

# THE TRUE VINE



## April 2023

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Beloved in the Lord,

It is a joy to greet you as we near the end of our Lenten journey and approach the great Feast of our Lord’s Pascha. The schedule of services for Holy Week has been sent out, and may be found once again here in the *True Vine*; we hope to see all of you in the course of these sacred and saving days. *Καλή Ανάσταση!* *A blessed Resurrection to all!*

### *Informational Booklet Project*

We continue our work to create an informational booklet for our parish, a guide to the services and sacraments of the Church, and how our Faithful can request the grace and blessings of the Lord throughout our lives. It will also provide a glimpse into the Priest’s Prayer Book, and what our clergy are able to offer, including prayers and services beyond the basics of Baptism & Marriage. In this space, then, we will publish draft versions of the planned elements of this booklet, for the information of the Faithful, and also to help us identify any changes that need to be made before we go to press.

In February, we discussed the 40-Day Blessing of a newborn infant, and then in March we paused our progress through the Sacraments to outline the services and observances of Great Lent and Holy Week. As we approach the Feast of Pascha, it is very appropriate that we continue with the Sacrament of Baptism, by which we are initiated into life in Christ in His Holy Church.

### *Baptism - a Personal Pascha*

Baptism in the Orthodox Church is inextricably connected to the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ. His baptism in the Jordan at the beginning of His ministry is a clear sign and token of the purpose and reality of His Incarnation. In His baptism, He immerses Himself in our created nature, and blesses and heals and transforms it, and leads us up out of the waters of baptism into new life in communion with Him. His baptism is also a clear prophetic image of the culminating moment of His Incarnation, His death, burial, descent into Hades, and Resurrection; it is precisely in these events that we commemorate during Holy Week and Pascha that the Lord completes His assumption of our whole nature, and heals and transforms it. In His death and Resurrection, He joins us in the uttermost depths of our exile from Him, bridges the chasm between us and Him in Himself, and leads us out of darkness and into His marvelous light.

This is itself a fulfillment of the ancient sign and reality of the Passover, in which the Lord delivered the Hebrew people when they were enslaved in Egypt, and led them Himself through the depths of the abyss into the wilderness, which became for them the path out of darkness and death and slavery, and into the Land Promised to Abraham long before. What was



revealed to the Hebrew people in Egypt in a sign and shadow, as God delivered them from slavery, our Lord Jesus Christ shows to us in full in His death and resurrection, as He leads us out of death itself and into everlasting life with Him.

This is why the word for Christian Easter is Pascha. Pascha is, put simply, the English spelling of the Greek word Πάσχα, which is itself the Greek version of the Hebrew word Pesach...which means Passover. Jesus Christ is our Passover, our deliverance from slavery to sin and death and darkness and hopelessness, and it is in our own baptism is that we each participate in the Lord's life-giving salvation. Thus, in the baptism, we sing: "As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

The connection between the Old Testament Passover, Christ's Pascha, and our own baptism, is made still more clearer when we realize that the Old Testament Passover was completed by the crossing of the Red Sea...even in the Old Testament, the Lord delivered His people from slavery by means of water. So our baptism, no matter what time of year it happens, is our personal Pascha, our direct participation in the Lord's Passover, delivering us from the slavery to this world into the glorious liberty of the children of God. And just as the Lord did not just save adults during the Passover, so too in the New Covenant He calls entire families to be members of His Body, the Church, and partakers in His life, and citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven in the New Creation. Hence we continue to baptize infants born to Christian parents, from the beginning of the early Church to the present.

### *Holy Week, Pascha, and the Baptism of Adults*

With that said, we cannot understand the services of Holy Week without comprehending this deep connection between the Passover, the Lord's Pascha, and Baptism. From the earliest days of the Church, the ideal and preferred day for baptizing new Christians was on the eve of Pascha, on Great and Holy Saturday, so that the new Christians would celebrate Pascha by being passed over themselves by the Lord from death to life through the waters of baptism, during the Vespertal Liturgy that we celebrate Holy Saturday morning. In the present day, we continue to observe this tradition in its essence, although we have transferred the preferred day for baptism one week earlier, to the Saturday of Lazarus.

