



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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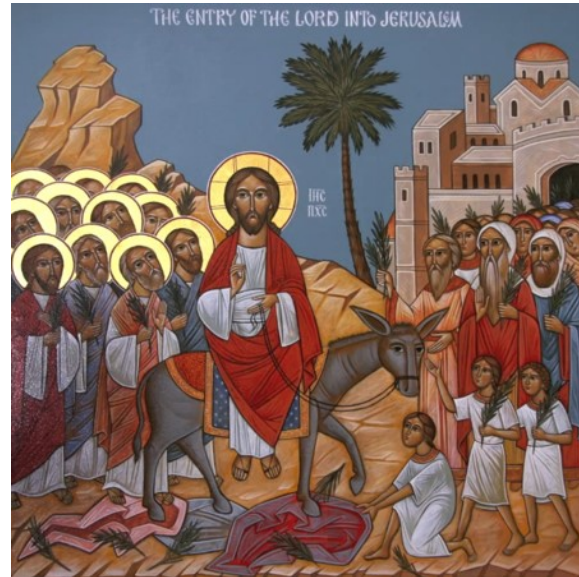
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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

April 9, 2023

ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST INTO JERUSALEM



WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

We are glad you are with us this morning.

If you are not Orthodox, we invite you to partake of the blessed bread during communion.

Please join us on the patio after the Liturgy for Coffee Hour.

We'd love to meet you!

We welcome children of all ages in our worship.

“Let the little children come unto Me for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.” Luke 18:16

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 9—PALM SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Matins & Religious Ed. ages 3-12
 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy & Procession
 11:30 a.m. Teen Religious Education
 11:45 p.m. PARISH POTLUCK
 5:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins

Monday, April 10

5:15 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry—Akathist
 by Zoom
 5:00 p.m. Confessions
 6:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins

Tuesday, April 11

8:30 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy
 5:00 p.m. Confessions
 6:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins

Wednesday, April 12

8:30 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy
 12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry
 5:00 p.m. Confessions
 6:00 p.m. Holy Unction

Thursday, April 13

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
 8:30 am. Matins of Holy Thursday
 9:30 a.m. Institution Liturgy/Foot Washing
 10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing
 5:00 p.m. Confessions
 6:00 p.m. Matins with 12 Passion Gospels

Friday, April 14

9:00 a.m. Royal Hours
 2:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
 2:00 p.m. Confessions
 3:00 p.m. Burial Vespers
 4:00 p.m. Egg dying on patio
 7:00 p.m. Matins with Lamentations

Saturday, April 15

10:00 a.m. Vespersal Liturgy with Baptisms and
 Chrismations followed by Reception

Sunday, April 16—PASCHA

5:00 a.m. Rush Service/Paschal Matins/Liturgy
 8:00 a.m. Pascha Break-fast & Egg hunt for kids
 9:00 a.m. Agape Vespers
 3:00 p.m. Pascha BBQ at Tucker's Grove

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

April 8 Kern (Lazarus Saturday)
 April 9 Jacobs
 April 15 Meyer (Holy Saturday)
 April 16 Kern (Pascha)
 April 23 Fr. Nicholas
 April 30 D. Washburn

READERS

April 5 Gish (Presanctified Liturgy)
 April 8 Alexander (Lazarus Liturgy)
 April 8 Kern (Vespers)
 April 9 Butler
 April 11 Meyer (a.m. Presanctified Liturgy)
 April 12 Alexander (a.m. Presanctified Lit.)
 April 12 Lange (Unction)
 April 13 Kern (Liturgy)
 April 14 Gish (Burial Vespers)
 April 14 Butler (Lamentations)
 April 15 Kern, Gish, Butler, Lange
 April 16 Lange (PASCHA)
 April 22 Kern (Vespers)
 April 23 Meyer

GREETERS

April 9 M. Loulias/P. Cocores
 April 16 N/A
 April 23 K. Fox/D. Washburn
 April 30 L. Baker/K.P. King

