

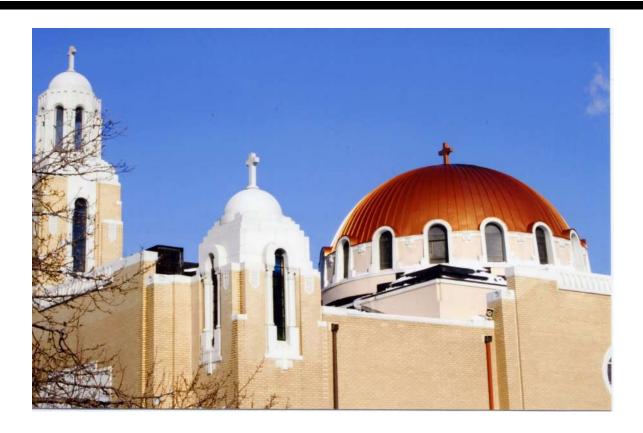


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HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

ΑΓΙΑ ΤΡΙΑΣ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΟΣ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ



April 2024

Dear beloved parishioners of Holy Trinity,



We have already entered the month of April, which brings us closer to the "Feast of Feasts" the life-giving Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. April is at the heart of Spring, which is the time of renewal, refreshment, and reformation of nature. Being in Great Lent, our "spiritual spring", we have been called by our Mother Church to spiritually regenerate and cleanse ourselves of the distractions that keep us down the rest of the year; to repent and change; to overcome the many obstacles that get in our spiritual way, and have become ailments for our souls, such us spiritual laziness, attachment to our passions and selfishness. Our Church, in Her wisdom and consideration for Her children, advises us to use prayer, fasting, helping the poor and reconciling with those whom we have either offended or have offended us as remedies to these illnesses.

In the prayer before dismissal in the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, we find the real purpose of Great Lent: "Almighty Lord, You have created all things in wisdom. In Your inexpressible providence and great goodness, You have brought us to these saving days, for the cleansing of our souls and bodies, for control of our passions, in the hope of the Resurrection. After the forty days, You delivered into the hands of Your servant Moses the tablets of the law in characters divinely traced. Enable us also, O benevolent One, to fight the good fight, to complete the course of the fast, to keep the faith inviolate, to crush underfoot the heads of unseen tempters, to emerge victors over sin and to come, without reproach, to the worship of Your Holy Resurrection."

From the above prayer we clearly see that "now" is the time and our opportunity to cleanse ourselves, both our souls and bodies, through prayer, fasting and confessing of our sins. This is certainly a struggle; it is a "good fight" against our evil self and our own passions. However, we are called to endure this fight and win over it and thus to blamelessly worship and venerate the Holy Resurrection of Christ.

In this "fight" we are not alone. We have the greatest gift that God has given us: the most precious Body and Blood of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Every time we receive Holy Communion, we gain power to continue our endeavors to become better. This is why during Great Lent we have more liturgical opportunities, and we are asked to more frequently partake of the Holy Sacraments, so that we remain united with Christ and His Church and strengthen our spiritual efforts.

My beloved parishioners, this month we get the opportunity to enhance and increase our spiritual lives in order to venerate Christ's Sacred Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection. I humbly ask that we seize this opportunity and prepare ourselves for these glorious moments. I understand how busy everybody is; however, now is the moment to make time for our souls. Now is the moment to cleanse ourselves through fasting, praying, almsgiving and forgiving. Now is the moment to come to confession; do not be afraid to confess your sins through this wonderful and soul-cleansing Sacrament of our Church. Throughout the month of April, we will continue having all these liturgical opportunities during the week and on Sundays.

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Nevertheless, the culmination of this holy season is Holy Week and Easter. Please look at the liturgical schedule of Holy Week in the bulletin and make "room" in your busy schedules to participate in the Divine Services. Don't spend your time on television, sports and computer games. Live this Holy Week with Christ. Be there as much as you can. Go to as many services as you can. Most importantly, I remind you that the Orthodox Church is the Church of the Resurrection. On Holy Saturday night, the most beautiful Divine Liturgy of the year follows right after the proclamation that "CHRIST IS RISEN". Unfortunately,



most of our faithful depart and miss this! That is a sin. All the struggles we have undergone until Pascha prove useless. I humbly and lovingly ask all the faithful to remain for the Liturgy of the Resurrection on Holy Saturday night and thus complete the effort of Great Lent. The Liturgy of the Resurrection will finish at 1:30am.

May we all experience the blessings of this year's Great Lent and renewed may we celebrate Christ's glorious Resurrection through the grace of the Precious Cross and the intercessions of the Mother of God, the Theotokos! Kali Anastasi!

Archimandrite of the Ecumenical Throne

Archimandrite of the Ecumenical Throne Christoforos Oikonomidis, Presiding Priest

Αγαπητοί μου Ενορίτες,

Βοισκόμαστε ήδη στον μήνα Αποίλιο, δηλαδή στην καοδιά της Άνοιξης. Κοιτώντας γύοω μας τη φύση, θαυμάζουμε και καμαρώνουμε τα μεγαλεία του Θεού, βλέποντας τα δέντρα, τα λουλούδια και την δημιουργία να αναγεννιέται. Μαζί με τον Προφήτη Δαβίδ και εμείς ανακράζουμε: «Ώς ἐμεγαλύνθη τὰ ἔργα σου, Κύριε· πάντα ἐν σοφία ἐποίησας, ἐπληρώθη ἡ γῆ τῆς κτίσεώς σου» (Ψαλμός 103). Μαζί όμως με την αναγέννηση της φύσης, η Εκκλησία μας καλεί να αναγεννηθούμε και εμείς πνευματικά μέσα από την Αγία και Μεγάλη Τεσσαρακοστή.

Η Σαρακοστή δεν είναι μια τιμωρία για τους ανθρώπους. Δεν δόθηκε από τον Θεό για να μας κάνει να υποφέρουμε και να στερούμαστε. Το αντίθετο. Είναι μια περίοδος χάριτος και χαράς, όπου ο κάθε άνθρωπος καλείται να κοιτάξει μέσα του και να διορθώσει τα λάθη του. Είναι ο κατάλληλος χρόνος και η ευκαιρία που μας δίνει η Εκκλησία να αναμετρηθούμε με τον κακό εαυτό μας, να παλέψουμε με τα πάθη και τις αδυναμίες μας και να γίνουμε καλύτεροι και πιο πνευματικοί άνθρωποι. Για να πετύχουμε όμως τα παραπάνω πρέπει να ζητήσουμε την χάρη και το έλεος του Θεού. Δεν μπορούμε μόνοι μας.