Nonetheless, although that is preferable, especially for adults who are entering the Church, we can schedule baptisms at any time of year, subject to the normal schedule of the parish and the pastoral needs of each individual. Those who are interested in entering the Church as adults should speak with the parish priest, and he will provide guidance in how they should prepare to enter the Church, and what will be involved. Please note that, as a general rule, the process of catechesis should take several months, and ideally not less than a year.

### *Planning an Infant Baptism*

In the Orthodox Church, the normal time for baptizing a child is soon after the 40-day Blessing, ideally around 3 months old. The baptism should certainly be completed before the child is 9 months old, so parents should begin to plan their child's baptism as soon as the 40-day Blessing is completed. The question of the date of the baptism is important, but there is one detail that must be resolved before a date can be set, and that is the identity of the godparent.

In the Orthodox Church, the Godparent is the one essential person at the baptism (besides the child and the priest, of course). The role of the Godparent is to commit to seeing the child raised in the Orthodox Christian Faith, and therefore, the Godparent *must* be an Orthodox Christian in good standing with the Church. When parents are selecting a Godparent, then, they should look for someone who attends Church regularly, who is known to live a pious and moral life, so that they may be confident that, in the Godparent, they have someone who will be a partner with them in raising the child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

It is best that this decision be made in consultation with the parish priest, as there are certain circumstances that are common in modern life that temporarily prevent a chosen godparent from serving (the most common of these is divorce). The priest can help parents navigate the decision, and can advise them on how various impediments can be resolved; this conversation is also a good opportunity to finalize the date of the baptism.

When planning a baptism, then, parents should discuss godparent options and potential dates together, and then

fill out the informational forms for baptism (available from the Church office or on the Church website), submit them to the Church office and to the parish priest, and at the same time request a phone call or meeting with the priest to finalize those plans. *We do ask that parents not actually ask anyone to serve as godparent before they have confirmed that they are in good standing with the Church.*

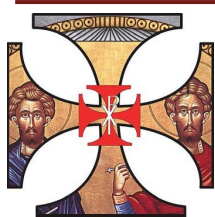
Once the date and godparent have been confirmed, it is required that the parents and godparents meet with the priest prior to the baptism, so that he can explain the sacrament and address any outstanding concerns. The priest or Church office will schedule this meeting; it is generally held virtually, but may be held in person if it is more convenient.

Further guidelines are available on the Church website: <https://www.daytonannunciation.org/baptism>.

The next sacrament to discuss is Chrismation, which is closely connected to the Feast of Pentecost. In the meantime - Καλο Πάσχα!

With love in Christ,

+Fr. Anthony Cook



## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

**April Evening Membership Meeting:** The Thursday, **April 6<sup>th</sup>** meeting will be held at 6pm at Chappy's Social House at 7880 Washington Village Dr, Washington Township, OH 45459. Each person will have their own bill of \$19.95 plus beverages and tip. The buffet menu is beer battered fish, mashed potatoes, salad and fettuccini alfredo with broccoli and mushrooms. Please let Cindy know by Sunday, April 2 if you plan to attend.





**2023 Annual Dues:** Remember to pay your \$30 annual dues to Suzanne Zonars-Hambrick, at 322 Kenderton Trail Beavercreek, OH 45430. Make your check out to Philoptochos and put "2023 dues" in the memo line on your check.

**Palm Sunday Luncheon:** The luncheon is **April 9** and help is needed with set up on April 8 and clean up after the luncheon. If you are interested in donating an Easter basket let Linda Bouris know. Ticket prices: Adult \$18, child \$12.

