room - we will be removing a wall in order to create better storage.
- Security cameras - we are in the process of receiving three bids in order to upgrade the cameras.
- TV's - Greek School received a grant for two TV's . They will be installed within the classrooms.
- Capital projects - an architect is needed for three projects: remodel of the main office, building of the new monument sign along Wolf Road, and building of the brick wall enclosure around the air conditioning units on the south end of the church. We have received pricing from the architect, with design costs being \$10,000. This contract does not require approval from the Metropolis of Chicago BPA Committee. Motion by Chris Pepke: To proceed with Palmyra Architect design services for remodel of the office, monument sign, and brick wall enclosure. Bill Leider seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.
- Fire inspection report - there are 33 open items to be addressed. We are moving forward with completing the list. It will take some time. We will then request a re-inspection.

**Technology:** Report by Steve Milak

We let a contract expire for support from our IP vendor for two Wi Fi access points. It is no longer needed because we now have additional Wi Fi access points. This will save us \$200-\$300 per year in contract fees.

YouTube viewership: In 2024 we had approximately 15,000 views of our livestream videos. On average, 50 devices are connected to the livestream each Sunday. Viewership is all U.S. based, primarily in the Chicago suburbs. Viewership age is estimated to be 65 years and older. The gender of the views is 56% female and 44% male.

**Ushering:** Report by Ted Dres

Ushering reminders: Direct any questions to the Usher in Charge. Not everyone will receive an assignment. The goal is to rotate ushering assignments so everyone has a chance to learn different positions. Conversations are not to occur during liturgy - move to the office if necessary. Ushers are not to stand in the entryway so as not to impede entry into the nave. Always remain quiet and respectful. Greet quietly. Ropes are to be placed in the first few pews for Sunday School students. There are no designated sections for memorial services. Ushers are to stand at their assigned places prior to Holy Communion and before trays are passed. Candles need constant maintenance. Sandra Pihos distributed updated Ushering Guidelines to all Parish Council members.

**Missions:** Peter Bell - no report.

## Old Business

**Holy Apostles Foundation:** James Maragos reported that the Foundation Board was selected in December 2024. They will hold their first meeting via Zoom on 3/19/25 at 8:00 PM. There will be a Meet and Greet to introduce the new Foundation Board on 3/23/25 after Divine Liturgy. The Board will help educate the Holy Apostles community on the various ways to donate to the church through the Foundation. There are multiple options for giving. A donation to the Foundation was also recieved in January.

**Leamus Maintenance Contract:** Mike Thiakos reported that the Parish Council does not have a copy of the final contract or the contract appendix, which is needed in order to discuss at the meeting. The contract will need to align with the motion that was approved at the 1/16/25 Parish Council meeting. We may need further discussion regarding that motion. He reiterated the need for a certificate of insurance for all vendor contracts.

**Macaronatha Luncheon:** Sandra Pihos and Valentia Vourlos will co-chair this event. Sandra Pihos reported that all Parish Council members must be present for the Macaronatha Luncheon. A sign up sheet was distributed for goods. The Parish Council will underwrite the cost of the Luncheon. All gross proceeds from the free will donations at the Luncheon will go to support missionary Jesse Brandow in Central America. Specifically, the funds will support the translation of the Orthodox Chant Stand into Spanish. An online donation option will also be made available through the church website.

**Office Assistant Search:** Sandra Pihos reported that she has reached out to several organizations to promote the associate position employment opportunity at Holy Apostles. To date, two people have submitted resumes, which will be evaluated. The employment description identifies the duties and hours. Everyone is encouraged to apply.

**Vanco Software Use Report:** Sandra Pihos reported that with the usage of Vanco software, some materials have been lost due to technology issues. Alicia Magas is doing training to assist different ministries with the Vanco software. We will determine if these technology issues can be resolved.

**Youth Worker Registration:** Patty Pappas reported that according to the Archdiocese Youth Worker Safety Platform, 15 out of 87 Youth Workers at Holy Apostles are not fully compliant. To better track our compliance, we created an internal database for ministry leaders to add and remove Youth Workers. A letter will be sent to ministry leaders to inform them of the noncompliant Youth Workers, as well as the new database and responsibility to keep it up to date.

## FEBRUARY 2025 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (CONT)

**Cemetery Plots:** Patty Pappas reported that the plot exchange contracts have been reviewed, and that Chapel Hill must place initials next to each place where Holy Apostles has placed initials. We will begin advertising the sale of the remaining plots, now numbering under 50 in total. We will consider offering an informational meeting for interested parishioners.