Η Εκκλησία μας ζητά να νηστέψουμε από τις τροφές, ώστε πιο ανάλαφροι να επιδοθούμε σε αυτόν τον πνευματικό αγώνα και να νικήσουμε αυτόν τον αόρατο πόλεμο. Στην ευχή της Απολύσεως της Θείας Λειτουργίας των Προηγιασμένων Δώρων, περιγράφεται ξεκάθαρα η σημασία της Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής και του πνευματικού μας αγώνα. Η ευλογημένη αυτή περίοδος μας έχει δοθεί: πρὸς καθαρισμὸν ψυχῶν καὶ σωμάτων, πρὸς ἐγκράτειαν παθῶν, πρὸς ἐλπίδα ἀναστάσεως· [...] παράσχου καὶ ἡμῖν, ἀγαθέ, τὸν ἀγῶνα τὸν καλὸν ἀγωνίσασθαι, τὸν δρόμον τῆς νηστείας ἐκτελέσαι, τὴν πίστιν ἀδιαίρετον τηρῆσαι, τὰς κεφαλὰς τῶν ἀοράτων δρακόντων συνθλάσαι, νικητάς τε τῆς ἁμαρτίας ἀναφανῆναι καὶ ἀκατακρίτως φθάσαι προσκυνῆσαι καὶ τήν ἀγίαν ἀνάστασιν».

Με πιο απλά λόγια, η Εκκλησία μας εξηγεί ότι τώρα βρισκόμαστε σε μια περίοδο καθαρισμού ψυχής και σώματος μέσα από την αγία νηστεία, και σε μια προσπάθεια να περιορίσουμε τα πάθη μας. Όμως, όπως προείπαμε, αυτό δεν μπορούμε να το κάνουμε μόνοι μας. Όπως λέγει η ευχή, πρέπει να παρακαλέσουμε τον Θεό να μας αξιώσει να αγωνιστούμε σωστά και τίμια σε αυτόν τον πνευματικό αγώνα, να μας βοηθήσει να κρατήσουμε σωστά τη νηστεία, να μας στερεώσει στην ορθόδοξη πίστη, να μας δυναμώσει ώστε να νικήσουμε τις αμαρτίες μας και να μας αξιώσει -με καθαρή καρδιά και συνείδηση- να προσκυνήσουμε την αγία Ανάσταση του Χριστού μας.

Αγώνας λοιπόν είναι η Μεγάλη Τεσσαρακοστή. Κάθε αγώνας είναι δύσκολος και έχει εμπόδια. Σε αυτόν όμως τον αγώνα δεν είμαστε μόνοι. Έχουμε τον Τίμιο Σταυρό του Χριστού μας, ο Οποίος θα υψωθεί ανάμεσά μας την Κυριακή της Σταυροπροσκυνήσεως, και θα μας θυμίσει ότι η ζωή μας είναι ένας σταυρός. Κοιτώντας όμως τον Σταυρό του Χριστού, θα αντλήσουμε δύναμη ώστε να σηκώσουμε και τον δικό μας σταυρό και να τον ακολουθήσουμε: «εἴ τις θέλει ὀπίσω μου ἔρχεσθαι, ἀπαρνησάσθω ἑαυτὸν καὶ ἀράτω τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ καθ' ἡμέραν καὶ ἀκολουθείτω μοι» (Λουκ. 9, 23). Ακόμα, έχουμε ως φοβερό όπλο εναντίον του διαβόλου και των παγίδων του, την Θεία Κοινωνία, το Πανάγιο Σώμα



και Αίμα του Κυρίου μας. Κάθε φορά που μεταλαμβάνουμε, ενωνόμαστε με τον Χριστό και Εκείνος μας ενισχύει και μας ανανεώνει πνευματικά: «ὁ τρώγων μου τὴν σάρκα καὶ πίνων μου τὸ αἶμα ἐν ἐμοὶ μένει, κἀγὼ ἐν αὐτῶ» (Ιω. 6, 56)

Αγαπητοί μου και ευλογημένοι Χοιστιανοί, μέσα στην Εκκλησία ζούμε το μυστήοιο της σωτηρίας. Ο κόσμος είναι γεμάτος παγίδες και βάσανα. Μόνο ο Χοιστός μας μπορεί να μας δώσει αυτό που πραγματικά χρειαζόμαστε. Όχι αυτό που θέλουμε, αλλά αυτό που έχουμε πραγματικά ανάγκη.

Έρχονται άγιες ημέρες. Η Εκκλησία θα μας προσκαλέσει να ζήσουμε αυτές τις άγιες ημέρες με καθαρότητα καρδιάς και με αισθήματα αγάπης και συγχώρεσης προς όλους. Όπως γνωρίζετε, τώρα την Μεγάλη Τεσσαρακοστή έχουμε αρκετές Ακολουθίες και πνευματικές ευκαιρίες ώστε να νιώσουμε πιο έντονα την σπουδαιότητα αυτής της περιόδου. Θέλω όμως να σας παρακαλέσω όλους θερμά: την φετινή Μεγάλη Εβδομάδα ας την αφιερώσουμε ολοκληρωτικά στον Θεό. Κάθε μέρα θα έχουμε ιερές Ακολουθίες. Ας μην τις χάσουμε. Γνωρίζω καλά ότι όλοι είμαστε απασχολημένοι με χίλια πράγματα και βάσανα. Παρά ταύτα, φέτος ας αφιερώσουμε πιο πολύ χρόνο στην πνευματική μας προετοιμασία για το Πάσχα, και ας λιγοστέψουμε τις υπόλοιπες δραστηριότητές μας, οι οποίες τις περισσότερες φορές είναι χωρίς ουσία. Ας νηστέψουμε σωστά. Ας συγχωρέσουμε τους συνανθρώπους μας. Ας κάνουμε περισσότερο καλό και ελεημοσύνες. Ας προσέλθουμε στο Μυστήριο της Εξομολογήσεως ώστε να καθαρίσουμε την ψυχή μας από τις αμαρτίες που μας καταδιώκουν. Και κυρίως, ας κοινωνήσουμε των Αχράντων Μυστηρίων, του Σώματος και Αίματος του Κυρίου μας, το βράδυ της Αναστάσεως. Αν δεν έχετε ποτέ στη ζωή σας καθίσει στην Αναστάσιμη Λειτουργία το βράδυ του Μεγάλου Σαββάτου, μετά το «Χριστός Ανέστη», φέτος είναι η <u>ευκαιρία να το κάνετε</u>. Να συμμετάσχετε στην ωραιότερη και λαμπρότερη Θεία Λειτουργία του χρόνου, μαζί με τις οικογένειές σας. Όλοι μαζί, σαν μια οικογένεια, να καθίσουμε εκείνο το αναστάσιμο βράδυ στο πασχαλινό τραπέζι του Χριστού μας, στην Θεία Λειτουργία. Μην αφήσετε σας παρακαλώ την «μαγειρίτσα» ή οποιοδήποτε άλλο φαγητό να σας κρατήσει μακριά από την Θεία Κοινωνία εκείνο το βράδυ. Μόνο έτσι θα εορτάσουμε αληθινή Ανάσταση!