**16th Annual Spring Charity Luncheon: Saturday, May 13th** is the day of our popular Philoptochos Spring Charity Luncheon held at the Presidential Banquet Center. Ladies of all ages enjoy this special day with a delicious lunch, 100 auction items and most of all - fun and fellowship! Doors open at 11:00am with 1 hour before lunch to decide what auction items you love! If you have not attended in the past, contact Michelle Zois at [matinazois@gmail.com](mailto:matinazois@gmail.com) to be added to our invitation list. **May 1st is the final day for reservations - no exceptions, please.**



# APRIL PHILOPTOCHOS COMMUNITY CARE MINISTRY

-  Purchase an item from the Amazon Wishlist
-  Purchase new clothing for girls and boys: size 12 months, 18 months, 24 months, 2T.
-  Purchase copy paper or photo printer paper
-  Deposit monetary donations in the Philoptochos, marked and locked, red box in the lobby of the church. Make checks payable to Philoptochos, with “CCM: Brigid’s Path” in the memo line.



Mail your check to Connie Zavakos, CCM Treasurer, 3437 Dahlia Dr, Dayton, OH 45449.

Items purchased can be brought to church beginning April 17.

With questions, see Photini Duffy (937) 974-4764 or Kathy Spyrou (937) 232-2755. The deadline for donations is April 30

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## MISSIONS & OUTREACH



We will not be volunteering at Hannah's this month. Thank you to all who have donated time this year so far!



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## YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON

The next Young at Heart Luncheon is **Thursday, April 20** at 11:30am. Hope you can join us for food, fun, fellowship, and a delicious lunch sponsored by AHEPA and the Daughters of Penelope.

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## SPRING GREEK DRIVE THRU

We will be having a Spring Drive Thru on **Friday, May 5, and Saturday, May 6, 11:00am to 8:00pm; and Sunday, May 7, Noon to 5:00pm.** This will be as previous drive-thrus, where all orders will be pre-ordered on line with pick-up on the weekend.

We are looking for volunteers who would be available to work the weekend in many capacities. If you are able to volunteer your time, please contact Maria Powers, [makapo1971@gmail.com](mailto:makapo1971@gmail.com), or 937.562-1094, and let her know your availability and your preference of where you want to work. Stay tuned, there will be more information forthcoming in the near future.

It is a fun weekend of fellowship and we cannot be successful without your help!



Andrea & David Casey; Connie & Bill Yorgen; Michael Jannides, *Festival Co-Chairs*



# AHEPA & DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE NEWS

**Please support our DOP Polydama #111 Scholarship** - This award was established on January 12, 2008 by the Daughters of Penelope Polydama #111 Dayton Chapter, with stipulations that it be awarded to a Dayton, Ohio scholarship recipient with financial need. If there are no eligible recipients from the Dayton area, the scholarship can be awarded to a student at the discretion of the Trustees. This Scholarship was presented starting in June, 2010. Please help us to reach our goal of \$1000 so that we may be able to continue to help the students of families from our church community. Look for your opportunity to give on Sunday, April 30! <http://www.bsf.buckeyedistrict11.org>

**Ronald McDonald House** - Our Daughters will prepare breakfast and dinner at the Ronald McDonald House on April 22 for the families staying there. Please contact Maria McFarland if you are interested in volunteering in the future.

**IOCC Emergency Hygiene Kits** - With the help of our church community, 220 IOCC Emergency Hygiene Kits were assembled and have been sent on to the IOCC for distribution to help our neighbors in Ukraine! Thank you to all for your help! As that Civic Responsibility and philanthropy are key points of our DOP Mission, our National Headquarters asked twice last year for DOP chapters to aid in the replenishing of IOCC Emergency Disaster Kits, which had been depleted due to the many disasters in 2022. As that these key mission points are at the forefront of the Philoptochos Society, as well as that for our Brother AHEPAns, we deeply appreciate that our three ministries were able to come together, and through matching donations, aided in the purchase of the supplies and shipping of the kits! This IOCC Outreach Project was sponsored by: Daughters of Penelope, AHEPA, and Philoptochos.

