



**Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church**  
**THE WEEKLY CHURCH BULLETIN**

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018**

Κυριακή 1η Απριλίου 2018  
ΤΩΝ ΒΑΙΩΝ  
Αποστ: Φιλ. 4:4-9  
Ευαγγ: Ιωαν. 12:1-18

PALM SUNDAY  
Today's Readings  
Epistle: Phillipians 4:4-9  
Gospel: John 12:1-18



**PALM SUNDAY**

On the Sunday before the Feast of Great and Holy Pascha and at the beginning of Holy Week, the Orthodox Church celebrates one of its most joyous feasts of the year. Palm Sunday is the commemoration of the Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem following His glorious miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead. Having anticipated His arrival and having heard of the miracle, the people went out to meet the Lord and welcomed Him with displays of honor and shouts of praise. On this day, we receive and worship Christ in this same manner, acknowledging Him as our King and Lord.

Five days before the Passover, Jesus came from Bethany to Jerusalem. Having sent two of His disciples to bring Him a colt of a donkey, Jesus sat upon it and entered the city. People had gathered in Jerusalem for the Passover and when they heard that Christ was entering the city, they went out to meet Him with palm branches, laying their garments on the ground before Him, and shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!"

At the outset of His public ministry, Jesus proclaimed the kingdom of God and announced that the powers of the age to come were already active in the present age (Luke 7:18-22). His words and mighty works were performed "to produce repentance as the response to His call, a call to an inward change of mind and heart which would result in concrete changes in one's life, a call to follow Him and accept His messianic destiny. The triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem is a messianic event, through which His divine authority was declared.

Palm Sunday summons us to behold our king: the Word of God made flesh. We are called to behold Him not simply as the One who came to us once riding on a donkey, but as the One who is always present in His Church, always coming to us in power and glory at every Eucharist, in every prayer and sacrament, and in every act of love, kindness and mercy. He comes to free us from all our fears and insecurities, to take solemn possession of our soul, and to be enthroned in our heart. He comes not only to deliver us from our deaths by His death and Resurrection, but also to make us capable of attaining the most perfect fellowship or union with Him. He is the King, who liberates us from the darkness of sin and the bondage of death. Palm Sunday summons us to behold our King: the vanquisher of death and the giver of life.

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Palm Sunday summons us to behold our King: - the Suffering Servant. We cannot understand Jesus' kingship apart from the Passion. Filled with infinite love for the Father and the Holy Spirit, and for creation, in His inexpressible humility Jesus accepted the infinite abasement of the Cross. He bore our griefs and carried our sorrows; He was wounded for our transgressions and made Himself an offering for sin (Isaiah 53). His glorification, which was accomplished by the resurrection and the ascension, was achieved through the Cross.

In the fleeting moments of exuberance that marked Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the world received its King, the king who was on His way to death. His Passion, however, was not a desire for martyrdom. Jesus' purpose was to accomplish the mission for which His Father sent Him.



**SAVE THE DATE!** The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Fr. Byron Golf Open and Dinner will take place on **Thursday, June 21, 2018**  
More information to come!

**WITH THANKS AND APPRECIATION**  
We would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the **George Kladis family**  
*For repairing the driveway and parking lot of our church and school complex.*  
We thank them for their kindness and love for Our Home!  
May our Lord reward them manifold.



**Fr. Tom, together with the President and Members of the Parish Council extend to our entire Parish Family a Happy and Blessed Easter**



**MESSAGE FROM FATHER TOM...**

The Journey of Holy Week

As we enter into the pinnacle of our Faith in these most Holy of days, walking in the footsteps of our Lord as He enters Jerusalem, He administers the Sacrament to His disciples, He prays at the Mount of Olives, He suffers the humiliation of arrest and accusation, He is placed on the Cross, and His Holy Resurrection, let us all be made worthy to experience these events in a whole new way – closer than ever to our Lord and Saviour. May the Blessings of these days be upon all of us

Let us again welcome Rev. Fr. Dr. Anton Vrame, our Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America Director of Religious Education, as joins us on our journey, in all of the Holy services of Holy Week.