USHERS

April 9 K. L. King/C. Berari
 April 16 D. Meyer/M. Loulias
 April 23 C. Speier/S. Speier
 April 30 D. Washburn/D. Alexander

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

April 9 PALM SUNDAY POTLUCK
 April 16 PASCHA BREAKFAST
 April 23 Team Kawahara
 April 30 Team Hoppe

THURSDAY SHOWERS OF BLESSING HOSPITALITY TEAM

Apr. 13 F. Young Apr. 20 L. Ballew
 Apr. 27 M. Loulias May 4 Alexander/Jones

HOLY COMMUNION

In the Orthodox Church, the sacrament of Communion is offered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared to receive. Non-Orthodox believers and others **may approach the chalice for a blessing and the blessed bread instead of the Eucharist.** So that the priest is aware of this, please just say,
“Father, bless” when you get to the chalice.

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

will take place before the end of Matins.

If you enter after this, you are welcome to come up and take a blessed palm.

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

FIRST ANTIPHON verses with refrain: (Psalm 114/115)

Vs. I am well content: for the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Vs. Tribulations and sorrow have I found; and I called on the name of the Lord. [Refrain]

Vs. Glory...now & ever... [Refrain]

SECOND ANTIPHON verses & refrain (Psalm 115/116)

Vs. I believed, therefore have I spoken: But I have been humbled exceedingly.

**Refrain: O Son of God, Who sat on a colt, save us who sing to Thee,
Alleluia.**

Vs. What shall I render to the Lord for all He has rendered to me? [Refrain]

Vs. My vows will I pay unto the Lord, in the presence of His people. [Refrain]

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Only Begotten Son and immortal Word of God who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, who without change didst become man and wast crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON with Troparion Refrain – Psalm 117/118

Verse: O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.
Let the house of Israel now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.

Refrain:

**By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy passion,
Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God.
Like the children with the palms of victory,
we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of death:
Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Verse: Let the house of Aaron now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. **Refrain:** By raising Lazarus...

Verse: Let all that fear the Lord now say that He is good:
for His mercy endureth forever. **Refrain:** By raising Lazarus...

HYMNS SUNG AT THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

Troparion of Lazarus

Tone 1

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy passion,
Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God.
Like the children with the palms of victory,
we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of death:
Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Troparion for Palm Sunday

Tone 4

O Christ God, when we were buried with Thee in Baptism,
we became deserving of Thy Resurrection to Immortal Life.
Wherefore we praise Thee, crying: Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Kontakion of Palm Sunday

Tone 6

Sitting on Thy throne in heaven;
carried on a colt on earth, O Christ God,
accept the praise of angels and the songs of children, who sing:
Blessed is He Who comes to recall Adam.

TRISAGION HYMN

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, Have mercy on us. (3 times)
+Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.
Holy Immortal have mercy on us.
Deacon: With strength!

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Prokeimenon before the Epistle

Tone 4

Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us.

Vs. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

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.

Alleluia before the Gospel

Tone 1

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

Verse: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

THE GOSPEL READING
John 12:1-18

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died 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 Jesus] said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the moneybox 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 Jesus 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, 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 Jesus when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard He had done this sign.

Hymn to the Mother of God (Meglynarion)

God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Celebrate the Feast and come with gladness!
Let us magnify Christ with palms and branches, singing: Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Communion Hymn

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord and hath revealed Himself to us.

Instead of "We have seen the true light . . ." we sing the Troparion for Lazarus

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God. Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

AT THE END OF THE LITURGY there will be a procession OUTSIDE with the palms.