The project committee: Alexis Brun, Maria McFarland, Thomai Bessler and Dena Inempolidis. Thank you all for your support!

## **Reminders:**

- On **April 20** we will be hosting the Young at Heart Luncheon at church.
- The next membership meeting will be held at church on **Thursday, April 27** beginning at 6:00 pm.
- You may still submit your 2023 dues: \$45.00, Venmo, cash or checks payable to Daughters of Penelope, and can be given to Thomai Bessler, Chapter Treasurer.
- We welcome new members to join our Daughters of Penelope, becoming our Sister in our AHEPA Family.

The Mission of the Daughters of Penelope is to promote Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, Family and Individual Excellence. DOP is a part of the national Order of AHEPA (men's group), this also includes our junior order, the Maids of Athena (young ladies); thus we are the AHEPA Family.

Questions, please feel free to contact Alexis Brun, Chapter President at [agrkblsng22@gmail.com](mailto:agrkblsng22@gmail.com) or (937) 219-0463.



	April 2-8	April 9-15	April 16-22
Sunday	<b>2 Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt</b> ✕ <i>John 20:19-31; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 10:32-45</i> 8:15am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy Catechism School after communion Coffee Hour IOCC Lenten Lunch 12:30pm Iconography Class	<b>9 Palm Sunday</b> ✕❖↔ <i>Philippians 4:4-9; John 12:1-18</i> 8:15am Matins & Blessing of Palms 9:30am Liturgy/Catechism School Starts Palm Sunday Procession Tsourekia Pick-Up 11:30am Palm Sunday Luncheon 12:30pm Iconography Class	<b>16 Great and Holy Pascha</b> ✕ <i>Mark 16:1-8; Acts 1:1-8; John 1:1-17</i> 11am Agape Service 12pm JOY/HOPE Easter Egg Hunt
Monday	<b>3 Nicetas, Abbot of the Monastery of Medicium</b> <i>Isaiah 48:17-49:4; Genesis 27:1-41; Proverbs 19:16-25</i> 5:30pm Greek school 7pm Adult Catechism Class ZOOM	<b>10 Holy Monday</b> ✕❖ <i>Matthew 21:18-43; Matthew 24:3-35</i> 8:45am 9th Hour 9am Presanctified Liturgy 5pm Tutoring Program 6pm Bridegroom Matins NO Greek School/Adult Catechism Class	<b>17 Renewal Monday</b> <i>Acts 1:12-17, 21-26; John 1:18-28</i>  NO Adult Catechism Class