Καλή και ευλογημένη συνέχεια της Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής και καλό Πάσχα με υγεία και πνευματική αναγέννηση δια πρεσβειών της Υπεραγίας Θεοτόκου!

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ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ ΤΟΥ ΛΑΖΑΡΟΥ (27 Απριλίου)

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΒΑΪΩΝ (28 Απριλίου)

(πρωί) Όρθρος......9 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία......10 π.μ. (απόγευμα) Ακολουθία Νυμφίου.....7 μ.μ.

ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ (29 Απριλίου)

(πρωί) Θ. Λειτουργία των Προηγιασμένων Δώρων9 -10:30 π.μ. (απόγευμα) Ακολουθία Νυμφίου...6:30 μ.μ.

ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΤΡΙΤΗ (30 Απριλίου)

(πρωί) Θ. Λειτουργία των Προηγιασμένων Δώρων....9 -10:30 π.μ. (απόγευμα) Ακολουθία Νυμφίου (Τροπάριον Κασσιανής).......6:30 μ.μ.

ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ (1 Μαΐου)

ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΠΕΜΠΤΗ (2 Μαΐου)

(πρωί) Θ. Λειτουργία9-11 π.μ. (απόγευμα) Ακολουθία των Παθών - 12 Ευαγγέλια.....6:30 μ.μ.

ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ (3 Μαΐου)

(πρωί) Ακολουθία των Μεγάλων Ωρών10 π.μ. έως 12:00 μ.μ. (μεσημέρι) Αποκαθήλωσις......2:30 μ.μ. (βράδυ) Επιτάφιος Θρήνος.......7 μ.μ.

ΜΕΓΑΛΟ ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ (4 Μαΐου)

(πρωί) Θεία Λειτουργία και πρώτη Ανάσταση.......9:30-11:30 π.μ. (βράδυ) Μεσονυκτικό Αναστάσεως..11 μ.μ. Ανάσταση...........12 μεσάνυχτα και ακολουθεί η Αναστάσιμη Θ. Λειτουργία έως 1.30 π.μ.

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΣΧΑ (5 Μαΐου)

(μεσημέρι) Εσπερινός της Αγάπης...12 μ.μ.





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2024 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

SATURDAY OF LAZARUS (April 27 th) Orthros
PALM SUNDAY (April 28 th) Morning: Orthros
HOLY MONDAY (April 29th)
Morning: Presanctified Liturgy9:00-10:30 AM
Evening: Service of the Bridegroom6:30 PM
HOLY TUESDAY (April 30 th)
Morning: Presanctified Liturgy9:00-10:30 AM
Evening: Service of the Bridegroom6:30 PM
HOLY WEDNESDAY (May 1 st) Afternoon: Sacrament of Holy Unction
HOLY THURSDAY (May 2 nd) Morning: Vesperal Divine Liturgy9:00-11:00 AM
Evening: The Lord's Passion Service (12 Gospels)6:30 PM
HOLY FRIDAY (May 3 rd) Morning: Great and Royal Hours
Afternoon: Apokathelosis Service (Unnailing from the Cross)2:30 PM
Evening: Service of the Lamentations (Epitaphios)7:00 PM
HOLY SATURDAY (May 4th)
Morning: Vesperal Divine Liturgy and proti Anastasis9:30-11:30 AM
Evening: Preresurrection Service
EASTER SUNDAY (May 5th)

Agape Vespers Service.....12:00PM

(The above liturgical schedule times are subject to change)



SUNDAY EVENING LENTEN VESPERS SCHEDULE 2024

ALL SERVICES ARE SCHEDULED FOR 4:00 PM

1st Sunday (24 Mar)
St Stephen Cathedral, Philadelphia PA
8598 Verree Road, 19111

2nd Sunday (31 Mar)
Holy Trinity Church, Wilmington DE
808 N. Broom Street, 19806

3rd Sunday (07 Apr)
St Vladimir Church, Trenton NJ
812 Grand Street, 08610

4th Sunday (14 Apr)
Holy Trinity Church, Pottstown PA

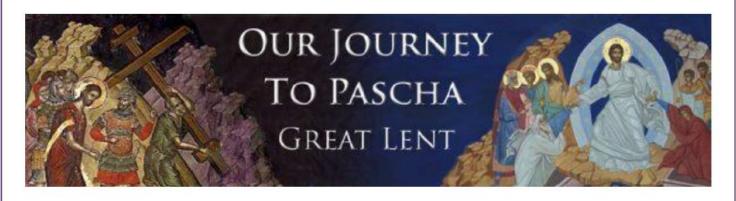
5th Sunday (21 Apr)

Holy Trinity Church, Pottstown PA

1236 Juniper Street, 19464

St Nicholas Church, Elkins Park PA

506 Stahr Road, 19027



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR GREAT LENT 2024

- Every Sunday: Orthros 9:00am and Divine Liturgy 10:00am
- <u>Every Monday</u>, beginning on Clean Monday, March 18th at 6:00pm: Great Compline Service, followed by Orthodox Lecture-Discussion
- <u>Every Wednesday</u>, beginning March 20th at 6:30pm: Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, followed by a community meal.
- <u>Every Friday</u>, beginning March 22nd at 6:30pm: The Salutations to the Theotokos
- Sunday, March 17th at 6:30pm: Vespers Service of Forgiveness
- Sunday, March 31st at 4pm: Pan Orthodox Lenten Vespers Service

Don't miss those spiritual opportunities that our Holy Mother Church and our Parish is giving you!