The feast of Christ's triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, Palm Sunday, is one of the twelve major feasts of the Church. On this day, the Church celebrates Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem on the back of a young donkey in the days before the Jewish Passover and after the miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead. The biblical description of Palm Sunday is mentioned in all four Gospels (Mark 11:1-10 Matthew 21:1-11; Luke 19:28-38; and John 12:12-18). The church building continues to be vested in resurrectional splendor, filled with hymns which continually repeat the Hosanna offered to Christ as the Messiah-King who comes in the name of God the Father for the salvation of the world. At Matins, palm branches are blessed which the people carry throughout the liturgy as the sign of their own glorification of Jesus as Saviour and King. We take these blessed palms home to adorn our icon corners throughout Holy Week and the rest of the year.

Thanksgiving Prayers after Communion

At the end of the Divine Liturgy, we offer the prayers of thanksgiving for having received the Body and Blood of Christ. These beautiful prayers help us to reflect on the mystery in which we have just partaken, and prepare us for our transition back into the "world." We invite you to listen to these beautiful prayers during and after the veneration of the cross at the end of the service, and **ask that you show courtesy to those who are remaining to hear the prayers in their entirety by waiting until the blessing of the food at Coffee Hour to eat and socialize.**

Please pray for all of our catechumens, that their minds and hearts will be illumined as they continue their journey towards baptism and/or chrismation.

Kevin Duke
Anthony Salcedo, Ethan, Dominic and Jennifer
Marleynna Worthington

FINANCIAL UPDATE

2023 Monthly tithe goal	\$57,461 (includes \$20,555 for mortgage)
March tithes	\$53,769
March Temple donations	\$ 4,165

Total number of households giving to General Fund:

60 out of 115 households or giving units (Giving units include adult children still living at home.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

METROPOLITAN SABA, our new hierarch, is posting weekly teachings and meditations to the Archdiocese website. You can access them here:
<https://antiochian.org/dashboard?name=MetSaba>

PLEASE NOTE :

- Vespereal Liturgy on Great and Holy Saturday begins at 10:00 a.m., and not 8:30 a.m. as in years past.
- AGAPE VESPERs will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Pascha, after the Break-fast/Reception and egg hunt. (This is a change from the original schedule.)

FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE—LET’S FILL UP THOSE BOXES!

We will accept food items until this Wednesday, April 12th. Please help us finish well by filling up the boxes with the most-needed items: **Nut butters, canned tuna or chicken, beans/legumes, pasta and low-sugar cereals.**

Please pray for our catechumens who are preparing to be received into the Orthodox Faith on Holy Saturday morning during the Vespereal-Liturgy, and for their sponsors:

Received by Baptism & Chrismation:

<u>Catechumen</u>	<u>Patron Saint</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Mary Wolfington	St. Mary Magdalene	Lisa Ballew
Alicia Wolfington	St. Barbara	Asia Ballew
Gabriel Wolfington	Archangel Gabriel	Dominic Dopico
Naomi Siragusa	St. Ruth	Kh. Cayce-Marie Halsell
Emma Bobro	St. Emmelia	Fay Young
Tatiana Calhoun	St. Marina	Liz Hoppe

Received by Chrismation:

Gage Salinas	St. Joseph the Betrothed	Glenn Hoppe
Kaleigh Flores	St. Helena	Papu McIntire

THE SIGN-UP LIST FOR HOLY FRIDAY VIGIL is out in the hallway . We keep vigil all night at the tomb of Christ, reading the Psalms, until the clergy arrive to prepare for the Vespereal-Liturgy of Holy Saturday morning. Some of our teens will be spending the night at the church on Holy Friday to participate in the All-night Vigil.

PASCHA BARBECUE AT THE PARK—3:00 p.m. at Tucker’s Grove

Next Sunday we will continue our long-standing tradition of meeting for a Pascha barbecue at Tucker’s Grove (Area 5—all the way at the end of the park). Subdn. Michael and crew will cook tri-tip. All are asked to bring: your own table cloth and picnic ware, your own beverage, a dish to share (salad, pasta, potato salad, fruit salad). **If you would like to partake of the tri-tip, we ask for \$7 for all 12 yrs and older, and \$4 for children under 12 yrs. This helps the church to cover the cost of the meat, bread, and reserving Area 5 of the park.** You can pay by check or cash in the tithe box by Pascha morning, by check or cash at the barbecue, or online on the parish website. **<https://www.stathanasius.org/donation/>**