Tuesday	<b>4 George the Righteous of Maleon</b> <i>Isaiah 49:6-10</i> <i>Genesis 31:3-16</i> <i>Proverbs 21:3-21</i>	<b>11 Holy Tuesday</b> ✕❖ <i>Matthew 22:15-46; 23:1-39; Matthew 24:36-51; 25:1-46; 26:1-2</i> 8:45am 9th Hour 9am Presanctified Liturgy 6pm Bridegroom Matins	<b>18 Renewal Tuesday: The Commemoration of Saints</b> <i>Acts 2:14-21</i> <i>Luke 24:12-35</i>  6:30pm Parish Council Mtg
Wednesday	<b>5 Monk-Martyrs Claudius, Diodore, Victor, Victorinus, Pappias</b> <i>Isaiah 58:1-11; Genesis 43:26-31; 45:1-16; Proverbs 21:23-22:4</i> 7pm Zoom Bible Study	<b>12 Holy Wednesday</b> ✕❖ <i>John 12:17-50; Matthew 26:6-16</i> 8:45am 9th Hour 9am Presanctified Liturgy 3pm Holy Unction w/Light Meal after service 6pm Holy Unction w/Light Meal	<b>19 Renewal Wednesday</b> <i>Acts 2:22-38</i> <i>John 1:35-51</i>  NO Zoom Bible Study
Thursday	<b>6 Eutychius, Patriarch of Constantinople</b> <i>Isaiah 65:8-16; Genesis 46:1-7; Proverbs 23:15-24:5</i> 6pm Philoptochos Outing 6pm Choir rehearsal	<b>13 Holy Thursday</b> ✕❖ <i>Luke 22:1-39; I Corinthians 11:23-32; Matthew 26:1-20; John 13:3-17; Matthew 26:21-39; Luke 22:43-44; Matthew 26:40-75; 27:1-2</i> 7am Divine Liturgy 6pm Matins & 12 Gospels	<b>20 Renewal Thursday</b> <i>Acts 2:38-4</i> <i>John 3:1-15</i>  11:30am YAH Luncheon 6pm Choir rehearsal
Friday	<b>7 Calliopos and Akylina the Martyrs</b> <i>Isaiah 66:10-24</i> <i>Genesis 49:33-50:26</i> <i>Proverbs 31:8-31</i>	<b>14 Holy Friday</b> ❖ <i>I Corinthians 5:6-8; Matthew 27:62-66</i> 8am Royal Hours Decoration: 11am GOYA/12pm JOY/12:30pm HOPE 1pm Youth Retreat 2:30pm Vespers of the Unnailing 7pm Lamentations	<b>21 Renewal Friday: Theotokos of the Life-giving Spring</b> <i>Acts 3:1-8</i> <i>John 2:12-22</i>
Saturday	<b>8 Lazarus Saturday</b> <i>Heb. 12:28-13:1-8; John 11:1-45</i> 8:15am Matins/9:30am Liturgy 10am-1pm Tsourekia pick-up 11am Pancake Breakfast & Palm Cross Folding	<b>15 Holy Saturday</b> ✕❖ <i>Matthew 27:62-66; Romans 6:3-11; Matthew 28:1-20</i> 9am Vespers Divine Liturgy 11pm Paschal Vigil	<b>22 Renewal Saturday</b> <i>Acts 3:11-16</i> <i>John 3:22-33</i>