As we prepare for the most Holy of Days, please remember that whatever your pastoral need - **I am at your service** – please contact me in the Church Office at (708) 974-3400 or email at Tomdemed@aol.com

*Our GOYA will be selling Easter Lambathes today following the Divine Liturgy. Please support them!*

**Let us do our best for Our Home**  
  
**Stewardship 2018**  
**Sign up for monthly giving at [www.ssch.us](http://www.ssch.us)**



“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

«Ὡσαννά, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου»



« Τόν νυμφῶνά σου βλέπω, Σωτήρ μου, κεκοσμημένον, καί ἐνδύμα οὐκ ἔχω ἵνα εἰσέλθω ἐν αὐτῷ λάμπρυνόν μου τήν στολήν τῆς ψυχῆς, φωτοδότα, καί σῶσόν με»

Σήμερα το ἑσπέρας  
Ὡρα 7.00 μ.μ. - Ἐκκολοθία τοῦ Νυμφίου



« Τόν Νυμφίον, ἀδελφοί, ἀγαπήσωμεν, τάς λαμπάδας ἐαυτῶν ἀντρεπίσωμεν, ἐν ἀρεταῖς ἐλάμποντες καί πίστει ὀρθῇ»

Δευτέρα 2η Ἀπριλίου - ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ  
Ὡρα 7.00 μ.μ. - Ἐκκολοθία τοῦ Νυμφίου



« Κύριε, ἡ ἐν πολλαῖς ἀμαρτίαις περιπεσοῦσα γυνή... μύρα σοι πρό τοῦ ἐνταφιασμοῦ σου κομίζει»

(Τροπάριο Κασσιανῆς)

Τρίτη 3η Ἀπριλίου - ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΤΡΙΤΗ  
Ὡρα 7.00 μ.μ. - Ἐκκολοθία τοῦ Νυμφίου  
Τό τροπάριο τῆς Κασσιανῆς



« Ὁ λίμνας καί πηγᾶς καί θαλάσσης ποιήσας, ταπεινώσιν ἡμᾶς ἐπαιδεύων ἀρίστην, λευτίῳ ζωννύμενος, μαθητῶν πόδας ἐνίψε»

(Κάθισμα Μεγ. Τετάρτης)

Τετάρτη 4η Ἀπριλίου - ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ  
Ὡρα 10.30 π.μ. - Ἐκκολοθία τοῦ Εὐχελαίου  
Ὡρα 3.30 μ.μ. - Ἐκκολοθία τοῦ Εὐχελαίου  
Ὡρα 7.00 μ.μ. - Ἐκκολοθία τοῦ Νιπτήρος, χρήσις Εὐχελαίου



Σήμερον κρεμάται ἐπὶ ξύλου..

Πέμπτη 5η Ἀπριλίου - ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΠΕΜΠΤΗ  
Ὡρα 8.30 π.μ. - Θεία Λειτουργία  
Ὡρα 7.00 μ.μ. - Ἐκκολοθία τῶν Παθῶν τοῦ Κυρίου



« Καί ἡ γῆ ἐσειέθη καί αἱ πέτραι ἐσχίσθησαν»

« Ἡ Ζωή ἐν τάφῳ κατετέθη, Χριστέ»

« Αἱ γενεαὶ πᾶσαι ὕμνον τῇ ταφῇ σου προσφέρουσι, Χριστέ μου»

Παρασκευή 6η Ἀπριλίου - ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ  
Ὡρα 8.00 π.μ. - Βασιλικαὶ Ὡραι  
Ὡρα 3.00 μ.μ. - Ἀποκαθήλωσις  
Ὡρα 7.00 μ.μ. - Ἐπιτάφιος Θρήνος



« Κύματι θαλάσσης τόν κρύψαντα πάλαι διώκτην τύραννον, ὑπὸ γῆς ἔκρυσαν τῶν σεσωσμένων οἱ παῖδες· ἀλλ' ἡμεῖς ὡς αἱ νεάνιδες τῷ Κυρίῳ ᾄσωμεν· ἐνδόξως γάρ δεδόξασται»