PASCHA CELEBRATION

Sunday, April 16, 2023

- 5:00 a.m. Paschal Procession & Rush (Matins) Service
- 6:15 a.m. Paschal Liturgy and Blessing of Meat, Cheese and our Baskets
- 8:00 a.m. Break-fast on the patio — Bring your own Pascha basket.
The church will provide:
Pascha eggs
Meats (breakfast sausage, bacon and ham)
Pascha cheese
Bread
Strawberries
Coffee, tea, hot cocoa, juice, chocolate milk, water
- 8:30 a.m. Egg Hunt for the kids in the field behind the church
- 9:00 a.m. Agape Vespers
- 3:00 p.m. Picnic at Tucker's Grove—AREA 5 \$7 adults/\$4 kids under 12

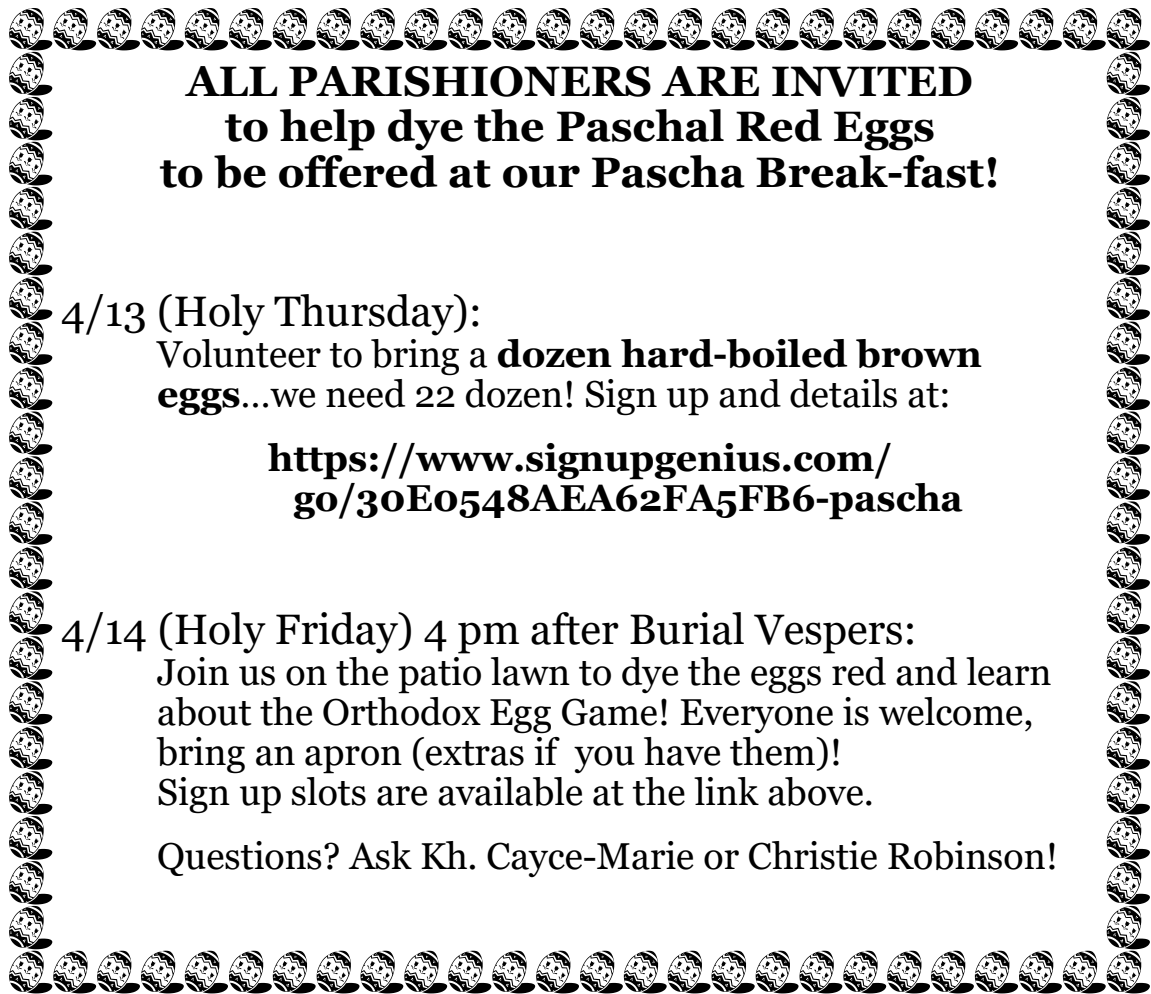


PARENTS: For the egg hunt

- Please bring **one dozen FILLED PLASTIC EGGS** for each child (preschool through Grade 6) who will be participating.
- Bags will be provided for the kids to use when collecting eggs.
- Filled eggs need to be brought to the church **no later than 6:00 a.m. on Pascha morning**. There will be a cart in the hallway near the church office where you can drop off eggs throughout Holy Week.
- **Please mark the filled eggs according to the age of your child: Preschool/Kindergarten, Grades 1-3, or Grades 4-6.**

Questions? Contact Christie Robinson:
christie.d.robinson@gmail.com

If you do not have children participating but would like to donate eggs for the hunt for children who might be visiting that day, or for a particular family in the parish, your donations are welcome! Please let Christie know.



**ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED
to help dye the Paschal Red Eggs
to be offered at our Pascha Break-fast!**

4/13 (Holy Thursday):
Volunteer to bring a **dozen hard-boiled brown
eggs**...we need 22 dozen! Sign up and details at:

**[https://www.signupgenius.com/
go/30E0548AEA62FA5FB6-pascha](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0548AEA62FA5FB6-pascha)**

4/14 (Holy Friday) 4 pm after Burial Vespers:
Join us on the patio lawn to dye the eggs red and learn
about the Orthodox Egg Game! Everyone is welcome,