**Greek School** - Nicole Voelz reported that she had a joint meeting with James Maragos and Principal Zoe Koultourides. She also introduced herself to the Greek School teachers to inform them of her role as liaison. She sat in on the PTO meeting. She reported on the Greek School's possible involvement in the upcoming Greek Parade (April 6, 2025), upcoming Greek Independence Day Program (March 25, 2025), acquisition of new desks and TV's, grant applications, dinner dance and encouragement for students to achieve the Seal of Bilingualism in Greek.

### New Business

**Executive Committee and Building and Grounds Spending Limit:** James Maragos reported that there may be times when the Executive Committee will need to act upon a project or make a purchase before having to wait until the next Parish Council meeting. Motion by James Maragos that the maximum amount that can be spent in between Parish Council meetings by the Executive Committee for items approved in the budget or emergencies is \$5,000. George Antonopoulos seconded the motion. Motion is withdrawn to allow for further discussion at future meetings.

**Ministry Contacts:** Sandra Pihos reported that we should create a ministry contact list. The Ministry booklet provides general ministry email addresses but does not refer to particular individuals due to leadership changes. We will create a ministry contact list which will be kept in the church office.

**Graduate Sunday/Church Picnic:** Both events will be held on June 1, 2025. Mike Thiakos will serve as chair of the Picnic. All Parish Council members are expected to be there. Announcements will be made in the Mosaic and through other channels of communication.

**Father Bill's Memorial Coffee Hour:** The Parish Council will host on May 11, 2025.

**Meet and Greet for new Parish Council and Foundation Board Members:** March 23, 2025. We will be publicizing this event.

**Purchase of Computer Equipment:** Motion by Steven Milak: To allocate up to \$1100.00 for the purchase of computer equipment for the administrative office. Sandy Pihos seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

**Church Zoom Account Use:** Sandra Pihos reported that we do have a Zoom account for meetings. Our Parish Administrator, Lou Kafkes, will set up the meeting and send out an invitation. This is available to all committees and ministry leaders.

**Task List:** Nicole Ostendorf reported that she has been assigned to keep track of Parish Council tasks on a month to month basis to promote efficiency and accountability. She has created a database to assist with organization of the tasks, which will be a working document. Tasks from today's meeting: Fr. Ted Poteres donation; James Maragos to contact insurance company; follow through for Zoom account use setup; Barbara Pappas Memorial Committee; ministry contact list.

**Special Clergy Laity:** Holy Apostles will select two representatives at a Special Parish Assembly. They will represent Holy Apostles at the Metropolis Special Clergy-Laity Assembly, which will be held via Zoom on April 1st. This Metropolis Assembly will allow the parishes to vote on the purchase of property for the new Metropolis Center.

**Seniors Group:** Bill Leider reported that he would like to oversee the creation of a new seniors group. He would like to continue discussions to further this idea.

**Fr. Stephen Damick:** Fr. Nicholas reported that Fr. Stephen Damick will give the sermon at Divine Liturgy on March 16, 2025. Fr. Damick will also be the speaker at the Celebration of Books reception that same evening following Vespers. He will be presenting a lecture on "What do angels have to do with salvation?"

Next Parish Council Meeting: 3/20/25 at 7:30 PM

Key Dates: Host OCF College Day 2/22/25; Macaronatha Luncheon 3/2/25 (all Parish Council needed); Holy Apostles Special Parish Assembly 3/16/25; Celebration of Books 3/16/25; Holy Apostles Foundation - New Board Members Meeting 3/19/25 via Zoom; New Parish Council and Holy Apostles Foundation Board Meet and Greet 3/23/25; Metropolis Special Clergy Laity Assembly 4/1/25 at 6:00 PM via Zoom; Holy Apostles Spring Parish Assembly 5/4/25; Fr. Bill Chiganos Memorial Service and Coffee Hour 5/11/25; Graduate Sunday and Holy Apostles Picnic 6/1/25

Closing Prayer: Father Georgiou. James Maragos adjourned the meeting at 10:02 PM



## HOLY APOSTLES PHILOPTOCHOS EASTER

# Drive-by Food Sale

**KOULOURAKIA | KOURAMBIEDES | PASTITSIO |  
SPANAKOPITES | TIROPITES | TSOUREKI**



### How to order:

Order during coffee hour on **April 6**.

Orders can also be placed online at [www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501](http://www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501) until **April 6 at 6 pm**.

### Form of payments:

Payments accepted are cash, check (payable to Holy Apostles Philoptochos) or credit card online at [www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501](http://www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501)

### Pick up order days/times:

Pick up your order at the front of Holy Apostles Church on **Saturday, April 12 (11am - 12:30 pm)**. Enter via the south parking lot.

