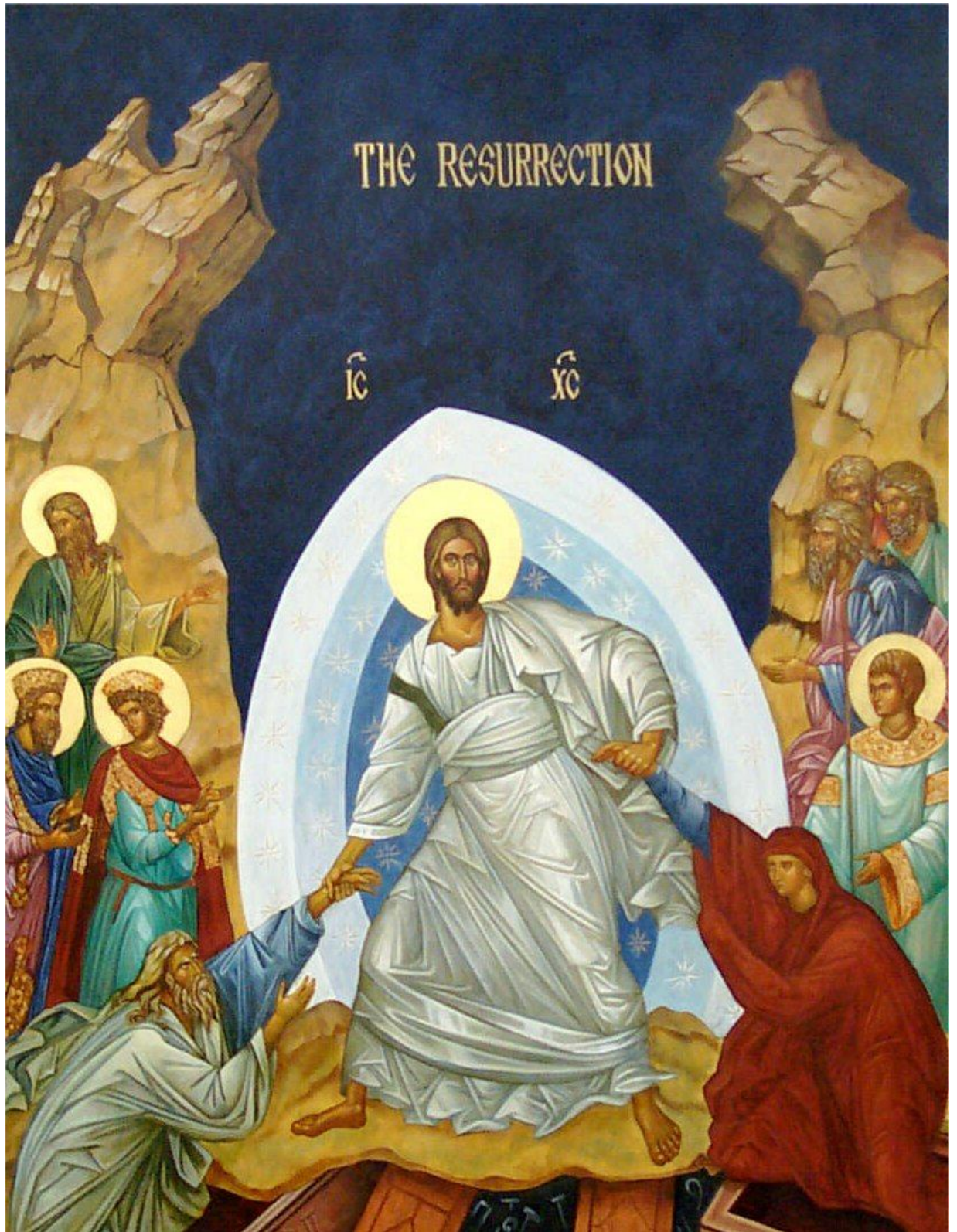


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# DIVINE SERVICES

## APRIL 2023

- Sunday 2 Sunday of Mary of Egypt**  
Monday 3 Office of the Great Compline @6:00pm  
Wednesday 5 Pre-Sanctified Gifts Liturgy @6:30pm  
Saturday 8 LAZARUS SATURDAY – at 9:00am Orthros & Divine Liturgy  
**Sunday 9 Palm Sunday - Orthros & Divine Liturgy @8:45am**  
The Service of the Nymphios @7pm  
**Mon- Sat 10 - 15 HOLY WEEK SERVICES**  
**Sunday 16 HOLY AND GREAT PASCHA | Agape Service @11AM**  
Friday 21 Renewal Friday - THEOTOKOS OF THE LIFE-GIVING SPRING  
**Sunday 23 THOMAS SUNDAY | +SAINT GEORGE**  
**Sunday 30 Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women** (*GID Parade in NYC*)

## MAY

- Wednesday 3 +ST. XENIA OF KALAMATA  
Friday 5 +ST. IRENE THE GREAT MARTYR +ST. EPHRAIM THE HOLY MARTYR  
**Sunday 7 Sunday of the Paralytic**  
Wednesday 10 MID PENTECOST (*4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday after Pascha*)  
**Sunday 14 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman | MOTHER'S DAY**  
**Sunday 21 Sunday of the Blind Man | + STS CONSTANTINE & HELEN, EQUAL TO THE APOSTLES | MEMORIAL SERVICE AHEPA & DOP**  
Thursday 25 Holy Ascension  
**Sunday 28 Fathers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Council**

*(We have this saint's Relics at our Saint Andrew Reliquary) \**

**Sundays:** Orthros @ 8:15AM & Divine Liturgy @ 9:30AM

**Weekdays:** Orthros @ 8AM & Divine Liturgy @ 9:15 AM

# ΙΕΡΕΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ

## ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟΣ 2023

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Δευτέρα	3	Ακολουθία Μέγα Απόδειπνων <u>ώρα</u> 6.00μμ
Τετάρτη	5	Προαγιασμένη Λειτουργία <u>ώρα</u> 6.30μμ
Σάββατο	8	ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟΝ ΤΟῦ ΛΑΖΑΡΟΥ <u>ώρα</u> 9.00ΠΜ Ὁρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία
<b>Κυριακή</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Κυριακή τῶν Βαΐων</b> Ἡ Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου <u>ώρα</u> 7μμ
<b>Δεύτερα-Σάββατο</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-15 ΙΕΡΕΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΗΣ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΑΣ</b>
<b>Κυριακή</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Κυριακή Α' τοῦ Ἁγίου Πάσχα -Ακολουθία του Εσπερινου της Ἀγάπης</b>
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<b>Κυριακή</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Κυριακή Β' τοῦ ΘΩΜΑ   +ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΜΑΡΤΥΡΑΣ</b>
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## ΜΑΙΟΣ

Τετάρτη	3	+ΞΕΝΙΑΣ ΤΗΣ ΘΑΥΜΑΤΟΥΡΓΟΥ
Παρασκευή	5	+ΑΓΙΑΣ ΕΙΡΗΝΗΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΜΑΡΤΥΡΟΣ, +ΑΓΙΟΥ ΕΦΡΑΙΜ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΜΑΡΤΥΡΟΣ
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<b>Κυριακή</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Κυριακή ΣΤ' τοῦ Τυφλοῦ;   ΚΩΝΣΤΑΝΤΙΝΟΣ ΚΑΙ ἙΛΕΝΗ ἹΣΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΙ  </b> Μνημόσυνο ΑΗΕΠΑ & Θυγατέρες της Πηνελόπης
Πέμπτη	25	ΤΗΣ ΑΝΑΛΗΨΕΩΣ
<b>Κυριακή</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Κυριακή Ζ' των 318 Ἁγίων Πατέρων της Οικομ. Συνόδου</b>

(Έχουμε τα Λείψανα του Ἁγίου στην Λειψανοθήκη της εκκλησία μας)\*  
Την Κυριακή – Ὁρθρος - ώρα 8.15πμ & Θεία Λειτουργία - ώρα 9:30πμ  
Τις καθημερινές – Ὁρθρος ώρα 8πμ & Θεία Λειτουργία - ώρα 9:15πμ



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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK 2023