A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

April 2024

Dear Holy Trinity Community,

ΖΗΤΩ Η ΕΛΛΑΣ!

The Independence Day parade in Philadelphia is one of the biggest parades the City of Philadelphia experiences with churches and organizations throughout the Delaware Valley participating. It is great to have members of our parish marching along the Ben Franklin Parkway waving their flags with pride. Join us on April 7th as we march from the Parkway and 22nd St. to Logan Circle. We will be providing transportation to those who would like to attend. A bus will depart shortly after Divine Liturgy to take us to the parade and will bring us back when it is over.

As we are in the season of Lent, we look forward to services during the weeks leading up to Pascha. As noted in the bulletin, our community organizations will be offering a meal after the Presanctified liturgies on Wednesdays. These have been a great way for the members of the parish to congregate and reflect after the services and to check-in on one another. In addition, we eagerly anticipate Great and Holy Week starting with the Saturday of Lazarus and Palm folding on April 27th. Refer to the bulletin for the list of services.

In addition, there are a few events this month that are worth attending:

- Greek Flag Raising in Philadelphia at 1pm on April 5th
- Eleftheria Banquet at Adelphia's on April 6th
- Greek Independence Day Parade on April 7th
- HUC hosting the University of Delaware Symphony on April 18th in our Community Center.
- Annual Sights and Sounds Festival on April 13th at Holy Trinity in Egg Harbor, NJ
- Our Spring Parish Assembly on April 14th after Divine Liturgy in the Community Center. Come and hear the business of the parish and updates from our organizations and ministries.

Stay tuned for more information pertaining to our annual Greek Festival, June is rapidly approaching. Preparations have already begun and there will be plenty of opportunities for you to get involved and help the community. We will be looking for YOU to help with the booths, serving in Dining Room, etc.

In case you haven't had a chance, do not forget to submit your Stewardship Pledge cards to the Church Office (or drop them off in the Narthex on Sundays). Your annual pledge supports everything we do and is used on all aspects of our worship, outreach, community life, and ministries. Your pledge will help us meet our yearly goal!

As always, if you have any thoughts and/or ideas for the benefit of the parish community (whether it impacts one person or hundreds), please feel free to reach out to myself, to one of the Parish Council members, Father Christoforos, or one of the organization heads. Their information can be found in the bulletin. We look forward to everyone's ideas and participation.

Stephanos Karakasidis

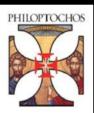
April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dates and Times are subject to change Please refer to your weekly bulletin	6pm Great Compline & Orthodox Discussion FAST	2 6am VOTING in HALL – Presidential Primary FAST	3 12pm Bible Study 5:30pm Greek School 6:30pm Presanctified Liturgy 8pm Community Meal (GOYA) FAST	4 6pm YAL & OCF Gathering 7pm DVYC Meeting @ St Demetrios, Upper Darby, PA FAST	6:30pm 3rd Salutations to the Theotokos	6 District Level St John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival, St Luke, Broomall PA 6pm Eleftheria Banquet @Adelphia's FAST
7 Sunday of the Holy Cross 9:00am Orthros/Divine Liturgy Sunday School 2pm Greek Independence Day Parade FAST	6pm Great Compline & Orthodox Discussion FAST	9 Metropolis of NJ Clergy Laity Assembly & Philoptochos Convention @ Waterfall, Claymont, DE FAST	10 12pm Bible Study 5:30pm Greek School 6:30pm Presanctified Liturgy 8pm Community Meal (Philoptochos) & Meeting FAST	11 12pm Young @ Heart Gathering 6:30pm Parish Council FAST	6:30pm 4th Salutations to the Theotokos FAST	Sights & Sounds © St. Demetrios Upper Darby, PA FAST
14 St. John Climacus 9:00am Orthros/Divine Liturgy Sunday School SPRING PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY FAST	6pm Great Compline & Orthodox Discussion FAST	5.30pm Philoptochos Board/6:30 pm General Meeting	17 12pm Bible Study 5:30pm Greek School 6:30pm Presanctified Liturgy 8pm Community Meal (DOP) FAST	18 7pm OCF FAST	6:30pm Akathyst to the Theotokos FAST	9am DelVal Religious Education Seminar @ St. George Media, PA
21 St Mary of Egypt 9:00am Orthros/Divine Liturgy Sunday School Elementary Level St John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival FAST	6pm Great Compline & Orthodox Discussion FAST	23 6:30pm DOP Meeting FAST	24 5:30pm Greek School 6:30pm Presanctified Liturgy 8pm Community Meal (HOPE JOY) FAST	25 FAST	26 FAST	27 Saturday of Lazarus 9:00am Orthros/Divine Liturgy Lenten Breakfast Community Palm folding FAST
28 PALM SUNDAY 9:00am Orthros/Divine Liturgy Family Sunday/No Sunday School Philoptochos Palm Sunday Lunch Tray for Epitaphio 7pm Nymphios FAST	29 Holy Monday 9am Presanctified Liturgy 6:30pm Nymphios FAST	30 Holy Tuesday 9am Presanctified Liturgy 6:30pm Nymphios FAST	MAY 1 Holy Wednesday 5pm Sacrament of Holy Unction 7:00pm Mystical Supper Orthros (& Holy Unction) FAST	MAY 2 Holy Thursday 9am Vesperal Divine Liturgy 6:30pm The Lords Passion (12 Gospels) FAST	MAY 3 Holy Friday 10am Great & Royal Hours Sunday School Retreat 2:30pm Apokathelosis (unnailing from the Cross) 7:00pm Service of Lamentations (Epitaphios) FAST	MAY 4 Holy Saturday 9:30am Vesperal Divine Liturgy and proti Anasasis 11:00pm Pre- resurrection Service 12midnight Paschal Divine Liturgy



Philoptochos Sisterhood of Holy Trinity

St. Agape Chapter



I pray this letter finds everyone well. We began March with assisting the Festival Committee in the making and baking of dolmades, koulourakia, almond cookies and tsourekia for those unable to venture out of their homes. Thank you to all who were able to come and donate your time and efforts.

