

**Visitors, please read**

We warmly welcome all visitors and seekers in our midst today.

**Holy Communion is the greatest gift on earth. It is given by God to baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians, who have prepared themselves with regular prayer, fasting (from midnight, unless there is a medical condition), and confession, and who have the blessing of their spiritual father or confessor to receive it.**

We welcome anyone visiting for the first time, and we trust that your experience here will be an uplifting and enriching one. The Orthodox Christian Church is actually a community of local Churches, whose roots are the ancient and native Christian communities of the biblical world, with centers in Jerusalem, Syria, Egypt, and Asia Minor, and by extension in Greece, Cyprus, Russia, North America, and throughout the world.

As a continuation of the ancient Church, we engage the whole person, heart, mind, and all senses in divine worship. This experience has been so powerful to seekers in the past that it was often said "We knew not whether we were in heaven or on earth. We knew only that there God dwelt among men" (Russian Primary Chronicle). That experience of heaven on earth and God in our midst forms the heart of all Orthodox worship.

Our worship culminates in the sharing of Holy Communion, which not only unites us with the Divine, but also expresses the deep unity in faith and life among all Orthodox believers. Since Holy Communion expresses that deep unity in belief and practice alike, it is reserved for practicing Orthodox Christians, who have properly prepared themselves with prayer, fasting, and recent confession. This is because the Orthodox choose not to make an external display of unity with other Christian groups when actual unity of faith and practice does not exist.

While working to restore the full communion that did exist among Christians in antiquity, today we offer the blessed bread (*antidoron*) at the conclusion of the Liturgy, as a gift of hospitality and of growing unity that is offered to all present. If you would like to learn more about the Orthodox way of life, or have any questions about worship or Holy Communion, please approach Fr. Michael or one of the other clergy following the Liturgy.

Thank you for joining us, and again, we welcome you all.

*We hope you enjoy your visit with us here at Holy Cross, and we thank you for joining us today.*

*We formally invite you and/or your guests to join us for coffee hour in the community center next door. If you can stay, we would love to have you!*

**Sunday, April 21, 2019 ~ Palm Sunday**

**The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the 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.

**The Gospel According to John 12:1-18**

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazaros was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazaros 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, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box 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 Lazaros, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazaros 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, even 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 him when he called Lazaros out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

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Philoptochos is hosting the **Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon** today. Please join us for a delicious meal and fellowship as we begin our journey through HolyWeek. Tickets available at the Community Center.

*Kalo Pascha!* Andrea Milinkovic, Philoptochos President

**FRESH Pascha bread, \$10/loaf**, will be sold after Divine Liturgy! Checks payable to *Holy Cross Philoptochos*.

Thank you to ALL the fabulous bread making volunteers! Thank you to the kitchen measurers, bakers, the rollers, twisters & egg washers! Thank you to those who wrapped over 400 loaves of bread! Thank you for donating time to this fun fundraiser and supporting Philoptochos!

## Holy Week 2019 – Schedule of Services

### Palm Sunday – April 21

5:00 pm – Orthros of Great Monday (First Bridegroom Service)

### Great and Holy Monday – April 22

9:00 am – Presanctified Liturgy

6:30 pm – Orthros of Great Tuesday (Second Bridegroom Service)

### Great and Holy Tuesday – April 23

9:00 am – Presanctified Liturgy

6:30 pm – Orthros of Great Wednesday (Third Bridegroom Service)

### Great and Holy Wednesday – April 24

9:00 am – Presanctified Liturgy

3:00 pm – Sacrament of Holy Unction (Ἱερόν Εὐχέλαιον)

6:30 pm – Orthros of Great Thursday (with second anointing)

### Great and Holy Thursday – April 25

9:00 am – Vespertal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil (The Institution of the Eucharist)

6:30 pm – Orthros of Great Friday (Service of the Passion and Twelve Gospels)

10:00 pm – Vigil by the Cross, and GOYA making sandwiches for the homeless

### Great and Holy Friday – April 26

9:00 am – Royal Hours

3:00 pm – Vespers (Taking down from the Cross/Ἀποκαθήλωσις)

6:30 pm – Orthros of Great Saturday (With Praises at the Tomb of Christ (Ἐγκώμια), and Procession of the Epitaphios)

### Great and Holy Saturday – April 27

9:00 am – Vespertal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil (“First Resurrection”)

11:00 pm – Midnight Office and Canon of Great Saturday

11:30 pm – New Light Procession, Paschal Orthros, and Divine Liturgy of the Resurrection

*Agape* meal follows in the Community Center

### Great and Holy Pascha – April 28

12:00 Noon – *Agape* Vespers (Reading of the Gospel in various languages)

We fervently request the entire Holy Cross parish family to share fully in the fasting, prayer, and liturgical observance of Holy Week and in the celebration of the Lord’s Resurrection on Pascha night.

**Monday – April 22** \*Volunteers needed\*  
to stuff envelopes, *any time after 1pm*

**Tuesday – April 23** \*Volunteers needed\*  
for Crossroads mailing, *any time after 10am*

Attention parents of **JOY-age girls**: If your daughter is interested in participating in the service of the Praises (“Ἐγκώμια” or “Lamentations”) on **Great Friday evening** as one of the “**Myrrh-bearing women**,” please contact Laura Zervos: [Laura@zervoscorp.com](mailto:Laura@zervoscorp.com), or 412-287-5679.

## Food Fair Cooking

4/30	10:00 – 2:00 5:30 – 8:30	Kourambiethes	Diane Babb	412-979-1955
5/1	10:00 – 2:00			

Order an Easter Lily **TODAY** to beautify our church for Pascha.

Circle ONE per plant: In Honor of OR For the health of OR In memory of



From \_\_\_\_\_  
\$20 per plant. Please return to church office by Monday, April 22.

Please call the church office for Holy Week items still available to sponsor:

♥ \$100 Mirafora Baskets

♥ \$250 ea ~ decorated Pascha Candles for the Clergy \*one still available

♥ \$35 bottle Communion Wine

♥ \$200 case Communion Wine case of 6 bottles



# Community Night Thursday May 16, 6pm

Holy Cross’s Got Talent is coming back to our Community Night next month.

We are looking for people of all ages who sing, dance, comedy, magic, variety, and play musical instruments.

**No Pressure, Just Fun**

If you are interested contact Ponny Jahn 412.835.5079 or Denise Melis 412.855.5661