Σάββατο 7η Ἀπριλίου - ΜΕΓΑΛΟ ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ  
Θεία Λειτουργία Ὡρα 6.00 π.μ. καί 8.30 π.μ.  
Ὡρα 11.00 μ.μ. - 1.30 π.μ.  
Ὁ Κανὼν - Κυματι Θαλάσσης  
Ἡ τέλεση τῆς ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΕΩΣ  
καὶ ἐν συνεχείᾳ Θεία Λειτουργία



ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ  
ἐκ νεκρῶν θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας,  
καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι,  
ζωὴν χαρισάμενος

Κυριακή 8η - ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΣΧΑ  
Ὡρα 11.00 π.μ. - Ἐσπερινός Ἀγάπης

Παρασκευή 13η - ΖΩΟΔΟΧΟΥ ΠΗΓΗΣ Ὡρα 8.00 π.μ. - Ὁρθρος καὶ Θεία Λειτουργία



Ὁ π. Αθανάσιος, μαζί μέ τόν Πρόεδρο τῆς ἐνορίας καί τά μέλη τοῦ Διοκητικῆ Συμβουλίου, εὐχόνται σέ ὅλους χαρούμενο καί εὐλογημένο ΠΑΣΧΑ.

## ACTIVITIES OF THE WEEK

### Today: Palm Sunday

7:00 p.m. Nymphios (Bridegroom) Service

### Monday, April 2: Holy Monday

7:00 p.m. Nymphios (Bridegroom) Service

### Tuesday, April 3: Holy Tuesday

7:00 p.m. Nymphios (Bridegroom) Service

### Wednesday, April 4: Holy Wednesday

10:30 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Unction Service

3:30 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Holy Unction Service

7:00 p.m. Service of Niptira (Washing) and Anointing with Holy Unction

### Thursday, April 5: Holy Thursday

8:30 a.m. Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil  
*All School Children to Receive Holy Communion*  
*Followed by a Community Lenten Breakfast*

7:00 p.m. Holy Passion Service

### Friday, April 6: Great and Holy Friday

8:00 a.m. The Great Royal Hours

3:00 p.m. Apocathelosis (Removal from the Cross)

7:00 p.m. Lamentations (Epitaphios)

### Saturday, April 7: Holy Saturday

6:00 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

8:30 a.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

11:00 p.m. The Canon with the Proclamation of  
- 1:30 a.m. the Resurrection followed by the  
Paschal Divine Liturgy

### Sunday, April 8: Holy Pascha (Easter)

11:00 a.m. The Agape (Love) Vespers Service  
(All children will be presented  
with a special Easter gift)

## ✠ MEMORIALS ✠

Memorials are not celebrated through  
the Sunday of St. Thomas (April 15<sup>th</sup>) Inclusive

## BRIGHT WEEK

### KORAES SCHOOL CLOSED – SPRING BREAK

*Classes resume Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>*

### Wednesday, April 11: Bright Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Seniors' Christian Fellowship at  
St. Nicholas Church, Oak Lawn  
Divine Liturgy followed by luncheon

### Friday, April 13: Bright Friday

### Zoodochos Pighi–Life Giving Fountain

8:00 a.m. Orthros / Divine Liturgy

## PHILOPTOCHOS EASTER ORDER PICK-UP AND BAKE SALE

For anyone who placed an Easter Bake Sale order, it is available for you to pick up in the lobby after church. Also available are some items for sale. Thank you everyone for your support.

## SACRAMENT

### BAPTISM

We welcome the following into the Orthodox Faith and we pray that God grant her many, many years!

Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

Sotiria, daughter of

Peter and Lia Chrysanthou

Sponsor: Eugenia Kyriakopoulos

Please join our Parish for a birthday celebration for

**Father Tom**

**Sunday, April 15, 2018**

Luncheon following the Divine Liturgy

There is no cost for this event, however, we ask that you

Make a reservation by calling the church office at  
708-974-3400

Hosted by the Parish Council, KPTA and Philoptochos

See you...



...Next SUNDAY!