bring an apron (extras if you have them)!
Sign up slots are available at the link above.

Questions? Ask Kh. Cayce-Marie or Christie Robinson!

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays

- 4/2 Levi Denny (We missed it last week!)
- 4/10 Fr. John Finley
- 4/12 Gabriel Speier
- 4/14 Olga Marie Gabrie
- 4/15 Hunter Braun, Corie Sieck, Ysabella Madrigal

Patronal Feast Days

- 4/8 St. Lazarus of Four Days, Bishop of Kition Jeremiah Hoppe



PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer requests received through the parish office will be printed in the bulletin and will be prayed for during the litanies at the daily services. Prayer requests received in the box at the church will be prayed for quietly at the altar at all services. Prayer requests remain for 40 days unless requested otherwise.

Send prayer requests for the bulletin to: office@stathanasius.org.

Please pray for the health of:

His Beatitude, Patriarch John X
Mother Victoria
Met. Paul & Abp. John
Fr. Markos
Fr. Jon B.
Fr. John & Kh. Diane C.
Audrey C.
Greg & Margaret Y.
Hoppe Family in Albania
Joseph Wm. B. in Kenya
Duane F.
Richard and Susan B.
Monsignor J. Yanek
Bob N.
Kh. Melissa H.
Jeremiah H. (Airforce Academy)
Lauren & Fernando J. (military)
Chase K. (military)
Nick & Kristine J. (military)
Connor V. (military)
Julianna B. (military)
P. Speier (military)
Subdn. Matthew W. (seminary)

Steve T.
Abp. Benjamin
Temmo K.
Sarah B.
Chuck S.
Dn. John & Fay Y.
Zachary B.
Samantha & Chris N. & Family
Lander and Washburn Families
Kevin
Stephan & Rosa K.
David
Evonne C.
Phyllis M.
Christina S.
Judy A.
Mark K.
Todd C.
Ethan K.
Mari & the Fewell Family
Matt & Tessa, Matt & Olivia
Jesús D.
Erik L.
Matthew

Nina & Erik Sr.
Anthony & Christina and Family
Hannah Rose

The Ethiopian Orthodox Church

The Church & people suffering from the earthquake in Syria and Turkey

All those suffering and in danger in Ukraine, Africa, and the Middle East

Please pray for the raising up and support of long-term missionaries from our parish.