We all enjoyed a night of laughter and dancing at the first Comedy/Dance night. Congratulations to Anna Fournaris and her "crew" for a fun evening.

On the 16th of March, many of us attended the first "Walking with Christ" initiative to raise funds to give scholarships to our Metropolis seminarians. It was a pleasant afternoon spent at St. Luke with our fellow parishes and were pleased to see that it was well attended. Our Chapter donated two beautiful baskets for a raffle, (An Easter/Spring themed basket, and a Wine and Snack basket), in addition to spanokopites, tyropites, and made a substantial monetary donation as well. A special thank you to all those who donated and were able to attend.

As is the tradition every year, the Ladies passed a tray on March 24th, The Sunday of Orthodoxy, for the Social Fund which is sent to the Metropolis to assist in improving the quality of life to those in need within the Orthodox community.

On March 30, the annual Rise to Hunger packing event occurred, also at St. Luke. This event is a time where we can assist in making and packaging over 15,000 meals for those in need. In addition to our monetary donation, we'd like to thank all the ladies who were able to help.

Orders are being taken for our Easter Bread (Tsoureki) sale which will be distributed on Palm Sunday. The information for ordering can be found on the opposite page. Please be sure to order as soon as possible.

As is our tradition, we'll be hosting the Palm Sunday Community Luncheon. The information for pre-ordering your meal is also available on the following page.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16th at 5:30pm in the Philoptochos Room. We hope to see you all there.

If you haven't sent your dues for 2024, please send them to the office or see Jessica Marvel.

Kali Anastasi!

In Christ's Service.

Dena Verikakis

Kollyva for Memorials

The Philoptochos Society will prepare the tray of Kollyva for any family of our community. The cost of \$125 includes the Prosforon, oil and wine. Please allow at least a week and call the church office 654-4446 and Susie will contact the Philoptochos. Your donation of \$125 (less cost), will help Philoptochos Charities.



Pascha 2024



ST. AGAPE CHAPTER LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY

Sweet Easter Bread (TSOUREKI)

Orders are being taken now.

Pick up your bread from 4:00-5:00 pm on Thursday, April 25 & Friday, April 26, or on Palm Sunday during Coffee Hour at the Hellenic Community Center.

Bread Freezes Very Well

For more information please contact: Sophia Hionis @ 302~893~8850

Please reserve Bread(s) at \$25.00 (large) or \$17.00 (Small)	
Name:	
Address:	
Phone #:	PHILOPTOCHOS
Make your checks payable to: Philoptochos Society and send to: Sophia Hionis 122 Duncan Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19803	



The Ladies of Philoptochos are hosting the



Palm Sunday Community Lunch Sunday, April 28, 2024

Cost for lunch: \$25

Bakaliaro & Skordalia (Cod & Trimmings)

Proceeds to benefit Philoptochos Charities

For large family reservations call the church office. We will pack your lunch TO-GO Call Madeline Psihalinos @ 856.275.3207

Festival Preparation ~ Thank you to ALL who helped!!



Honoring our Youth ~ March 10

Back in January, our Dance Group "Terpsichoreans" participated in the annual Hellenic Folk Dance Festival in Annapolis, MD, and our Girls Basketball team won second place in the Delaware Valley Basketball League. Then, our girls also won first place at our annual GOYA Basketball Tournament and our entire Youth was instrumental in organizing and welcoming His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey on Sunday, February 18, 2024.

Congratulations my beloved children! May God bless and enlighten your way! Thank you for everything you do for our Parish! We are all very proud of you! Thank you!

Your spiritual Father,

Fr. Christoforos



Let's go fly a Kite March 17



2024 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival

On Friday, March 22, we were blessed to host our Parish Level Oratorical Festival competition. Congratulations to all 8 of our Holy Trinity Wilmington Parish Level Participants! We are so proud and honored to hear you speak about the Orthodox faith and teachings.



Junior Level:

Frank Wolcott Jack Wolcott

Senior Level:

Phoebe Gray Eleni Marcantonis Christina Pennia Anastasia Thomas Ludovic Wiechecki Josiah Wolcott, Jr.

Congratulations to

Phoebe, Ludovic, Frank and Jack

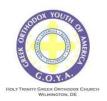
who are moving forward to represent our Holy Trinity Parish in the District Level Festival on April 6th.

We wish you all God's blessings! Thank you for sharing your faith!





GOYA NEWS



Kali Sarakosti!

We would like to say "Thank You" to all the GOYAns who helped out at the YAL sponsored Comedy Night. What a great turnout!

April is a busy month with many events! The GOYAns are actively preparing for Sights & Sounds on April 13th. Good luck to all our GOYAns!

Upcoming Dates:

- April 3 GOYA Lenten Dinner @ 8pm
- April 6 District Oratorical Festival @ St. Luke's
- April 7 Greek Independence Day Parade @ Ben Franklin Parkway
- April 13 Sights & Sounds
- April 14 Instructional Liturgy
- April 21 GOYA hosting coffee hour w/the Hantzandreou Family
- April 27 Saturday of Lazarus / GOYA Retreat with Father Christoforos @ 11:30 am
- April 28 Palm Sunday
- May 3 Holy Friday / Youth Retreat
- May 4 Holy Saturday / GOYA wraps eggs @ 11 am
- May 5 Pascha

For those who are interested in purchasing lambathes, we will be selling them at coffee hours during Great Lent.



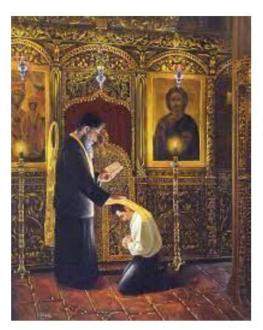
A sacred Greek Tradition is the Anastasi, it is symbolized by the light of the Lambada or Easter Candle.

Our GOYAns will be selling Lambades after Church during the Coffee Hour for the next few Sundays.

