

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, April 3 at 6:00 PM: Great Compline

Wednesday, April 5 at 6:00 PM: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

Saturday, April 8: **Lazarus Saturday**
Orthros 9:30 AM and Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM

Sunday, April 9: **Palm Sunday**
Orthros 9:30 AM and Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM
Bridegroom Matins at 6:00 PM

Stewardship: As of March, we are up to 75 stewards. There are at least 26 others who have not yet submitted their pledge for 2017. Please submit at your earliest convenience!

Our Spring Bake Sale will take place on Friday, May 5th

Baking Schedule: **Today after church we are making koulourakia**

Sunday, April 23 – Kourambiedes

Bring an apron and join us! No experience needed!

Please join us for **coffee** sponsored by **Stanley (Stavros), Linda and Elena Brother** in the Hellenic Center following the Divine Liturgy.

TODAY is the last day for placing your Tsoureki orders! Use the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Hellenic Center to place your order. Tsoureki loaves will be available for pick up on Palm Sunday, April 9th. In addition to enjoying Tsoureki baked by Tom Vangelopoulos, you will be providing financial assistance to the Philotimi ministry of our church.

The Ladies Progressive Society (LPS) will **not** meet today due to a conflict with baking koulourakia for the May 5th bake sale. LPS members are encouraged to ask Coco Anninos for a handout that contains information (approved at the March LPS meeting) concerning Holy Week. The next meeting of the LPS is scheduled for Sunday, May 7th.

Sign up sheets for **Holy Week Needs** are posted on the bulletin board in the Hellenic Center. Please review these needs and commit to providing your time, talent and monetary donation. The Ladies Progressive Society, that is once again coordinating this effort, wishes each and every one of you a blessed Easter!

Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt : The memory of this Saint is celebrated on April 1, when her life is recorded. Since the end of the holy Forty Days is drawing nigh, it has been appointed for this day also, so that if we think it hard to practice a little abstinence forty days, we might be roused by the heroism of her who fasted in the wilderness forty-seven years; and also that the great loving-kindness of God, and His readiness to receive the repentant, might be demonstrated in every deed.

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Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

Titus the Wonderworker

Theodora the Virgin-martyr of Palestine

AT THE SMALL ENTRANCE WE CHANT

Resurrectional Apolytikion Tone Pl. 4.

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.

Εξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφήν καταδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion for Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

In thee the image was preserved with exactness, O Mother; for taking up thy cross, thou didst follow Christ, and by thy deeds thou didst teach us to overlook the flesh, for it passeth away, but to attend to the soul since it is immortal. Wherefore, O righteous Mary, thy spirit rejoiceth with the Angels.

Ἐν σοί Μήτηρ ακριβῶς διεσώθη τὸ κατ' εἰκόνα, λαβῶν γάρ τόν σταυρόν, ηκολούθησας τῷ Χριστῷ, καὶ πράττων ἐδίδασκες, υπεροράν μὲν σαρκός, παρέρχεται γάρ ἐπιμελίσθαι δέ ψυχῆς, πράγματος αθανάτου, διὸ καὶ μετὰ Ἀγγέλων συναγάλλεται, οσία Μαρία τὸ πνεύμά σου.

Apolytikion for the Transfiguration

You were transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ Our God, showing to your disciples Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also in us, sinners though we be, shine Your everlasting light, through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Giver of light. Glory to You.

Kontakion

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδης ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθὴ, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι: Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεύσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

THE READINGS OF THE DAY

GOSPEL READING

The Reading is from Mark 10:32-45

At that time, Jesus taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

EPISTLE READING

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-14.

BRETHREN, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Ἀδελφοί, Χριστὸς δὲ παραγενόμενος ἀρχιερεὺς τῶν μελλόντων ἀγαθῶν, διὰ τῆς μείζονος καὶ τελειότερας σκηνης, οὐ χειροποιήτου, τοῦτ' ἔστιν, οὐ ταύτης τῆς κτίσεως, οὐδὲ δι' αἵματος τράγων καὶ μόσχων, διὰ δὲ τοῦ ἰδίου αἵματος εἰσήλθεν ἐφάπαξ εἰς τὰ ἅγια, αἰωνίαν λύτρωσιν εὐράμενος. Εἰ γὰρ τὸ αἷμα ταύρων καὶ τράγων, καὶ σποδὸς δαμάλεως ῥαντίζουσα τοὺς κεκοινωμένους, ἀγιάζει πρὸς τὴν τῆς σαρκὸς καθαρότητα, πόσω μᾶλλον τὸ αἷμα τοῦ Χριστοῦ, ὃς διὰ πνεύματος αἰωνίου ἑαυτὸν προσήνεγκεν ἄμωμον τῷ θεῷ, καθαριεῖ τὴν συνείδησιν ὑμῶν ἀπὸ νεκρῶν ἔργων, εἰς τὸ λατρεύειν θεῷ ζῶντι;