For repose of the souls of: Terrilynn, Nicko, Aiden B., Rick S.

ST. ATHANASIUS CHURCH BOOKSTORE

The church bookstore is located in the foyer of the fellowship hall - two enclosed cabinets containing items that are FOR SALE. One cabinet holds icons, crosses, incense, prayer ropes, etc. The bookshelf has books for sale, arranged alphabetically by book title. Children's books are on the bottom shelf. See Terri Speier if you are looking for jewelry such as a cross or chain. Payment should be made at time of purchase and placed in brown lockbox on wall next to Fr. Symeon's office. Make checks payable to S.A.O.C. **Bookstore.** (The pamphlets in the rack are FREE, as are the 12-month liturgical calendars.)

All proceeds go to the parish Temple Fund.

Divine Services for Holy & Great Week and Pascha 2023

at St. Athanasius Orthodox Church in Santa Barbara, CA

Lazarus Saturday

April 7 6:00 PM

April 8 8:30 AM

The festal transition from the end of Lent to beginning of Holy Week.

Little Compline with Canon of Raising of Lazarus

The Divine Liturgy (followed by Work Party to prepare for Holy Week & Pascha)

Palm Sunday

April 8 5:30 PM

April 9 9:00 AM

10:00 AM

The Great Feast of the Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem

Great Vespers for Palm Sunday

Orthros with the Blessing of Palms

Divine Liturgy & Procession with Palms

HOLY WEEK

Services begin Sunday evening in anticipation, strict fasting resumes

Sun. April 9 6:00 PM

Bridegroom Orthros for Great Monday

Great & Holy Monday

April 10 6:00 PM

The Commemoration of the Patriarch Joseph as a Prototype of the Lord's Passion

Bridegroom Orthros for Great Tuesday

Great & Holy Tuesday

April 11 8:30 AM

6:00 PM

The Commemoration of the Parable of the Ten Virgins

Presanctified Liturgy

Bridegroom Orthros for Great Wednesday

Great & Holy Wednesday

April 12 8:30 AM

6:00 PM

Commemoration of the Sinful Woman Who Repented Contrasted with Judas

Presanctified Liturgy

The Sacrament of Holy Unction

Great & Holy Thursday

April 13 8:30 AM

6:00 PM

The Mystical Supper of the Lord

Orthros & Vesperal Liturgy for the Mystical Supper followed by the Rite of the Washing of the Feet

Orthros for Holy Friday with the Passion Gospels, the Golgotha Procession, and Nailing to the Cross

Great & Holy Friday

April 14 10:00 AM

3:00 PM

7:00 PM

The Passion, Crucifixion and Burial of Our Lord

The Great Hours and Typika for Holy Friday

Vespers with the Removal of Christ from the Cross

Orthros for Holy Saturday with Lamentations and Procession with the Bier

Great & Holy Saturday

April 15 10:00 AM

The Despoliation of Hades by our Lord

Vesperal Liturgy of the Harrowing of Hades with Reception of Converts

Great & Holy Sunday: PASCHA

The Bodily Resurrection of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ from the Dead.

April 16 5:00 AM

9:00 AM

Rush Service, Orthros, and Divine Liturgy // Paschal Reception

AGAPE VESPERS

Communal Paschal Celebration

Join us at 3:00 PM at Tucker's Grove Park for BBQ and Games.

Let us share abundantly the joy of the Lord's Resurrection with Paschal Exchange:

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!