\$25

<u>Pre-orders</u> can also be picked up from the Church office during office hours M-F \sim 9a-4p.

Call Stacey Pennia with any questions or concerns @ 302.530.1669



<u>Holy Confession</u> <u>Ιερά Εξομολόγηση</u>

* Thursday, April 11th: 5pm - 6pm

Πέμπτη 11 Αποιλίου από 5 έως 6 το απόγευμα

* Tuesday, April 16th: 4pm - 5pm

Τοίτη 16 Αποιλίου από 4 έως 5 το απόγευμα

❖ Thursday, April 18th: 5pm – 6pm

Πέμπτη 18 Αποιλίου από 5 έως 6 το απόγευμα

Please call the Church office at (302) 654-4446 to make an appointment or email Susie at greekorth@holytrinitywilmington.org
Καλέστε στο γραφείο της Εκκλησίας στο (302) 654-4446 ή στείλτε email στο greekorth@holytrinitywilmington.org

40-DAY BLESSINGS OF MOTHER & CHILD

The Rite of Churching



40 Day Churching of Stephanie Pecorella and Baby Giuliana

Together with being baptized and chrismated, the new-born child is also "churched." The **rite of churching** imitates the offering of male children to the temple according to the law of the Old Testament, particularly the offering of Christ on the fortieth day after his birth (*Luke 2:22*). Because of this fact, baptism in the Orthodox tradition came to be prescribed for the fortieth day or thereabouts. In the New Testament Church both male and female children are formally presented to God in the Church with special prayers at this time.

Also at this time, once more in imitation of Old Testament practice, the mother of the new-born child is also "churched." Here we have the specific example of the purification ritual of Jesus' mother Mary (*Luke 2:22*). In the Orthodox tradition the churching of the mother is her re-entry into the Assembly of God's people after her participation with God in the holy act of birth and after her separation from the Liturgy during her confinement.

Thus, the mother is blessed to enter once more into communion with the mystery of Christ's Body and Blood in the Divine Liturgy of the Church from which she has been necessarily absent.

The new mother should be churched before the baptism of her infant so that she can be present at the sacramental entrance of her child into the Kingdom of Christ. The official service book indicates that this should be done.

everyone a blessed Great Lent!

HOPE & JOY Wishing a APRIL 2024 happy and happy

Newsletter

SO MUCH FUN AT KITE FLYING FOR CLEAN MONDAY AT ROCKFORD PARK



UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 5TH DANCE PRACTICE

APRIL 7TH GREEK PARADE IN PHILADELPHIA

APRIL 19TH DANCE PRACTICE

APRIL 27TH SATURDAY OF LAZARUS PALM FOLDING

APRIL 28TH PALM SUNDAY

MAY 3RD HOLY FRIDAY YOUTH RETREAT

for more information and to be added to our email list please contact Angie at akarakasidis@gahoo.com

Greek School Dance



ALTAR GUILD

GREAT LENT OF EASTER AND RESURRECTION

Our Lenten season will begin on Monday, March 18th. As we enter into this season of self-denial and renewal, we also think about the Lily ~ the flower that we most associate with Easter. By the Saturday evening Resurrection Service, lilies are beautifying our entire Church with their royal display and fragrance.

Flowers are seen in wreaths made for special services: the icon of the Theotokos is adorned for five Friday evening services of the Salutations, Palm Sunday evening (wreath of the Nymphios). Along with flowers on Holy Thursday evening, a wreath of red roses will adorn the Holy Cross. The lilies will be placed for the Resurrection Service on May 4 and for Holy Pascha on May 5.

ALL Dedications for Easter will be published in the Bulletin after Pascha.

If you have a special request for a wreath or bouquets, please use the form below. The cost is \$50.00 for two small arrangements and \$100.00 for two large arrangements.

Please feel free to contact Joanne Tarabicos at 302-239-4950 or Evie Fournaris at 302-475-5035 or use the form below.

Name
Dedication
RESERVED DATE:
PHONE NUMBER:
MAY WE PRINT IT IN THE BULLETIN: YES NO
Enclosed \$ Make checks payable to "Holy Trinity Altar Guild". Mail to: Stacy Koninis, 2602 Brightwell Drive, Wilmington, DE. 19810





PASCHAL ITEMS NEEDED for 2024

We will start accepting donations on Tuesday, March 19th

The following items are needed during **Great Lent, Holy Week and Pascha.** If you would like to donate, please contact Joanne Tarabicos (302.239.4950), Evie Fournaris (302.229.6849), or Stacy Koninis (302.475.1236) as soon as possible. Donations will be accepted on a *first come*, *first serve basis*. In the event that the item you would like to donate has already been donated, please consider either another item or a general donation towards the list. Donations will be acknowledged in the Monthly Bulletin after Pascha. Thank you for your support.

Theotokos Icon Flowers 1st Salutation (Large)	March 22	TAKEN
Sunday of Orthodoxy Icon Flowers	March 24	TAKEN
Annunciation Icon Flowers	March 25	TAKEN
Theotokos Icon Flowers 2 nd Salutation (Large)	March 29	TAKEN
St. Gregory Palamas Icon Flowers	March 31	TAKEN
Theotokos Icon Flowers 3 rd Salutation (Large)	April 05	\$75.00
Veneration of Holy Cross Icon Flowers	April 07	TAKEN
Daffodils for 3 rd Sunday of Lent	April 07	\$100.00
Theotokos Icon Flowers 4th Salutation (Large)	April 12	TAKEN
Sunday of St. John Climacus	April 14	\$50.00
Akathyst Hymn	April 20	\$50.00
St. Mary of Egypt	April 21	\$50.00
Saturday of Lazarus Icon Flowers	April 27	TAKEN
Palm Sunday Icon Flowers	April 28	TAKEN
Palms for Palm Sunday	April 28	TAKEN
Palm Sunday Holy Doors Arrangements	April 28	\$100.00
Nymphios Icon Flowers	April 29	\$50.00
Last Supper Icon Flowers	May 01	TAKEN
Crucifixion Icon Flowers	May 02	\$50.00
Wreath on the Cross	May 02	TAKEN
Wreath at base of Cross	May 02	\$40.00
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Wreath of Extreme Humility	May 02	TAKEN
Apokathelosis Icon Flowers	May 03	\$50.00
Resurrection Icon Flowers	May 04	\$50.00
Myrrh bearers Icon Flowers	May 04	\$50.00
Rose Petals for Holy Saturday	May 04	\$75.00
Rose Petals for Holy Saturday (2)	May 04	\$75.00
Levaro Icon Flowers	May 04	TAKEN
Holy Pascha Holy Doors Arrangements	May 04	\$125.00
Lilies for Pascha	May 04	\$25 per plant

When sending in your payment, please state whether you wish to remain anonymous and/or have your dedication in the bulletin.