- April 8      **SATURDAY OF LAZARUS**  
8:00am      Orthros & Divine Liturgy
- April 9      **PALM SUNDAY**  
8:15am      Orthros and Divine Liturgy  
7:00pm      The Services of the *Nymphios* (Bridegroom)
- April 10     **HOLY MONDAY**  
7:00pm      The Service of The *Nymphios* (2<sup>nd</sup> Bridegroom)
- April 11     **HOLY TUESDAY**  
9:00am      Divine Liturgy of Pre-sanctified Gifts  
7:00pm      The Service of The *Nymphios* (3<sup>rd</sup> Bridegroom) The *Troparion Kassianis*
- April 12     **HOLY WEDNESDAY**  
6:00am      Divine Liturgy of Pre-sanctified Gifts  
3:00pm      The Sacrament of Holy Unction  
7:00pm      The Service of The *Nymphios*
- April 13     **HOLY THURSDAY**  
7:30am      The Mystical Supper Vespers & Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great  
6:30pm      The Sacred Passion & Crucifixion of Our Lord
- April 14     **GOOD FRIDAY**  
9:00am      Divine Service of The Royal Hours  
3:00pm      Service of The Apokathelosis Descent of Christ From the Cross  
7:00pm      The Burial of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ  
(The Service of Lamentation)
- April 15     **HOLY SATURDAY**  
9:00am      Great Vespers of The Feast of Resurrection &  
Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great  
11:00pm     Midnight Service of **THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST**  
Orthros and Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
- April 16     **SUNDAY OF PASCHA**  
11:00am     **THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST**  
The Great Paschal Vespers of Agape



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### ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΜΕΓΑΛΗΣ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΟΣ 2023

<b>8 Απριλίου</b> 8:00 π.μ.	<b>ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟΝ ΤΟΥ ΛΑΖΑΡΟΥ</b> Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία
<b>9 Απριλίου</b> 8:15 π.μ. 7:00 μ.μ.	<b>ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΒΑΪΩΝ</b> Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία Η Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου
<b>10 Απριλίου</b> 7:00 μ.μ.	<b>ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ</b> Ιερά Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου
<b>11 Απριλίου</b> 9:00 π.μ. 7:00 μ.μ.	<b>ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΤΡΙΤΗ</b> Θεία Λειτουργία των Προηγιασμένων Δώρων Ιερά Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου και Τροπάριον της Κασσιανής
<b>12 Απριλίου</b> 6:00 π.μ. 3:00 μ.μ. 7:00 μ.μ.	<b>ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ</b> Θεία Λειτουργία των Προηγιασμένων Δώρων Τελέσεις Μυστηρίου Ιερού Ευχελαίου Ιερά Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου
<b>13 Απριλίου</b> 7:30 π.μ. 6:30 μ.μ.	<b>ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΠΕΜΠΤΗ</b> Εσπερινή Θεία Λειτουργία Μ. Βασιλείου επι τη Ανάμνησή του Μυστικού Δείπνου Ακολουθία Των Αγίων Πάθων
<b>14 Απριλίου</b> 9:00 π.μ. 3:00 μ.μ. 7:00 μ.μ.	<b>ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ</b> Ακολουθία Των Μεγάλων και Βασιλικών Ωρων Ακολουθία Της Αποκαθήλωσης Ακολουθία Του Επιτάφιου και Εγκώμια
<b>15 Απριλίου</b> 9:00 π.μ. 11:00 μ.μ.	<b>ΜΕΓΑΛΟ ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ</b> Μ. Εσπερινός, Θ. Λειτουργία του Μ. Βασιλείου & Πρώτη Ανάστασις Ακολουθία Παννυχίδος, Τελετή Αναστάσεως και Αναστάσιμη Θεία Λειτουργία
<b>16 Απριλίου</b> 11:00 π.μ.	<b>ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΣΧΑ</b> Ακολουθία του Εσπερινου της Αγάπης

# Christ is Risen!

Rev Fr John Theodosion

The ceremonies of Holy Week are the commemoration of the greatest events of human history; they direct our attention to Christ's Cross and death, and finally to his empty tomb and resurrection. The joyful and hope-filled end of Holy Week is remembered in one of the gospel readings taken from the 28th chapter of Matthew.



presence in the hearts of those who love Him and commit their lives to Him.

Finally, the angel said, "*Go quickly now and tell the disciples.*" The command is to go and tell others what the resurrection means. It means that we who have experienced its joy and who trust in the promise of Christ must share that joy and trust and hope with those who have not yet experienced it. If we want to make the

Resurrection truly meaningful, therefore, we cannot merely enjoy it with magiritsa and dancing; we must experience it for our selves and share it with others as well.

We must remember the words of the angel for these words are not just words but commands. First, he commanded, not to be afraid; Second, commanded, to come and see; and third he commanded to go and tell others. These simple commands are for us a simple formula for our salvation, to enter into the Faith; to experience the Faith; and to share the faith with the people around us.

**Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!**

**Χριστός Ανέστη! Αληθώς Ανέστη!**

There, we see first, the myrrh bearing women approach the tomb and hear an angel who spoke not only to them, but to us as well. The first words spoken by the angel are, "*You must not be afraid.*" With these words we are all reminded that the resurrection destroys our fear of death and replaces it with hope and with God's promise of eternal life. We no longer have reason to fear; Christ, by his own death, has broken the chains by which death and the grave held us as prisoners.

Second the angel said, "*Come here and see the place where He was lying.*" We are all invited to examine the empty tomb and see for ourselves the triumph of Christ over our enemy. How do we know that Christ lives? We know because He continues to change lives, and to dwell as a living

## Χριστός Ανέστη!

Οι λειτουργίες της Μεγάλης Εβδομάδας είναι η ανάμνηση των σπουδαιότερων γεγονότων της ιστορίας της ανθρωπότητας· κατευθύνουν την προσοχή μας στον Σταυρό του Χριστού και τον θάνατο, στη συνέχεια όμως στον κενό τάφο Του και στην ανάσταση. Η χαρμόσυνη και ελπιδοφόρος

ολοκλήρωση της Μεγάλης Εβδομάδας υπενθυμίζεται σε ένα από τα κείμενα του Ευαγγελίου στο 28<sup>ο</sup> κεφάλαιο του κατά Ματθαίου.

Σε αυτό, πρώτον βλέπουμε τις μυροφόρες γυναίκες να πλησιάζουν τον τάφο και να ακούνε

έναν άγγελο που δεν μίλησε μόνο σε αυτές, αλλά σε όλους μας. Τα πρώτα λόγια του αγγέλου είναι, «Μη φοβάστε». Αυτά τα λόγια μας υπενθυμίζουν ότι η ανάσταση καταστρέφει τον φόβο μας του θανάτου και αντικαθίσταται με την ελπίδα και την υπόσχεση του Θεού για αιώνιο ζωή. Δεν έχουμε πλέον λόγο να φοβόμαστε· Ο Χριστός, με τον θάνατό Του, έχει σπάσει τις αλυσίδες με τις οποίες ο θάνατος και ο τάφος μας κρατούσαν δέσμιους.

Δεύτερον, ο άγγελος είπε, «Ελάτε να δείτε το μέρος που βρισκόταν το σώμα του Κυρίου». Όλοι μας καλούμαστε να εξετάσουμε τον κενό τάφο και να δούμε με τα μάτια μας τον θρίαμβο του Χριστού ενάντια στον εχθρό μας. Πώς ξέρουμε ότι ο Χριστός ζει; Το ξέρουμε γιατί συνεχίζει να αλλάζει ζωές και να κατοικεί με ζωντανή παρουσία στις καρδιές όσων Τον αγαπούν και αφιερώνουν τις ζωές τους σε Αυτόν.

Τέλος, ο άγγελος είπε, «Τρέξτε όμως γρήγορα και πείτε το στους μαθητές Του». Η προσταγή είναι να

πάμε και να πούμε και σε άλλους τί σημαίνει ανάσταση. Σημαίνει πως εμείς που έχουμε γευτεί τη χαρά της και που πιστεύουμε την υπόσχεση του Χριστού, πρέπει να μοιραστούμε τη χαρά και την πίστη και την ελπίδα με αυτούς που δεν τα έχουν γευτεί. Επομένως, εάν θέλουμε να έχει αληθινό νόημα η Ανάσταση, δεν γίνεται απλά να τη χαιρόμαστε με μαγειρίτσα και χορό·πρέπει να τη ζούμε για εμάς και να την μοιραζόμαστε και με τους άλλους.

Πρέπει να θυμόμαστε τα λόγια του αγγέλου γιατί τα λόγια του δεν είναι απλά λόγια, είναι προσταγή. Πρώτα, πρόσταξε να μην φοβόμαστε· Δεύτερον, πρόσταξε να πάμε και να δούμε· και τρίτον, πρόσταξε να πάμε να το πούμε στους άλλους. Αυτές οι απλές προσταγές για εμάς είναι ο δρόμος για τη σωτηρία μας, να εισέλθουμε στην Πίστη· να νιώσουμε την Πίστη· και να μοιραστούμε την Πίστη με τους ανθρώπους γύρω μας.