Fast days are shaded. ✕Liturgy ❖Other Service ↔fish/wine/oil allowed ↻wine/oil allowed

	April 23-29	April 30-May 6	May 7-13
Sunday	<b>23 Thomas Sunday</b> ✘ <i>Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 12:1-11; John 20:19-31</i> 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Divine Liturgy Catechism School after communion 11:30am Coffee Hour 12:30pm Iconography Class	<b>30 Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women</b> ✘ <i>Acts 6:1-7; Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8</i> 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Divine Liturgy Catechism School after Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour 12:30pm Iconography Class	<b>7 Sunday of the Paralytic</b> ✘ <i>Luke 24:13-35; Acts 9:32-42; John 5:1-15</i> 8:15a Orthros/9:30a Divine Liturgy NO Catechism School NO Coffee Hour NO GOYA Book Club 12p-5p Spring Greek Drive Thru
Monday	<b>24 2nd Monday after Pascha</b> <i>Acts 3:19-26; John 2:1-11</i>  5pm Tutoring Program 5:30pm Greek school NO Adult Catechism	<b>1 3rd Monday after Pascha</b> <i>Acts 6:8-15; 7:1-5,47-60</i> <i>John 4:46-54</i>  5:30pm Greek school 7:00pm Adult Catechism	<b>8 Synaxis of the Holy Powder (or manna)</b> <i>John 21:15-25; I John 1:1-7; John 19:25-28, 21:24-25</i>  5:30pm Greek school 7:00pm Adult Catechism
Tuesday	<b>25 Mark the Apostle and Evangelist</b> <i>I Peter 5:6-14</i> <i>Luke 10:16-21</i>	<b>2 Removal of the Relics of St. Athanasius the Great</b> <i>Hebrews 13:7-16</i> <i>Matthew 5:14-19</i>	<b>9 4th Tuesday after Pascha</b> <i>Acts 10:21-33</i> <i>John 7:1-13</i>
Wednesday	<b>26 2nd Wednesday after Pascha</b> ☞ <i>Acts 4:13-22</i> <i>John 5:17-24</i>  7pm Zoom Bible Study	<b>3 3rd Wednesday after Pascha</b> <i>Acts 8:18-25</i> <i>John 6:35-39</i>  7pm Transformative Christianity Webinar w/ Fr. Anthony	<b>10 4th Wednesday after Pascha- Mid-Pentecost</b> ☞ <i>Acts 14:6-18</i> <i>John 7:14-30</i>  7pm Zoom Bible Study
Thursday	<b>27 2nd Thursday after Pascha</b> <i>Acts 4:23-31</i> <i>John 5:24-30</i>  6pm AHEPA/DOP Meeting 6pm Choir rehearsal	<b>4 3rd Thursday after Pascha</b> <i>Acts 8:26-39</i> <i>John 6:40-44</i>  10am Philoptochos Meeting 6pm Choir rehearsal	<b>11 Renewal of Constantinople</b> <i>Acts 10:34-43</i> <i>John 8:12-20</i>  6pm AHEPA/DOP Meeting 6pm Choir rehearsal
Friday	<b>28 2nd Friday after Pascha</b> ☞ <i>Acts 5:1-11</i> <i>John 5:30-47; 6:1-2</i>	<b>5 3rd Friday after Pascha</b> <i>Acts 8:40; 9:1-19</i> <i>John 6:48-54</i>  11am-8pm Greek Spring Drive Thru	<b>12 Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus</b> ☞ <i>Acts 10:44-48; 11:1-10</i> <i>John 8:21-30</i>
Saturday	<b>29 2nd Saturday after Pascha</b> <i>Acts 5:21-32</i> <i>John 6:14-27</i>	<b>6 3rd Saturday after Pascha</b> <i>Acts 9:19-31</i> <i>John 15:17-27; 16:1-2</i>  11am-8pm Greek Spring Drive Thru	<b>13 The Holy Martyr Glyceria</b> <i>Acts 12:1-11</i> <i>John 8:31-42</i>  Philoptochos Charity Luncheon



# CATECHISM SCHOOL NEWS

*Dates to Remember:*

**Sunday, April 9 - Palm Sunday**

Classes begin at 9:30. We will return to church for Holy Communion and the Palm procession

**Sunday, April 16 - Pascha**

**NO CLASSES**

**Sunday, May 7 - (Drive Through Festival)**

**NO CLASSES**

## MEET OUR TEACHERS: KEITH & MARIA MCFARLAND

*How long have you been attending Dayton Annunciation? If you attended a different church in the past, which one and where?* Maria was born in Cleveland and attended Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Tremont, Cleveland. In 1981, after graduating from Wittenberg University, she joined Annunciation Dayton. Keith joined in 1994 after marrying Maria.

*Is there anything you want us to know about your history at Dayton Annunciation?* In addition to teaching Sunday school, Maria has taught Greek dance for forty years, is currently helping with HOPE/JOY, and is part of the Missions & Outreach program. Keith has served on Parish Council, as usher, & on the Investment Fund.



*How long have you been teaching Catechism School?* Maria started teaching second grade in 1982. When Stephanie was born in 1996, we took a couple years off and then we started teaching Pre -K together. After five years as a Pre- K teachers, we went back to second grade. This year, we switched to grades 5/6.

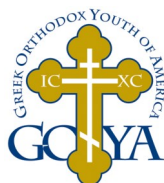
Teaching was an easy way to be involved in the community. And besides, Maria's mother was a Greek school and Catechism school teacher in Cleveland for 60 years! So since Maria was a public high school teacher for National Trail HS, Franklin-Monroe HS and Centerville HS, teaching the young students was a fun change. Keith did not have a choice - Maria needed an assistant.