FINANCIAL STEWARDS OF HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH 2024

Almasou, Elias & Rasha Anagnostou, Anamaria Anagnostou, Anthoula Andrianopoulos, Faith Angeletakis, Christos & Christina Kanas, Emmanuel & Valerie Artemiadis, Panagiotis & Spyridoula Asimos SR, George Asimos, George & Kristie Athanasiadis, Fotios & Asmik Atsidis, Kostas & Eftihia Bacchieri, Stacey Bambacus, Meropi Barrios, Luis & Dimitra Belitsas, Athanasios & Antonia Burpulis, Kecia Chahalis, Maria Chambers, George & Katherine Charalambides, Dino & NIa Chilimidos, Effie Chilimidos, Jerry & Amy Christoforatos, Demetri & Dimitra Christou, Alecca Christou, Christos & Evie Colborn, Brian & Nicole Coulaloglou, Michelle Courtis, Harry & Sophia Courtney, Daniel & Condylia Coustenis, Katherine Dalianis, John & Vicky Degermentzidis, Elias Demetriou, Anna Diamanty, Thomas & Sue Diamond, Anthony & Lauren Diamond, Thomas Dickey, Irene Doukakis, Helen Drimones, Clara Drimones, Nicholas Faller, James & Catherine Fotakos, Leonidas & Sophia Fotakos, Lexi Fountzoulas, Costas & Audrey Fournakis, Susan Fournaris, George & Soula Galanis, Agnes Galaris, Rick & Diana Gatanis, Theodore Geanopulos, Georgiean George, Mary Gerakios, Nikoletta Gerakios, Sakelaris & Spiridoula Gianelos, James & Stacie Graham, Catherine Gray, David & Eugenia Grigorakakis, Maria Grivas, Christopher & Michelle Haddadin, Malik & Lina Haldas, George & Beth Haldas, Harry Haldas, Thomas Haldas-Long, Irene Hatzis, Tom & Bing Heliotis, Alexandra Hionis, Sophia Humphrey, Caroline Iliadis, Antonios Iliadis, Dimitrios & Constantina

Issaris, Katherine Joseck, Xanthy & Fred Kamenakis, Efthimia Kamenakis, Peter & Juli Karakasidis, Demetri & Eleni Karakasidis, John & Vickie Karakasidis, Stephanos & Evaggelia Karaoglanis, Eleftherios & Niki Karvounis, Nikolaos & Amanda Kayiaros, Joanna Kayiaros, Stephen Kirifides, Alexander & Kathy Kirifides, Lazarus M & Helen Kirifides, Michael & Kerry Kirifides, Vasil & Eleftheria Kirtses, Petros & Athy Klezaras, Michael & Kathy Kollias, Basil & Demi Kollias, Georgia Koninis, John & Anastasia Kontodemos, Klianthis & Anthi Kontomaris, Kostas & Melissa Kostas, John & Gale Kostas, Nicholas & Stephani Kostos, Yianni Kromedas, Constantinos & Vasiliki Laletas, Earnest & Barbara Brockett Laskaris, Johanna Lazare, John & Sandra Lazopoulos, Jr., John & Christina Lempesis, Dimitra Liarakos, George & Ann Logullo, Desponia & Francis Lomis, Toula Manoloudis, Michael & Kandi Mantzavinos, Marianthi Mantzavinos, Spiros & Megan Maravelias, James & Diane Marini, Irene Marinis, Kalliope Marvel, Jessica Matulas, Anagnostis & Angela Mavridis, Prodromos & Maria McManus, Ryan & Theodora Michell, Constantine & Elaine Michell, Theodore & Catherine Mitoulis, Nikolaos & Stella Nannas, Theodore & Alexandra Nicholas, Steve Novakis, Louis Ohlemacher, Evangline Pacienza, Stephanie Pandelakis, Denis & Anna Pantelopulos, Anthony & Daphne Papachrysanthou, Chris & Popi Papanicholas, Maria Papettas, Vasilis & Christina Pappas, Elias Pappas, Elizabeth Phalangas, Charalambos & Mary Piccirilli, Melissa & Joe Pispitsos, Pantelis Pittaoulis, Steve Poulos, Vasilios & Eulampia

Psaltis, John

Psaltis, Nicholas

Psaltis, Thomas & Cynthia Psihalinos, George & Athina Psihalinos, Thomas & Magdalini Raisis, Irene Raisis, Leonidas & Irene Raisis, Pauline Raisis, William & Emily Rassias, Dion & Gina Rassias, George & Amalea Rentoulis, Androniki & Nicholas Roussalis, John & Valerie Saffos, John & Karla Saitis, Mary Staab, Kristina Stavru, Nicholas & Maria Tarabicos, Christina Tarabicos, John & Joanne Tarabicos, Sophia Tsaganos, Anthony & Joanne Tsaganos, Robert & Popi Tsakataras, George Tsakumis, George & Julia Tsakumis, Theodore Tsaldaris, Nicholas & Bonnie Tsigkakos, Dimos & Ioanna Tsionas, Angela Tsionas, Anna

Tsionas, Evagelos Tsoukalas, Niki Tsoutsos, Nektarios & Chengmo Turley, Steve & Akiko Vassiliou, Kleoniki Velitskakis, George Velitskakis, Steve & Karen Verikakis, Dena Verikakis, Evangelos & Shannon Visvardis, Socrates & Ruth Wiechecki, Frank & Kelly Wolcott, Josiah & Paraskevi Xarhoulakos, Peter Zerefos, Demetri & Constantina Zerefos, Markos & Eugenia Ziccarelli, Louis & Catherine **AS OF MARCH 25, 2024**

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. I Corinthians 9:7

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offer you this giving guide to assist you in determining your 2024 pledge. Please use the enclosed envelopes and give according to what God has blessed you.