*Adaptation by: Maria Kiritsis, Athens GR*

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SATURDAY OF LAZARUS  
**APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup> ORTHROS AT 8AM &  
DIVINE LITURGY AT 9AM**

*Following Services, you are invited in gym for:*

- POTLUCK LENTEN LUNCHEON
  - PASCHA EGG HUNT
- HOPE -JOY SPECIAL CRAFT
- PREPARATION OF PALM CROSSES BY ALL

PALM SUNDAY  
**APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> ORTHROS 8:15AM &  
DIVINE LITURGY AT 9:30AM  
COMMUNITY LUNCHEON**

All the Organizations and Ministries come together to sponsor and host a Traditional Lunch on Palm Sunday.

Join us for fellowship and the continuation of our heritage and traditions of our Orthodox Faith. | *(Good will donation is welcomed.)*

HOSTED BY THE MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS OF SAINT ANDREW GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH.  
*Praying that you are able to join us for prayer and fellowship on these Holy Days*

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THE RESURRECTION OF  
OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST  
APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> @11:30pm

Service of THE RESURRECTION OF OUR  
LORD, JESUS CHRIST  
**APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> @apx12:15am**

Orthros & DL of St. John Chrysostom

**MAYERITSA**

After the midnight Divine Liturgy  
*at approximately 1:30AM*  
all are invited to **break the fast** with us  
in our church hall.

We'll have Mayeritsa Soup,  
Pascha Eggs, Tsourekia, koulourakia





## SAINT ANDREW PHILOPTOCHOS

1447 Sussex Turnpike, Randolph, NJ 07869-1830

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Dear Friends of Philoptochos,

The Saint Andrew Philoptochos of Randolph, New Jersey, is part of one of the largest women's philanthropic organizations in the United States, the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society. Each year we raise funds to disburse to local and national charities thus honoring our Mission Statement which is "to help the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick..."

Our main fundraiser, the Tricky Tray, will be held on Friday, **May 12, 2023**. A portion of the proceeds will go to the following charities: Saint Peter's Orphanage, Saint Michael's Home and Parkinson's Foundation.

In order for our event to be successful, we rely on donations from our community as well as the local business community.

We would greatly appreciate your support by donating one or more of the following:

- . **Gift basket with items valued at \$50+/\$100+/\$200+**
- . **Gift card/gift certificate**
- . **Monetary donation** so that we may purchase gift items
- . **Ad in our Journal**, (for example: business, congratulations, memorial, etc.)

Please contact a committee member or email us at [SaintAndrewsTT@gmail.com](mailto:SaintAndrewsTT@gmail.com) to let us know your contribution. All donations should be mailed or delivered **by April 23rd**. Our committee members will also gladly pick up your donation. Checks should be made payable to *Saint Andrew Philoptochos* and sent to:

Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church  
Saint Andrew Philoptochos/Tricky Tray  
1447 Sussex Turnpike  
Randolph, NJ 07869



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If you have any questions about our organization, or our Tricky Tray, please contact us. We thank you in advance for your support and generosity!

The Tricky Tray committee:

Marina Venizelos, Melissa Dobias, Antonia Clapsis, Irene Laoudis, Yiota Louca, Julie Ioannou and Maro Schuster

## Ο ΚΥΡΙΟΣ ΕΡΧΕΤΑΙ

Κυριακή τῶν Βαΐων σήμερα, ἀρχή τῆς Ἁγίας καί Μεγάλης Ἑβδομάδος. Ὁ Κύριός μας ἔρχεται «πρός τό ἐκούσιον πάθος». Εἰσέρχεται στήν Ἁγία Πόλη «ἐπί πώλου ὄνου καθεζόμενος» ὁ βασιλιάς τοῦ οὐρανοῦ καί τῆς γῆς, ὁ Κτίστης καί Δημιουργός τοῦ σύμπαντος, ὁ πάντων τῶν αἰώνων κυβερνήτης καί τῆς οἰκουμένης δίκαιος κριτής, ὁ ὁποῖος ἐπιλέγει τήν πλάτη ἑνός ταπεινοῦ ζώου γιά νά εἰσέλθει στά Ἱεροσόλυμα. Ὁδός ταπεινώσεως καί ἀπαρνήσεως ὁποιασδήποτε ὑπερβολῆς εἶναι ἡ πρότασή του γιά τή δική μας ἐμπειρία καί βίωση τῆς ἑβδομάδας τοῦ Πάθους.

### Ἕνας μέγας πειρασμός

Μέγας καί ὁρατός ὁ κίνδυνος τῆς ἐπιφανειακῆς «συμπάθειας» πρὸς τόν πάσχοντα Δημιουργό, ὁ πειρασμός νά νικήσει τό «φαίνεσθαι» τήν οὐσία, νά θεωρήσουμε καί πάλι ἀξιολύπητο τόν Χριστό πού πάσχει θέλων. Ἀδηφάγος πνευματικά ἡ πρόκληση νά ξεχάσουμε ὅτι ἐπί τοῦ Σταυροῦ δέν θά δοῦμε σέ λίγο ἕναν ἀθῶο πού ἐξαιτίας μιᾶς δικαστικῆς πλάνης καταδικάσθηκε σέ θάνατο, ἀλλά τόν «κατάστικτον τοῖς μῶλωσι καί πανσθενουργόν», τόν κατακαλυμμένο μέ πληγές καί συνάμα παντοδύναμο Θεό, ὅπως ψάλλουμε τό Μέγα Σάββατο· αὐτόν, δηλαδή, ὁ ὁποῖος ἔγινε φτωχός ὄντας πλούσιος, γιά νά πλουτίσουμε ἐμεῖς μέ τή δική του φτώχεια.

Ἄς δοῦμε ὅμως κατά σειρά ὀρισμένα διδακτικότατα ἀπό τήν εὐαγγελική διήγηση τῆς σημερινῆς μεγάλης δεσποτικῆς ἑορτῆς. Ὁ Ἰούδας, «ὁ δούλος καί δόλιος», ἐκπρόσωπος τῶν δούλων καί οἰκείων τοῦ διαβόλου κάθε ἐποχῆς καί χρονικῆς στιγμῆς, ἀνησυχεῖ τάχα γιά τούς φτωχοῦς. Τόν πληγώνει δῆθεν ὅτι δίνονται χρήματα γιά τό πολύτιμο μύρο μέ τό ὁποῖο ἡ Μαρία, ἡ ἀδερφή τοῦ Λαζάρου, ἄλειψε τά πόδια τοῦ Ἰησοῦ, ἐνῶ μπορούσαν νά δοθοῦν στούς φτωχοῦς. Αἰτία καί τῆς δικῆς του συμπεριφορᾶς καί ὅσων μιμούμαστε τή διαγωγή του ἡ κλοπή, καί μάλιστα διπλή. Ἦταν αὐτός πού διατηροῦσε τό ταμεῖο ἀφαιρώντας ἀπό τό περιεχόμενό του πρὸς ἴδιον ὄφελος· κλοπή ἀπλή μὲν, συνήθης στά ἀνθρώπινα, δέν τόν βαρύνει ὅμως μόνον αὐτή. Ὁ Ἰούδας, ὁ ὁποῖος οὐδέποτε «ἠβουλήθη συνιέναι», μέ τρόπο προπετή καί ἀχάριστο κατηγορεῖ τώρα τόν πατέρα ὅτι δέν ἐνδιαφέρεται γιά τά παιδιά του. Διατείνεται μέ θράσος ὅτι ὁ ἴδιος ἔχει μέσα του μεγαλύτερη ἀγάπη καί μέριμνα ἀπό τόν Ἰησοῦ, πού ἐπί τρία ὀλόκληρα χρόνια ἐνώπιόν του δέν ἔπαψε νά εὐεργετεῖ, νά θαυματουργεῖ στούς φτωχοῦς, ἐμπερίστατους καί περιφρονημένους αὐτοῦ τοῦ κόσμου. Ὁ Χριστός βρίσκεται στήν οἰκία τοῦ φίλου του Λαζάρου καί, ἐνῶ ὅλα αὐτά καί πάμπολλα ἄλλα ἄρρητα συμβαίνουν,

πλήθος κόσμου ἔχει συγκεντρωθεῖ γιά νά δοῦν τόσο τόν Λάζαρο πού ἀναστήθηκε ἀπό τούς νεκρούς, ὅσο καί ἐκεῖνον πού τόν ἀνέστησε. Οἱ ἀρχιερεῖς καί οἱ ἄρχοντες τοῦ λαοῦ ἔχουν ἤδη ἀντιληφθεῖ ὅτι ὁ Λάζαρος ἀποτελεῖ αἰτία νά πιστέψουν πολλοί στόν Χριστό. Τά σύννεφα λοιπόν, παρά τό χαρμόσυνο κλίμα καί τά «ῶσαννά» τῆς ἐπόμενης ἡμέρας, ἔχουν ἤδη πυκνώσει πάνω ἀπό τήν Ἁγία Πόλη, τό ἠφαιστειο τῆς κακίας στίς καρδιές τῶν Ἰουδαίων ἤδη ἀρχίζει νά ἐκρήγνυται. «Τῶν θεοκτόνων ὁ ἐσμός» ἤδη κινεῖται καί «βουλευέται κενά» κατά τοῦ μόνου ἀθώου, φε: «Ἀββᾶ Ζωσιμᾶ, θάψον ὧδε τό σῶμα τῆς ἀθλίας Μαρίας. Ἀπέθανον τήν αὐτήν ἡμέραν, καθ' ἣν ἐκοινώνησα τῶν ἀχράντων Μυστηρίων. Εὐχου ὑπέρ ἐμοῦ».