*What are you teaching about this year?* Teaching a new grade is a great experience. We begin each class with the reading and discussing the day's gospel reading, then we learn all about the Divine Liturgy section by section (learning the petitions, the hymns and understanding what is happening) and we finish the lesson with the story of a saint. The best part is we have the students journal about their learning.

*Is there anything else you'd like to share with our parish community?* We enjoy the students and watching them grow!

## UPCOMING GOYA EVENTS

- **April 2** - Meeting & book study
- **April 8** - @ Kettering Backpack
- **May 7** - Meeting & book study
- **May 13** - @ Kettering Backpack



## MAIDS OF ATHENA LAMBADES

Thank you to the community for supporting our Lenten koulourakia sale! We sold out in one Sunday!

Look for our display of lambathes and purchase for your young children, godchildren, grandchildren. We even have battery operated ones for the little children!





## HOPE/JOY APRIL EVENTS

We have a busy April!

- We will begin with serving pancake breakfast on Saturday of Lazarus, **April 8** following the Divine Liturgy. After cleaning up, the children can join in the palm cross making with parents.
- On Good Friday (**April 14**), we will meet in the church to help decorate the kouvouklion - JOY at 11:45am, HOPE at 12:15pm. When finished in the church, we will go to the Athenagoras room for Lenten snacks and a lesson from Father Anthony. Then we will all attend the Apokathelosis service (taking down from the cross) where the children will assist Father Anthony by holding the sheet.
- On Pascha (**April 16**), we will have our Easter egg hunt following the Agape Vespers.

We would love to see all our young children participate in our events! (pictures from 2022)



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### BOOKKEEPER'S CORNER

*April...* April at our house is the time for getting my flower beds ready for mulching. Last year was a bit of a disaster. We purchased our mulch and the truck came and dumped it in the driveway. The driver had delivered a bunch of soybeans the delivery before ours and neglected to clean out the truck bed. It was several days before we discovered those little white "beans" in the mulch were soybeans. Can you imagine going through mulch and picking out soybeans? This year we will be more diligent when the delivery is made and even more diligent when it's ordered. Mulch only please. Keep the soybeans for the farmers.



*Thank you for your understanding...* Not all of you found your name(s) on the Voter Sign In sheets at General Assembly on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. To those of you who did not, thank you for understanding the reason why. Perhaps you still owed for your 2022 Pledge. Maybe you had not gotten around to pledging for 2023. Or you are a new member and do not meet all of the criteria for being in good standing. No matter. All of you were gracious and understanding that rules are rules and we all must follow them. To those of you who cleared up your stewardship obligations we thank you!

*Weekly giving...* Some individuals give every week towards Stewardship by putting cash into the small check-sized envelopes available for such giving. Please make sure you put your full name(s) on the outside of the envelope and the date you gave. While Mike & Molly might be an old TV program, if I find more than one Mike and Molly in the accounting system, I have to pull out my detective hat, put on my spy glasses and hunt them down to see which one gave how much on what day. If you place cash in one of those envelopes with no name or date those monies are applied to candles for the week. No matter how good of a detective I am I can't hunt down an individual who did not put a name on the envelope.

*In Closing...*

"Our spring has come at last  
with the soft laughter of April suns  
and shadow of April showers." - Byron Caldwell Smith

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# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE OF SERVICES 2023

## Saturday, April 8 - Lazarus Saturday

8:15am/9:30am Matins/Liturgy w/pancake breakfast & palm folding after  
6pm Great Vespers