### For further information:

Contact Laura Pepke ([laurapepke@gmail.com](mailto:laurapepke@gmail.com)) or call 630-291-7685) or Debbie Chiganos ([debbchig@att.net](mailto:debbchig@att.net)).

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ITEM	SERVING	PRICE
KOULOURAKIA <i>(Homemade)</i>	1 DOZEN	\$10
KOURAMBIEDES <i>(Homemade)</i>	1 DOZEN	\$10
PASTITSIO <i>(Greek Islands)</i>	10 X 13 INCH PAN	\$35
SPANAKOPITES	1 DOZEN / TRAY	\$15
TIROPITES	1 DOZEN / TRAY	\$15
TSOUREKI	1.5 LBS.	\$15
BAKLAVA <i>(Homemade)</i>	1/2 DOZEN	\$10

>> *Proceeds benefit Operation Classroom Initiative* <<





## 30 VOLUNTEERS - 58 "BLANKETS OF LOVE"



It was a great turnout of volunteers on March 8. Holy Apostles Philoptochos made 30 blankets, which will be donated to Phil's Friends.

Phil's Friends is a local non-profit that supports children and adults facing cancer by sending Care Packages and "Cards of Hope." Thank you to everyone who contributed and volunteered!



TO CARE FOR THOSE WHO ONCE CARED FOR US IS ONE OF LIFE'S HIGHEST HONORS.

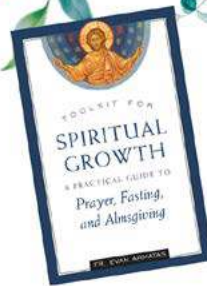
### CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP *A Holy Apostles Ministry*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
DISCUSSION & COFFEE!

Tuesday, April 8  
1 PM - Philoptochos Room

Please contact Kathy Steffenson at [gksteff@gmail.com](mailto:gksteff@gmail.com) or Val Dranias at [valdranias@aol.com](mailto:valdranias@aol.com) with any questions.

We hope that you will join us.



Women of all ages are invited to join in our next book club read. This little book of about 100 pages is packed with gems to help us along our Lenten Journey. Hope to see you there!

### Women's Book Club

**WHAT:** "Toolkit For Spiritual Growth" by Fr. Evan Armatas

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 8 at 7 pm

**WHERE:** Holy Apostles Multi-Purpose Room

**BYOM:** Bring Your Own Mug as hot drinks will be provided

*Book is available in HARC*





*Seniors, please join us at*

# KOUKLA'S KAFENIO

## GREEK LUNCHEON AND LIVE MUSIC!

Thursday, May 1 | 12 - 3 PM  
Holy Apostles Multi-Purpose Room



All seniors are invited to a lively afternoon of Greek music, singing and dancing!



Chicago's Premier Greek Band will perform all your favorites!



Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 23 to Cathy Magas at 630.941.8448



We will be collecting items for the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans.

If you'd like to donate, the following items are needed: New toiletries items: hand soap, bars of soap, body wash, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.



# MACARONATHA LUNCHEON

Sponsored by the Parish Council of Holy Apostles, **310 parishioners enjoyed a delicious homecooked Macaronatha Luncheon to begin our Great Lenten season** together with love and camaraderie on March 2.

**The proceeds from their generous contributions exceeded \$5,000.00.**

Holy Apostles has always been a loyal supporter of missionary Jesse Brandow and his work in Central America.

One of the dilemmas he encounters is finding liturgical materials in Spanish, therefore, he has begun a new project translating the Orthodox Chant Stand into Spanish and online for anyone to use.

The proceeds from the luncheon will be donated in their entirety to this worthy endeavor.



## Easter Egg Wrapping



### Multi-Purpose Room

**Drop-Off:** By Holy Friday AM (April 18))

**Wrapping:** Holy Friday Morning (following Royal Hours)

Philoptochos is once again asking parishioners to donate red eggs so that they may be wrapped in tulle for distribution at our Anastasi and Agape Easter services.

Please bring **boiled, unrefrigerated red eggs to the multi-purpose room no later than Holy Friday morning (April 18)**. The eggs will be wrapped in tulle after the Royal Hours service on Holy Friday morning. All parishioners are welcome to help wrap.

## Philoptochos General Meeting



It was a great turnout for the Holy Apostles Philoptochos general meeting on Feb. 18.

Thank you to our special guest speaker Maria Karalis, a registered dietitian nutritionist who offered members practical solutions for healthy living.

She also talked about food, nutrition and fasting in the Orthodox Church.

Thank you to everyone who attended this informative meeting.