### **Ἡ ταπείνωση τῶν ἁγίων Ἀποστόλων**

Ὅλοι μας μοιάζουμε μέ τήν ὁσία Μαρία τήν Αἴγυπτία, ἀλλά καί μέ τούς ἁγίους Ἀποστόλους, πού οὔτε ἐκεῖνοι μπορούσαν ἀρχικά νά κατανοήσουν τί θά πεῖ νά εἶσαι μαθητής τοῦ Χριστοῦ, ὅπως φαίνεται στή σημερινή εὐαγγελική περικοπή. Γιά τοῦτο λοιπόν ἄς τούς μιμηθοῦμε τουλάχιστον, καθώς πορευόμαστε πρὸς τό τέλος τῆς Ἁγίας καί Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστῆς, στήν ταπείνωσή τους, πού στόν κατάλληλο καιρό ἀξίωσε τούς μέν ἁγίους Ἀποστόλους νά κατανοήσουν τό θέλημα τοῦ Διδασκάλου, τῆ δέ ὁσία Μαρία τήν Αἴγυπτία νά προκρίνει τή μετάνοια ἀπό τή φαυλότητα τῆς ἀμαρτίας.

Ἀρχιμ. Ἁ. Ἀ.

### **Lord's Voice GREAT & HOLY PASCHA A FEAST THROUGHOUT TIME**

"Now everything is filled with the light, heaven and earth and the underworld". Brethren everywhere in the universe, Christ is risen! Today is the feast of feasts and celebration of celebrations, "the Day which is chosen and holy, Day One of the Sabbaths. It is the queen-day, the Lord's Day," and according to the canon "The wave of the sea" in the sacred All-night

vigil, but also according to the canon "The day of Resurrection" in the Matins, and with all the chants and the hymns of today's day, we glorified- and for forty days, by exception in relation to all the other feasts of the Lord, we will celebrate - the resurrected Deliverer. We hymned the majesty of the love of God the Father who granted us the recreation with the

incarnation of his Word, and salvation with the resurrection of his Son.

### **The victor of death**

We heard during the Divine Liturgy, the gospel narration from the beginning of the gospel of the holy glorious apostle and evangelist John the Theologian. In a few lines of this passage, the entire majesty of the divine economy is summarized, described by his very theological pen and offered today, together with the Catechetical Homily of the sacred Chrysostom, as the most beautiful and most fragrant and most nourishing spiritual treat in the festive table of today's unsetting day. Its beginning and refers to the existence of the Word, of our Lord Jesus Christ, "who was born of the Father before all ages", as we confess in the second article of the Symbol of our Faith, proclaiming his godhead. Our holy Church, with her inexhaustible wisdom and experience, knows well the battle which, throughout the ages, the devil and his instruments undertake, disputing the godhead of the one of the Holy Trinity, of the Son and Word of God. And for this reason, in the most sacred moment of her liturgical year, she chooses evangelically, the specific manner in order to proclaim her joy. Christ is the joy of the Church, according to the word of Athanasius the Great. The reference follows to the creation of the world from nothing "through him", but also to the capability of fallen man, after his self-exile from Paradise, to again see the face of God.

### **The light of the world**

The shadow of the Law of the Old Testament illumined the light from the preaching of the Prophets, mainly however, the par-excellence lantern of the divine light, the precious Forerunner, the greatest of the Prophets. He, even though, he himself was not the light, which he was nevertheless "full of light" and

therefore, he was able to preach, to impart and to show who is the light. The light, of course, is Christ, He, who with his incarnation descended to the world that he created and to his creatures, to his own children. Unfortunately, however, many of his children did not accept him. He kept company with everyone, he embraced everyone, he received everyone well, he benefactored everyone, he addressed everyone with love without favoritism, opening his embrace paternally. He did not exempt anyone from his calling, he conversed with sinners, he kept company with prostitutes, he visited publicans, he granted health to people who were physically and spiritually ill, he cast out demons, he resurrected the dead, he worked night and day, his delivering work, "in order to save the world".

The feast of the Resurrection pervades and continues the action, the life, the preaching and the worship of the Church. The Orthodox liturgist, celebrating the Divine Liturgy even the most mere, daily, day without a memory, she celebrates Pascha, for the Church. Both the clergymen, as well as the lay people, commune the same holy crucified and resurrected body of Christ, obeying the word of the Master and great high priest Christ, who once for all preached in the Mystical Supper breaking and distributing his own self and saying "do this in the remembrance of me".

So, let us make, brethren, the decision that the Resurrection of Christ comprise the first fruits for our arising from the passions and our weaknesses and for our waking up from the darkness of our choices far from God, and embracing one another with true Christian love let us shout: Christ is risen! Truly the Lord is risen!

Archim. A. A



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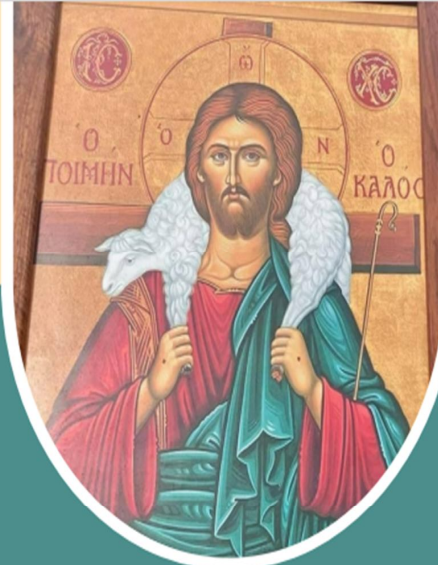
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# GOYA NEWS



GOYANs have been preparing and practicing for Sights and Sounds. It will take place on March 4th at Holy Trinity, Westfield. They will be competing both individually and in groups. Group categories we are competing in include Greek folk dancing, Religious singing, English singing, Instrument group, Dramatic pairs, and the English play. Individual categories we are competing in include Singing solo, Instrument solo, and English Monologue. Literature and different forms of artwork are also submitted for judging.

We wish all our GOYANs attending Good Luck!

The Valentine's Dance took place on February 10th, in Holmdel. It was a great time and always fun to hang out with our GOYA friends from other churches.

We are looking forward to the following upcoming events: Faith Kitchen Pantry, Soccer Tournament, Indoor and Outdoor Olympics. We hope to see everyone there!

Written by: Peter Karipidis

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Congratulations to  
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took part in the  
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March 4th 2023  
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## Daughters of Penelope April 2023



The whirlwind of activity continues with DOP Alexander #250. Our recent activities included our Bowling Night which was a true family affair. We also had the great privilege of honoring our very own Dr. Sylvia Christakos at the District Salute to Women held on March 5th at the Pines Manor. Our March meeting will also serve as a collection for feminine hygiene products and new undergarments for young women in need. We have planned a trip to Broadway to see "Six" as well as a trip to St. Nicholas Church and Shrine on May 7th. This trip is open to the entire Community. For more information, please contact Anna Kavalos. Our local DOP is proud to offer a wide variety of programs which empowers women and encourages civic responsibility in all we do. For more information on our programs or how to join the DOP, please contact Eleni Boyadjis at [eboyadjis@aol.com](mailto:eboyadjis@aol.com).





## The Orthodox Christian Funeral Service

Father Nektarios Morrow

God's mercy is infinite and His goodness is beyond measure. This is what our Holy Church has always maintained, and thus believes and hopes that the loving Lord will be merciful even to the deceased. For this reason the hymnographers of the Orthodox Church have composed a most moving Funeral Service that is virtually a treasure-house of profound spiritual thoughts.

From the earliest Christian times, psalms and hymns were sung to our life-giving God when a believer died. But the basic parts of the Funeral Service in use today can be traced mainly to the fifth century. With the passage of time the Service has been enriched with psalms and hymns so that it has become one of the most versatile, dramatic and impassionate services of our Church.