## Sunday, April 9 - Palm Sunday

8:15am/9:30am Matins/Liturgy w/Palm Procession after  
6pm Bridegroom Matins

## Monday, April 10 - Holy Monday

8:45/9am, 9<sup>th</sup> Hour/Presanctified Liturgy  
6pm, Bridegroom Matins

## Tuesday, April 11 - Holy Tuesday

8:45/9am, 9<sup>th</sup> Hour/Presanctified Liturgy  
6pm, Bridegroom Matins

## Wednesday, April 12 - Holy Wednesday

8:45/9am, 9<sup>th</sup> Hour/Presanctified Liturgy  
3pm, Holy Unction w/light meal  
6pm, Holy Unction w/light meal

## Thursday, April 13 - Holy Thursday

7am, Vespers Divine Liturgy for Institution of the Eucharist  
6pm, 12 Gospels Passion Service

## Friday, April 14 - Holy Friday

8am, Royal Hours w/Kouvouklion Decoration & Youth Retreat afterward  
2:30pm, Vespers of the Unnailing  
7pm, Lamentations

## Saturday, April 15 - Holy Saturday

9am, Vespers Divine Liturgy (Proti Anastasis)  
(Note: This service will be the normal, SHORTER length, not like it was in 2022)  
11pm/Midnight, Paschal Vigil/Paschal Matins & Liturgy

## Sunday, April 16 - Great & Holy Pascha

11am, Agape Service  
*Children's easter egg hunt follows the service.*

Christ is Risen!  
Truly He is risen!

No fasting during Bright Week – April 16-23, 2023.

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## LENTEN/PASCHA FLOWERS: THANK YOU!

*Thank you to all who generously donated towards Lenten/Pascha flowers. May your Paschal season be joyful & blessed!*

- Priest Paschal Candle—Becky Heddings
- March 3 - 1st Salutations—Renee Nicholas
- March 10 - 2nd Salutations—Renee Nicholas
- March 17 - 3rd Salutations—Margo Fasules Corey, in loving memory of Lucy Canakes Fasules
- March 24 - 4th Salutations—Frederica Pence
- March 31 - Akathist Hymn—Mary McDonald
- March 24 - Flowers for the Annunciation—David and Andrea Casey
- April 08 - Flowers for the icon of Lazarus—Frederica Pence
- Flowers for Palm Sunday icon—Nick & Theodora Xenos
- Palms for Palm Sunday—Baldrige Family
- Palm tree rentals—Jim & Tina Haubrock, Deno & Phyllis Davell, Connie Xarhoulacos
- Flowers for the icons in the narthex—Jim & Ruthann Zavakos
- Potted flowers for Easter—Maria Mavrouleas, Frederica Pence, Angela Lander, Diane Briggs, Mary Caudell, Helen Anton, George & Harriet Cheliotis
- Wreaths for the front doors—Jim & Ruthann Zavakos
- Holy Monday April 10, Bridegroom Service—Christine Couchot
- Holy Tuesday April 11, Bridegroom Service—Tina Fote in loving memory of her mother +Cleopatra Stamas
- Holy Wednesday April 12, Bridegroom Service—Anna Jackson
- Holy Thursday April 13—Cindy Keilholz
- Flowers for the Icon of the Last Supper—Christine Couchot
- Candelabras—Nick Demetre
- 1 wreath for the head of Christ—Dr. Fayez & Maria Abboud
- 1 wreath for the feet of Christ—Dr. Fayez & Maria Abboud
- No-Drip Candles for Candelabra/Cross—Federica Pence
- Flowers for the kouvuklion—Lula Karras, Nikki Burns & Bob Feldmann, Pat Sotiropoulos, Maria McFarland
- Flowers for the icon of the Crucifixion—Christine Couchot
- Priest's pussy Willow bouquet—Anna Jackson
- Rose petals—George & Harriet Cheliotis
- Bay leaves—Evanthia Valassiades, Helen Anton
- Flowers for the icon of the Resurrection—Maria Mavrouleas
- Flowers for the resurrection banner—Nick & Michelle Zois
- Special thanks as well to the Karras family for providing the light meals on Holy Wednesday and the red eggs distributed on Pascha.





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