## GRADUATE SUNDAY & CHURCH PICNIC



### SUNDAY, JUNE 1

Join us in celebrating our Holy Apostles Graduates and celebrate their graduation and accomplishments at our Church Picnic





Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church

APRIL 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 6:45 am Brotherhood of St Peter the Apostle 7:00 pm Philoptochos Board Meeting 7:15 pm ECM Webinar	<b>2</b> 5:30 pm 9th Hour / Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Dinner Hosted by Bible Study	<b>3</b> 1:00 pm Bible Study	<b>4</b> 7:00 pm Akathist Hymn 8:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 9:00 am Feed My Starving Children 4:00 pm Open Confession 5:00 pm Vespers 6:00 pm Vespers Potluck Dinner
<b>6</b> Philoptochos Easter Bake Sale Ordering Philoptochos Easter Candle Sale 8:15 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:30 am Fellowship Hour 11:45 am GOYA Board		<b>8</b> 1:00 pm Caregivers Support Meeting 4:30 pm Greek School 6:30 pm GOYA & Jr. GOYA Palm Folding & Dinner & Confession	<b>9</b> 10:00 am TOTS 3:30 pm ECM Church Meeting 5:30 pm 9th Hour / Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Dinner Hosted by Parish Council	<b>10</b> Greek School PTO/6th Grade Parents Graduation Meeting 1:00 pm Bible Study 4:30 pm Greek School 7:30 pm Parish Council Meeting	<b>11</b> 5:30 pm 9th Hour / Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	<b>12 Lazarus Saturday</b> 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:30 am Pascha Prep for Jr. GOYA & GOYA 11:00 am Philoptochos Easter Bake Sale Order Pickup 4:00 pm Open Confession 5:00 pm Vespers
<b>13 Palm Sunday</b> Philoptochos Easter Candle Sale 8:15 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:30 am Fellowship Hour 7:00 pm Bridegroom Service	<b>14 Holy Monday</b> 9:00 am Presanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm Bridegroom Service	<b>15 Holy Tuesday</b> Koulourakia Baking 9:00 am Presanctified Liturgy 4:30 pm Greek School 7:00 pm Bridegroom Service 8:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>16 Holy Wednesday</b> 10:00 am Holy Unction 3:30 pm Holy Unction 7:00 pm Orthros of Holy Thursday/Anointing at End	<b>17 Holy Thursday</b> 6:30 am Vespers Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Service of the Twelve Gospels	<b>18 Holy Friday</b> Office Closed 9:00 am Royal Hours of Pascha 10:00 am Good Friday Retreat 3:00 pm Jr. GOYA & GOYA Candle Sales 3:00 pm Taking Down from the Cross 7:00 pm Lamentations	<b>19 Holy Saturday</b> 9:00 am First Resurrection Vespers Divine Liturgy 11:00 pm Resurrection Service/Paschal Divine Liturgy
<b>20 Pascha</b> 11:00 am Agape Vespers	<b>21</b> Office Closed - Bright Monday	<b>22</b> 6:45 am Brotherhood of St Peter the Apostle 4:30 pm Greek School 7:00 pm GOYA Bright Week Dinner	<b>23 Feast Day of St George</b> 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	<b>24</b> 1:00 pm Bible Study 4:30 pm Greek School 6:15 pm Greek School Staff Meeting	<b>25 Feast Day of Theotokos of the Life Giving Spring</b> 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	<b>26</b> 5:00 pm Vespers
<b>27</b> 8:15 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:30 am Fellowship Hour	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 4:30 pm Greek School	<b>30</b> 10:00 am Koukla's Kafenio Setup 7:00 pm Parish Family Ministry meeting			



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## MEMORIALS

### MARCH

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Elpida Panagiotaros  
Arthur Andrews  
Angeleen Andrews  
Nicholas Andrews  
Joanne Pekras  
Constance Poulos  
Sophia Russell  
Marika Xinos  
Cleo Bell  
John Bell  
Nicholas Bell  
Bess Chechopoulos  
Anthony Dallianis  
Demetra Karvelas  
Frances Katsuleas  
Peter Katsuleas  
Fr James Nikolas  
Kallianthi Vainikos

### APRIL

George Beshilas  
Peter Mathews  
Christos Natsis

## FUNERALS

Christos Natsis  
Michael Hamalis  
Jerry Devaris

## BAPTISMS

Theodore, son of Paul & Melissa Jacklin  
*Sponsor: William Jacklin*

Peter, son of George & Kristen Vlagos  
*Sponsor: Susanna Brown*

## WEDDINGS

Harrison Kiang & Ashley Fu  
*Sponsor: Thomas Tsiftilis*



▲ Watch: Easter on Mt. Athos:

<https://youtu.be/TJ0rkp0UzT8>