The Funeral Service of the Orthodox Church is an example of how Orthodox theology influences the formation of a healthy understanding of the true nature of life and death. The Service accomplishes

the following: a) utilizes the occasion of death to help us develop a more profound understanding of the meaning and purpose of life; b) helps us to deal with the emotions we have at the time of death and as time passes after the death; c) emphasizes the fact that death for the Christian is not the end, and affirms our hope in salvation and eternal life; d) recognizes the existence of the emotions of grief caused by the separation from a loved one, and encourages their expression.

In the readings, prayers, and hymns of the Funeral Service a dramatic dialogue takes place between the faithful and God and the deceased and God. The Service acknowledges the reality of human existence—the frailty of life and the vanity of worldly things—and directs our minds and hearts to contemplate the incomparable value of the eternal blessings of God's kingdom. At the same time

with a contrite spirit, the priests and people invoke the infinite mercy of the Almighty God for the departed.

Anyone who attentively follows the hymns and prayers of the Funeral Service will be edified and consoled in many ways. The Service is not only an opportunity to express our love for our loved one who has fallen asleep; it is also a sacred time, a marvelous opportunity for reflection and inner meditation on our own relationship with God and on the orientation of our lives. When we reflect on the sublime thoughts of the Funeral Service our souls become contrite, our hearts are softened, and we pray fervently for the forgiveness and the repose of the person who has been transferred to the life beyond the grave. Also, we who are still alive are beckoned to live the rest of our lives in repentance and in full dedication to Christ.

**Saint John Chrysostom beautifully observes:**

"The Jews of the Old Testament wept for Jacob and for Moses for forty days. Today, however, during the funeral of the faithful, the Church raises hymns and prayers and psalms. We glorify and thank God, because "He crowned the departing," because "He relieved the pains," because "He expelled the fear," and has the deceased believer near Him. This is why the hymns and psalms reveal that in the event of death there is pleasure and joy following the glorious Resurrection of the Savior Jesus Christ. For the psalms and hymns are symbols of joy, according to the Apostolic word: "Is any cheerful? Let him sing praises" (James 5:13). This is why we sing psalms over the dead—psalms which move us to have courage and not to despair over the death of our brother."

St. John Chrysostom, *On the Holy Martyrs Bernice and Prosdoke the Virgins and their Mother Domnina*

*"With the spirits of the righteous made perfect, give rest to the soul of Your servant, O Savior, and preserve it in that life of blessedness which is with You, O You Who loves mankind."*

Troparion for the Departed

**Order of the Funeral Service**

The Funeral Service of the Eastern Orthodox Church consists of hymns, prayers, and readings from the Scriptures. The order of the Service is as follows:

The Trisagion Service, chanted at the funeral home or in the church on the evening before the funeral service and on the day of the funeral, at the graveside following the funeral service, and for memorial services.

Selection of verses from Psalm 119 (LXX 118), in three stanzas: (Part I -verses 1, 20, 28, 36, 53, 63; Part II -verses 73, 83, 94, 102, 112, 126; Part III -verses 132, 141, 149, 161 1 175, 176)

Blessings (Evlogetaria): "Blessed are You, O Lord, teach me Your statutes!"

(Psalm 119:12).

Kontakion and Hymns in each of the Eight Tones.

Scripture Readings: (a) 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and (b) John 5:24-30.

Small Litany, Prayers, and Dismissal.

The Kiss of Peace and the anointing of the body.

The chanting of the Trisagion Service at the cemetery.

**Trisagion Service**

Before the Funeral Service itself, the brief Trisagion or "Thrice-Holy" Service is served at the place where the deceased lies. This service derives its name because it begins with the familiar prayer, "Holy

God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us," repeated three times. After the initial prayers, four hymns are chanted asking the Lord to give rest to the deceased among those who have already been perfected in the faith. A litany follows and is concluded with a prayer that includes again the petition to the Lord to grant rest to the deceased and asks for the forgiveness of sins. Before the service is concluded, the faithful sing, "May your memory be eternal."

### **Psalm 119**

The Funeral Service begins with the chanting in three stanzas of verses from Psalm 119 (118 in the Septuagint). In Greek this is referred to as the *Amomos* (blameless) because the first words are, "Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord." Following the first stanza, a small litany is said with petitions for the departed. If more than one priest is officiating, this litany is said after each stanza.

### **Evlogetaria**

Following the chanting of Psalm 119 are the Funeral Praises, the Evlogetaria. These hymns are chanted in a solemn tone which highlights their deep theological content. They are called "Evlogetaria" (meaning hymns of praise) because each one is preceded by Psalm 119:12, "Blessed are You, O Lord, teach me Your statutes." Their designation as the Funeral Evlogetaria distinguishes them from the Resurrectional Evlogetaria that are chanted during the Sunday Matins service. For the Funeral Service for a member of the clergy, two additional Evlogetaria are included.

### **Kontakion and Hymns of the Eight Tones**

At the conclusion of the Evlogetaria, the Kontakion of the Funeral Service is chanted:

*"With the Saints give rest, O Christ, to the soul of Your servant where there is no pain, nor sorrow, nor suffering, but life everlasting."*

During the chanting of this hymn, the priest censes the deceased and the faithful, as well as the Holy Altar Table and icons. Following this are chanted the very moving hymns known as the *Idiomela*. Each hymn has its own particular melody and are sung in the order of the eight modes or tones of Byzantine chant. These hymns and their changing melodic modes express the mixed emotions of grief and consolation that come from the loss of a loved one and in our affirmation of our hope in God's promise of rest for the departed and eternal life.

### **Scripture Readings**

In addition to the prayers and hymnody, the Funeral Service also includes two Scripture lessons, one from the *Apostolos* (the liturgical book that contains the lections from the Book of Acts and the Epistles) and another from the *Evangelion* (the liturgical book of the four Gospels arranged in pericopes or lections). The assigned readings for the service are I Thessalonians 4:13-17 and John 5:24-30. The *Apostolos* and the *Evangelion* also list several alternate readings which include from the *Apostolos* I Corinthians 15:47-57; I Corinthians 15:20-28; Romans 14:6-9; and from the *Evangelion* John 5:17-24; John 6:35-39; John 6:40-44; and John 6:48-54. All of these passages reflect the Church's belief in the reality of Christ's death and Resurrection and of the benefits that we derive from them, namely, the resurrection of our body on the last day, and the promise of incorruption and immortality.

### **Prayers and Dismissal**

Following the readings, the small litany that was said earlier is repeated, and priest offers a prayer for the repose of the deceased. At this point a special

prayer is added if a hierarch is officiating and/or the funeral is for a member of the clergy. The priest, addressing Christ who defeated death, asks the “God of spirits and of all humankind” to grant rest to the soul of the deceased, “now asleep in a place of light, a place of renewed life, a joyous place...” The Dismissal prayer of the Funeral Service once again introduces the hope of the resurrection as the priest calls upon the intercessions of the all-holy Theotokos, the holy Apostles, the holy Fathers, the three Patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and of the holy and righteous Lazarus, the friend of Christ who was raised from the dead by our Lord. After this prayer the faithful sing, “May your memory be eternal.”

### **The Kiss of Peace and Anointing**

Following the dismissal prayer comes the moment of our final farewell greeting to the deceased. As the people come forward to look upon the deceased, the choir or chanters sing hymns that invite them to offer a kiss to the one who has reposed in the faith while they pray for the Lord to give the person rest. The kiss given to the deceased is an expression of love for the departed, but it is also an affirmation that the one who has fallen asleep is worthy of the fulfillment of God’s promises having lived a life of faith and known the grace of God.

After the people and the family have come and offered their final greeting, the priest anoints the

body in the sign of the Cross with oil and earth. As the priest anoints with the oil he says: “Sprinkle me with hyssop and I shall be clean. Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow” (Psalm 51:7). As the priest anoints the body with earth, he says: “The earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof; the world and all that dwell in it (Psalm 24:1). You are dust and to dust you shall return” (Genesis 3:19).

### **At the Cemetery**

Following the Funeral Service, the priest and people proceed to the cemetery. Here, the priest chants the Trisagion and the body is committed to the grave to await the return of our Lord and the resurrection of the dead.

### **Memorial Services**

On the Sunday following the funeral a special commemoration service is held at the end of the Divine Liturgy as an expression of gratitude to Almighty God for His merciful will to grant rest and save the soul of the departed person. The same hymns and prayers, the Trisagion Service, were read before the funeral service and at the cemetery. Memorial services are also held approximately forty days after the death of a person and after one year. It is also a custom of some to hold commemoration services after six months and annually on the anniversary of the repose in the faith of their loved one.

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### **PRACTICAL RESOURCES FOR PARISH MINISTRY**

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The Thief and St. Peter  
The 3 C's of True Christian Leaders  
(What a Difference a Few Days Can Make)

By Bill Marianes<sup>1</sup>

What a difference a few days can make. The most faithful doubt, and the biggest sinners believe. How can that be, and which would you be? Let's review.

St. Peter (a/k/a "the rock") walked with our Lord and saw, first-hand, the many miracles Christ performed, and he heard our Lord preach the Word. Imagine having a front row seat next to the Messiah. And after all St. Peter heard, witnessed, and saw with his own eyes, our Lord accurately foresaw that St. Peter would deny being a disciple of Christ. (Matthew 26:34) St. Peter proudly protested that he would not abandon and deny his Master (Matthew 26:35) and boldly proclaimed: "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You."

Well, we all know how that turned out. Just a short while later, St. Peter repeatedly said he didn't even know "the Man." (Matthew 26:69-75). In today's vernacular, we might say St. Peter "didn't have His back" or perhaps we'd say he "threw Him under the bus?" But St. Peter was not alone. St. Matthew, in what must have been a hard reality to confess, tells us clearly, that at the end, when Christ was being arrested and needed his brothers the most: "Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled." (Matthew 26:56). So much for the Courage of Conviction. The Apostles were great and holy men who redeemed themselves with their faith, preaching and teaching, but this was not one of their finest hours.

Now let's fast forward and look at one of the really bad guys in the story of these days. A true thief, a "criminal" (Luke 23:39) whose crimes were so great that he was sentenced to death. We don't know too much about him, but we would clearly say today: "he was a bad guy." He had not walked and worked with Christ. He had not seen our Lord's countless miracles and healing grace. He had not experienced Christ's redeeming love and patient teaching. He just finds himself being put to death, and coincidentally crucified right next to our Lord. What are the chances of that happening?

So, what does this evil man have to say: "Lord, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom." (Luke 23:42) Wait! What was that? The bad actor who has seen nothing of Christ's greatness, publicly

acknowledges Him to be the Lord of "the Kingdom?" And the Apostles who saw everything, instead doubted, denied, and abandoned our Lord. What powerful contrasting imagery the Holy Gospel gives us. We know the thief was promised to be with our Lord that day in Paradise (Luke 23:43), and yet look at what the Apostles had to do, and endure, to receive the same great fate. Wow, this must really be an important lesson in Christian faith leadership.

So, what are we to learn about being a faithful Christian leader and good steward of God's many gifts? I think one message of these powerful Holy Scripture passages is what I call the "3-C" model of what it takes to be a true Christian leader and a true steward of Christ's church.

**My first "C" stands for Conviction.** Conviction is simply defined as a "firmly held belief." I also like the definition that says a Conviction is "the act of moving a person by argument or evidence to belief." It takes information. It takes reasons and reasoning. And it leads to something you are willing to pronounce as "the truth." Not just fantasy or opinion or conjecture. But the real "gospel truth" (pun intended). Before one can lead themselves or others, they must be Convicted that the direction they are pursuing is righteous, appropriate, the best Choice, and just plain right.

**My second "C" stands for Courage.** We all think we understand Courage. Many think they have demonstrated it. But we clearly know it when we see it in others. We see first responders and soldiers risking their lives to save others whom they do not even know. We see it in leaders of movements who are willing to risk everything, including their freedom, and sometimes even their lives, for the cause to which they are Convicted. There can be no better example than our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. After asking those to whom He preached to go "all in" (as in the young rich man in Matthew 19:16-26), He demonstrated His complete Conviction to His faith and calling, by sacrificing His very life on the cross.

And when we develop a Conviction, and demonstrate Courage, we are led to the point of **my third “C” a Choice**. Indeed, many Choices. What will we Choose to do? Will we demonstrate our Conviction and Courage and make the right and righteous Choice in the beliefs we pronounce and the actions we pursue? Or will we have doubts, and fears, and “play it safe” by taking the path of least resistance. Will we “forsake” what we say we believe in, and instead “flee” as the Apostles did on that faithful night? Or will we have the bold Courage of Conviction of the thief, and publicly declare our humility to Christ and the cause and ask to be remembered in His kingdom.

Now, far be it from me, the first among sinners, to cast any stones in the direction of our glorious and Courageous Apostles. Would that any of us could take the crosses they bore with such grace, love, dignity and power. And a few moments of weakness and doubt do not a person or legacy make. They are merely teachable moments.

I heard an inspirational preacher, Andy Stanley, deliver a powerful homily about how the Apostles doubted right after Christ’s crucifixion and death, fearing He was just a man. That is, until they became convinced of His resurrection. Indeed in the story of “the road to Emmaus,” and in what follows (Luke 24:13-49), we see their transformation and Conviction that led to their Courage to inevitably make the very Choices that propelled them on their ministry to overcome all adversity and do as they were commanded in the Great Commission: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...” (Matthew 28:19) or if you prefer “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” (Mark 16:15).

So, what kind of Christian leader and faithful steward are you? Do you believe and have the Conviction of your faith, or are you merely going through the motions? Do you truly believe in the risen Lord and that you too were called to some service or ministry to His church? Do you truly believe that you were given gifts by your Maker to

use for the benefit of others and on your journey toward theosis?

Do you have the Courage to step out, and forward, and live the life you were called to live and make disciples, if not yet of all nations, at least in your Parish or community? When challenged by others, including some of those “in authority” (who would rather maintain their position of power rather than achieve what needs to be done), will you be brave and faithful and not back down or flee?

When you truly demonstrate your Conviction and Courage, you can begin to make the right and better Choices. You can acknowledge that you have been given gifts and talents, and then stand up and use them better and more fully. I believe that stewardship is what you do with all of the gifts God gave you. So what are you good at that your Parish or community needs? And how are you, with Conviction and Courage, making the right Choice to offer those gifts and talents to help others on your journey toward “the Kingdom.”

Yeah, I know, you’re busy. So are all of us. So were the Apostles when Christ commanded them to leave it all behind and follow Him. Your Conviction and Courage can be, but doesn’t have to be, as great as theirs. However, you have to have a Conviction of faith, and demonstrate the Courage in your belief, in order to live, preach and teach it and then make the right Choices.

And when you do, you will be a true steward of God’s gifts and truly live your stewardship calling. What’s stopping you from becoming the true and faithful Christian leader you were destined and called to become? Yes, we must constantly pray that the Lord remembers us in his Kingdom. However, we must also act like we mean it.

Discover what you’re good at that your Parish or community needs, and then have the Courage and Conviction to make the right Choice to lead by example. God bless you on your journey as you discover and live your stewardship calling. My prayer for you is that you “SOTPAETJ” (stay on The Path and enjoy the journey).

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### April

*Preventing Fraud and Scams: Common elements of today's scams and how to avoid them*

### May

*How do I plan for an extended care need? LTC Insurance/ Self Pay options*

### June

*The Use of Essential Oils & the Benefits of Aromatherapy in Memory; Diminishing anxious moments*

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and

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# Christ IS risen! Indeed, Christ IS risen!

*Herb Schuster*

Pascha ends with the human life of Jesus and three days later proclaims His Resurrection. Holy Week is our participation in this miraculous transformative event in our human existence. We don't simply re-enact another Pascha, as if remembering a holiday; we participate. This means we too undergo in our lives a process of dying and rising.



We read in The Gospel of Mark 16: Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome seeing the stone rolled away entered Jesus' tomb where they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! Go, tell His disciples - and Peter - that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him as He said to you." So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed.

Holy Week draws us to the tomb where Jesus, crucified, has died. Having suffered an excruciating death on the Cross, Jesus reveals the fullness of His humanity in His death. While tragic and painfully emotional, Jesus' death was seen as His final event, an event that awaits each one of us. When these women went to the tomb to properly prepare Jesus' body as ritualistically required, their concern was about entering the tomb which was sealed with a massive stone. At that moment these women weren't reflecting on the many references Jesus made about Himself and what would happen to Him. They lived in the moment where a crucified person dies. In what way are we like that? As Orthodox Christians, we have repeatedly heard the proclamations of Jesus. Each year we join together in our journey to the Cross. It is Holy Week that

finally presents us Jesus' body taken down from the Cross. We mourn His death. But then, we hear the shouts "He IS risen!" What is our response? How do we believe this proclamation? Can such a claim even fit into our scientific views of the universe?

Or, do we suddenly comprehend the magnitude of this claim and sense a feeling of alarm that prepares us for the unexpected? It is that feeling one has of anticipation, of the events in our present moment not yet finished, that feeling of something more. These women have been seized by a wonderful realization of the reality of something so shockingly new that they are speechless. All they can do is release themselves to this new reality and flee the tomb, where only the dead remain, and run into this amazing new reality. It is not that they were afraid but they were awakened. Jesus spoke to their soul and what they heard was amazing! Yes - Jesus Is risen. Suddenly all that Jesus spoke and accomplished became the conclusion, the answer to a long puzzle.

I wonder if we have lost this sense of amazement that is produced by realizing the radical new reality the Resurrection brings to Creation. For many, the yearly observance of Pascha may have been diminished to a tradition we Orthodox recognize as part of our routine. Fewer and fewer people attend Compline services and the Pre-sanctified Liturgy. Lent has become an exercise in surrendering certain foods and seldom is the Church full on Sundays. Scripture studies ought to bring us into deeper spiritual ways to live in the world while not being so much of the world. Finally, we are given the

opportunity to learn genuine prayer that is born out of our souls for it is our soul that is in anticipation for those shocking words “He Is risen!”

The world we now live in seems to be struggling with an assortment of crisis moments. People are seeking to find the best ways to bring some of these under control. Isn't this the concern these women also wrestled with as they approached the tomb? The

stone rolled away inaugurated a new reality; the seed planted has taken root and God's Kingdom is now alive and well. Isn't this the amazement that we should sense in each of our hearts so that as we rush out of the tomb of the old dead world, we can shout “He Is risen! Indeed, He is risen!”

May you too be amazed!

## PILLOW/KNITTING/CROCHET MINISTRY

COVID may have derailed many plans and disrupted lives, yet our Knitting Group continued. The ladies kept on designing/creating pillows, blankets and hats for local organizations in need of the basic items. Organizations who were recipients of many of these items are:

ORGANIZATION	# PILLOWS	# BLANKETS
1. Senior Citizens Center, Dover	61	----
2. Good Shepherd Nursing Home, Hackettstown	15	15
3. Kenvil Dialysis	15	15

In addition to the above, donations were made to:

1. Regency Manor, Dover
2. Firemen's Retirement Home, Boonton
3. Kenvil Hotel
4. Battered Women, Morris County



It is important to note, all of the yarn for these projects is donated and the ladies volunteer hours of their time supporting this ministry both at the church and from home. Last but surely NOT least, the Knitting Group has been in continuous operation for **15 years!!!** KUDOS and many, many thanks to the dedicated ladies who made this milestone a reality!!

We always welcome new members, whether you are a seasoned knitter or a beginner,

please join us on the first and third Wednesday of the month @ 11:00. Hope to see you soon!!

Submitted by Marion Economo  
 Ellen Manetas, Chairlady  
 Pillow/Knitting/Crochet Ministry

# PARENTS' CORNER

*By Alexandra Protopapas*

## April 2023 - LOL What is that? Email Acronyms - "Laughing Out Loud"

I hope you all had a Blessed Easter! Our Greek Orthodox Easter gave us a lot to think about especially with the war going on in Ukraine, train crash in Greece, and other world events. "Hristos Anesti, Christ is Risen"!

"Hristos Anesti, Christ is Risen" are words we will be hearing this month on April 16, 2023 when all Orthodox Christians will be celebrating PASCHA – EASTER.

Once again we, have so many ways we can communicate. Many of us use our mobile phones, Facebook, texting, etc. and communication is easier and faster than ever!

Do take time to contact family and friends this Easter. You have no excuse! YES – YOU HAVE NO EXCUSE. DO YOU KNOW THAT IN A TEXT WHEN WRITING IN ALL CAPITALS IT MEANS YOU ARE YELLING? OK, excuse me, I don't mean to yell.

Today we can send messages electronically to connect although nothing replaces one to one communication in person or in a phone call. However, we have family and friends all over the country as well as in other nations, especially in Greece. We use social media and the Internet to connect. Let's use our electronic communication skills this Easter if we can't physically connect one on one. It's better than not connecting at all.

I have a fetish of correcting spelling errors in texts, and I write in complete words, but I have learned some tricks.

You may see various "letters" on cell phones or on the computer. These are called e-mail acronyms. Below are some of these and these are just the appropriate ones as there are also others that may not be so appropriate:

### Email Acronyms

<b>AFAIK</b>	as far as I know	<b>BTA</b>	but then again	<b>FAQ</b>	frequently asked questions
<b>AFK</b>	away from keyboard	<b>BTDT</b>	been there done that	<b>FWIW</b>	for what it's worth
<b>ASAP</b>	as soon as possible	<b>BTW</b>	by the way	<b>FYI</b>	for your information
<b>B4N</b>	bye for now	<b>CU</b>	see you	<b>G</b>	grin
<b>BBL</b>	be back later	<b>CUL</b>	see you later	<b>GA</b>	go ahead
<b>BBS</b>	be back soon	<b>DBA</b>	doing business as	<b>GD&amp;R</b>	grinning, ducking and running
<b>BEG</b>	big evil grin	<b>DQMOT</b>	don't quote me on this	<b>GL</b>	good luck
<b>BFN</b>	bye for now	<b>EG</b>	evil grin	<b>GMTA</b>	great minds think alike
<b>BG</b>	big grin	<b>EOM</b>	end of message	<b>HT</b>	hi there
<b>BRB</b>	be right back	<b>F2F</b>	face to face		

<b>HTH</b>	hope this helps	<b>KISS</b>	keep it simple	<b>TPTB</b>	the powers that be
<b>IAC / IAE</b>	in any case / in any event	<b>LOL</b>	laughing out loud	<b>TTYL</b>	talk to you later
<b>IANAL</b>	I am not a lawyer	<b>NP</b>	no problem	<b>TU</b>	thank you
<b>IHU</b>	I hear you	<b>NRN</b>	no response necessary	<b>UW</b>	you are welcome
<b>IIRC</b>	if I recall / remember / recollect correctly	<b>OIC</b>	oh, I see	<b>VBG</b>	very big grin
<b>IMHO</b>	in my humble opinion	<b>OTOH</b>	on the other hand	<b>WB</b>	welcome back
<b>IMO</b>	in my opinion	<b>PM</b>	private message	<b>WFM</b>	works for me
<b>IMS</b>	I am sorry	<b>ROTFL</b>	rolling on the floor laughing	<b>WTG</b>	way to go
<b>IOW</b>	in other words	<b>RT</b>	real time	<b>WU?</b>	what's up?
<b>JK</b>	just kidding	<b>SYS</b>	see you soon	<b>YBS</b>	you'll be sorry
<b>JMO</b>	just my opinion	<b>TA</b>	thanks again	<b>YMMV</b>	your mileage may vary
<b>JTLYK</b>	just to let you know	<b>TAFN</b>	that's all for now	<b>YW</b>	you are welcome
		<b>TIA</b>	thanks in advance		

This month's **Table Prayer Guide** is from a **Prayer for Special Occasions: Easter (Pascha)**

*“Let all then enter into the joy of our Lord. First and last receiving their like reward; rich and poor rejoice together. Sober and slothful, celebrate the day. You that have kept the fast, and you that have not, rejoice today; for the Table is richly laden. Fare royally on it. The calf is a fatted one. Let no one go away hungry. Let all partake of the cup of faith. Let all enjoy the riches of his goodness. Let no one grieve at his poverty; for the universal Kingdom has been revealed.”*

*Saint John Chrysostom – Fourth Century, Antioch – Easter Sunday Service*

*Christos Anesti ek nekron, thanato thanaton patisas, kai tis en tis mnimasi zoin harisamenos.*

*Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and to those in the tombs, granting life.*

I would like to wish you all a Blessed Easter, 2023, and a great month of April!

Feel free to e-mail me or call with your comments and suggestions for our “Parents’ Corner” at: [alexandraproto@gmail.com](mailto:alexandraproto@gmail.com) (973) 214-2583  
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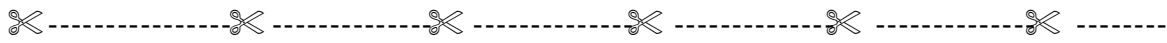
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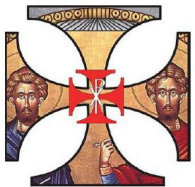
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The award will be based on the following eligibility criteria:

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  - SAT or ACT scores (can appear on transcript or printed from College Board web site).
  - 2 letters of recommendation with at least one being from a teacher.
  - A list detailing Church community involvement: activities and organizations to which you belong and your specific role in each of these activities and organizations.
  - Extra-curricular activities outside the Church community.
  - An essay in which the applicant explains how their experiences as a member of the St. Andrew community have prepared them for their future. Submit a clear printout of the essay with the application.

Note: if you took a year off after high school, detail on a separate sheet your activities in the year since high school graduation.

To be considered for the scholarship award, please complete the attached application. Mail or hand-deliver the Scholarship Application and all supporting documentation to:

St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church  
1447 Sussex Turnpike  
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Attn: Philoptochos Scholarship Committee

*Applications and all supporting documents must be postmarked on or **before April 28, 2023***

The Scholarship winners will be announced in **May 2023**

We welcome your application and wish you success in the review process.

*The Scholarship Committee*

## BAPTISM – ΒΑΠΤΙΣΗ

**SEVASTOS LOUKAS HANEY**, son of Robert Christopher Haney and Maria Konstas of Succasunna, NJ was Baptized and Chrismated according to the rites of our church at 1:00pm on Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup> 2023 and given the name **SEBASTOS – ΣΕΒΑΣΤΟΣ**. Godmother was Vasiliki Pittas.

*. Congratulations to all and we wish them all the blessings.*

*Συγχαρητήρια σε όλους και τους ευχόμαστε όλες τις ευλογίες. Βάπτισις*

## OBIT & FUNERAL SERVICE - ΝΕΚΡΟΛΟΓΙΟ & ΚΗΔΕΙΑ

**Peter S. Mitrakos**, beloved father, grandfather, brother, cousin, uncle and friend, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at the age of 93. He was born to Rev. Fr. Sotirios and Presbytera Marigo in Soustianous, Sparta, Greece on March 23, 1930. He is predeceased by his loving wife, Petroula, of 45 years. He is survived by his loving son, Steven, his daughter-in-law, Anastasia, and his 3 grandchildren who were the light of his life: Marina, Peter and Anthony. He is also survived by his loving siblings: Tom (Garyfalia), Alex (Jean), George (his predeceased sister-in-law, Marie) and his sister, Georgette. He dearly loved his family and friends, and enjoyed spending time with all of them. He especially enjoyed his annual trips back home to his village in Greece. He will be missed dearly by all who knew him.



Visitation were held at the Tuttle Funeral Home on Monday, February 20, The Funeral service for the repose of his soul was on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 10 am at Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church in Randolph, NJ. Interment immediately following the Funeral service will be at Locust Hill Cemetery in Dover, NJ.



It is with profound sadness that **James N. Pittas**, 81, of Randolph, NJ suddenly passed away on Tuesday, February 21st, 2023, with his family by his side. He was born in Dover, NJ on December 29, 1941 to Nicholas G. Pittas and Despina Pittas (Seretis) who had predeceased him. James is also preceded in death by his brothers, George N. Pittas and Chris N. Pittas. James graduated from Dover High School in 1960 and enlisted in the army shortly thereafter. He graduated from Trenton State University with a Bachelor's Degree and taught math for 38 years at Lincoln Middle School in Passaic, NJ. He had a love for teaching and his true passion was to help and mentor his students any way he could. He had such an impact with them that many continued to keep in contact with him up until his death. He also coached, tutored and volunteered for after school programs at his school. James helped students by providing support and guidance throughout their school years. When he wasn't working or helping his students, he devoted himself to coaching his daughters in basketball and softball, riding bikes, playing pool while

listening to his favorite band The Doors, taking his daughters swimming at Randolph Lake every day in the summer and taking them to eat at Roy Rogers on Friday nights. He volunteered as a GOYA advisor for 15 years at St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church and was in a softball league for nearly 50 years. After he retired, James decided to work at the recycling center in Randolph. He would greet you with his contagious smile and always put his hand out to help anyone in need.

James was an easy going light hearted man who got along with anyone he came in contact with. His beautiful soul touched the hearts of many. James lived for his family. His children and grandchildren were his life. There wasn't a



day that went by that he didn't see them. You would find James at his grandsons' basketball and football games, in addition to their track meets. He would be playing old maid, board games, attending gymnastics or teaching his young granddaughters how to write and do math. His gift for teaching went beyond his classroom. James loved sitting at the kitchen table with his grandchildren, helping with schoolwork, and doing word search or highlights.

James loved taking cruises with his best friend and traveling to Florida with his children, grandchildren and sons-in-law every year. Spending his Friday nights at the Jefferson Diner with his cousins and friends was one of his favorite things to do. James frequented Las Vegas, Atlantic City, and Mount Airy Casinos and loved playing poker with family and friends. He enjoyed shopping at malls and the outlets and getting gifts for himself and those he loved.

James is survived in legacy by his daughters, Despina Pittas-Szelag and husband Adam J Szelag, Vicki Pittas Garces and husband Cesar A. Garces, grandchildren; Luka Garces, Mateo Garces, Elli Szelag, Eva Szelag, ex-wife and dear friend Elli Pittas, and uncle Takis Seretis and his wife Soultana Seretis. He is also survived by a host of loving in-laws, cousins, nephews, and nieces.

You are not with us now, but your spirit and memories will always be with us. Your lessons will always guide us, and your love and smile will always be remembered. You are going to be missed forever. But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

"See you later alligator, after while crocodile". Until we all meet again, "Super duper".

"You can shed tears that he is gone, or you can smile because he has lived."

Visitation were held at Tuttle Funeral Home in Randolph, NJ on February 27<sup>th</sup>. The Funeral Services for the repose of his soul was on February 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church in Randolph NJ at 10am. Interment immediately following the Funeral service will be at Locust Hill Cemetery in Dover, NJ.

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4/9 ALL, 4/16 PASCHA, 4/23 DOP, 4/30 GOYA

4/2 @1PM BAPTISM

4/3 @7:45 PM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

4/7 @10AM LENTEN STUDY

4/8 +SATURDAY OF LAZARUS

4/9 PALM SUNDAY

4/9 WESTERN EASTER

4/13 THURSDAY NO HAS CLASSES

4/16 HOLY ORTHODOX PASCHA

4/22 Faith kitchen - Parish Council

4/22 @2PM WEDDING CHECCHIO\_PAXOS

4/23 @11:30 AM Caregiving and Memory Loss

4/24 @7:45 PM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

4/25 @7PM PHILOPTOCHOS MEETING

4/27 @7PM GOYA MEETING

4/29 @11am Baptism @ 12:30pm Baptism

4/30 GID PARADE IN NYC @1:30PM

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS IN MAY:** 5/7 PHILOPTOCHOS,  
5/14 PARISH COUNCIL, 5/21 DOP, 5/28 BAKALIKO

5/6 @11AM BAPTISM

5/8 @7:45pm Parish Council Meeting

5/12 @6pm ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY/ Philoptochos

5/13 Metropolis Oratorical Festival | St Sophia  
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5/14 MOTHER'S DAY

5/15 Clergy Laity Assembly Grand Banquet | The  
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5/18 HAS Rehearsals /gym

5/20 @1PM WEDDING

5/21 AHEPA & DOP Memorial Service

5/21 Religious Education Graduation / church

5/21 @12pm General Assembly /social hall

5/21 @11:30 AM Caregiving and Memory Loss /rm 101

5/25 HAS Graduation /gym

5/27 Faith kitchen DOP /AHEPA

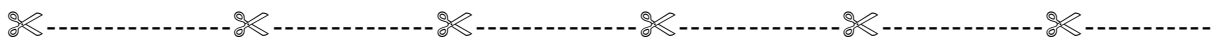
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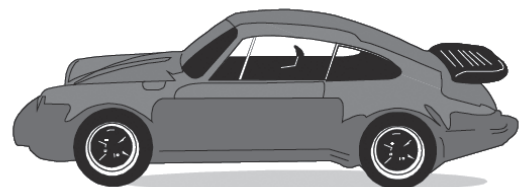
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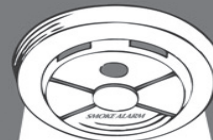
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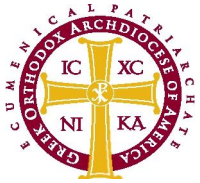
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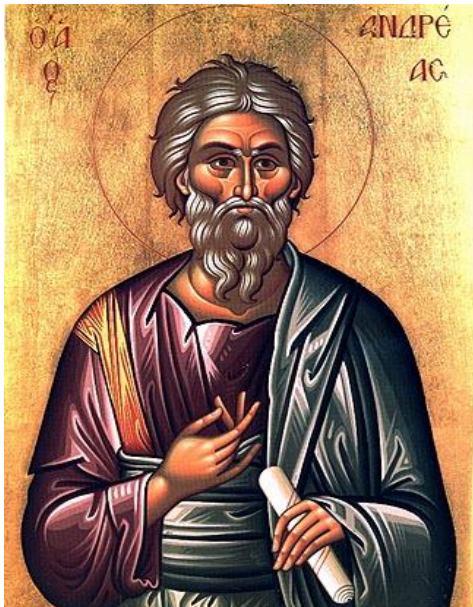
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