HOLY TRINITY REGISTRY

Churchings:

Julianna Pecorella, daughter of Matthew & Stephanie, received her 40 day Church blessing on March 17, 2024. We congratulate the family and pray the Lord will bless them as they prepare for baptism.

Funerals:

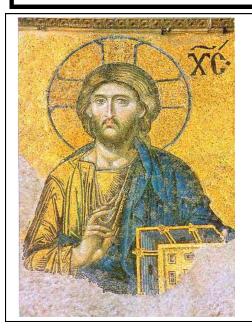
Natalia Artemiadis, beloved daughter of Panagiotis & Spyridoula, fell asleep in the Lord on February 18. Her funeral was held at Holy Trinity on February 27. She is survived by her parents, her sister Victoria and her grandfather Aristotelis. May her memory be eternal.

Theodore Roustopoulos, fell asleep in the Lord on February 29, 2024. His funeral was held at Holy Trinity on March 5, 2024. He is survived by his loving wife Alexia and wonderful children Tony, Theo, and Eleni. May his memory be eternal.

Theodore Hantzandreou, fell asleep in the Lord on March 9, 2024. His funeral was held at Holy Trinity on March 14, 2024. He is survived by his loving wife Lambrini "Libby"; his children, George Hantzandreou & his wife Diane, Katerina Hantzandreou; his granddaughters, Alexandra & Josephine; his brothers, John & Andrew; his sister, Litsa Hantzopoulos; and numerous nieces and nephews. May his memory be eternal.

Memorials:

Efthimia Oikonomidis ~ 12 Years ~ March 3 Fr. George Giannaris ~ 10 Years ~ March 10 Pres. Mary Giannaris ~ 7 Years ~ March 10 John Burpulis ~ 1 Year ~ March 17 Timoleon Papanicolas ~ 40 Day ~ March 17 Natalia Artemiadis ~ 40 Day ~ March 23 Theodore Roustopoulos ~ 40 Day ~ March 31



!!! ATTENTION !!!

Help is needed to fold palms into Crosses for Palm Sunday on Saturday, April 27th after the Divine Liturgy.

Please bring your red dyed hard boiled eggs to the Church during Holy Week by Holy Thursday so they may be wrapped in tulle for distribution at the Paschal Liturgy.

Serving in April

Coffee Hours:

April 7 ~ Young @ Heart

April 14 ~ Parish Council (General Assembly)

April 21~ The Hantzandreou Family in Loving Memory of Theodore Hantzandreou w/GOYA

April 28 ~ Philoptochos Palm Sunday Lunch

Narthex Duty:

April 7 ~ Group 2

April 14 ~ Group 1

April 21 ~ Group 2

April 28 ~ Group 1



Prosforon Offeror's



We are looking to update our Prosfora Offeror List.

If you would like to become a regular Prosfora Offeror, please contact the church office to be added to our list. You can offer prosfora for any service by bringing it in before the service starts. If you do not bake but would like to donate towards the purchase of prosfora that we presently buy from the Holy Protection Monastery, please send \$8 for each prosfora you would like to donate. (mark the memo on your check accordingly)

ACOLYTES

+Tonsured ~ *Reader



Maximos Charalambides
Vasilios Dargakis
Joseph Demourtzidis
Sebastian Dietrich
Johnny Dietrich
+Ioannis Gerakios
Alexander Hall

Alexander Hall +Angelo Hall

+Demetri Karakasidis

+Ioannis Karakasidis *+Alexandros Lurz Demetri Moutsatsos

Demetri Psaltis Nicholas Psaltis

George Psihalinos ...Gerasimos Psihalinos

...Gerasimos Psinaiir Nicholas Rassias

Stamati Roussos

+Demetri Thomas Savvas Thymakis

Alex Tsakumis

*+Nicholas Turley

+Paraskevas Verikakis

*+NektariosWiechecki

+Fotios Wolcott

+Jack Wolcott

+Josiah Wolcott

All readers are also tonsured

ALTAR ASSISTANTS

Alexandros Matthews ~~~ Josiah Wolcott ~~~ Markos Zerefos



Procession of Icons ~ March 24

The Sunday of Orthodoxy is celebrated on the first Sunday of Great Lent. It commemorates the restoration of the Holy Icons and the triumph of the Orthodox Faith against the heresy of the Iconoclasts. On Sunday March 24 we celebrated the Sunday of Orthodoxy and as it is our tradition, we had our annual procession of Icons with our children





LAZARUS SATURDAY

Apolytikion in the First Tone

O Christ our God, before Your Passion, You raised Lazarus from the dead to confirm the common Resurrection for all. Therefore, we carry the symbols of victory as did the youths, and we cry out to You, the victor over death, "Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."

Kontakion in the Second Tone

Christ, everyone's joy, the truth, the light, life, the resurrection of the world, has by His goodness appeared to those on earth. He is the archetype of the resurrection, granting divine forgiveness to all.

Reading:

Lazarus and his sisters Martha and Mary, the friends of the Lord Jesus, had given Him hospitality and served Him many times (Luke 10:38-4z; John 12:2-3). They were from Bethany, a village of Judea. This village is situated in the eastern parts by the foothills of the Mount of Olives, about two Roman miles from Jerusalem. When Lazarus - whose name is a

Hellenized form of "Eleazar," which means "God has helped," became ill some days before the saving Passion, his sisters had this report taken to our Saviour, Who was then in Galilee. Nonetheless, He tarried yet two more days until Lazarus died; then He said to His disciples, "Let us go into Judea that I might awake My friend who sleepeth." By this, of course, He meant the deep sleep of death. On arriving at Bethany, He consoled the sisters of Lazarus, who was already four days dead. Jesus groaned in spirit and was troubled at the death of His beloved friend. He asked, "Where have ye laid his body?" and He wept over him. When He drew nigh to the tomb, He commanded that they remove the stone, and He lifted up His eyes, and giving thanks to God the Father, He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth." And he that had been dead four days came forth immediately, bound hand and foot with the grave clothes, and Jesus said to those standing there, "Loose him, and let him go." This is the supernatural wonder wrought by the Saviour that we celebrate on this day.

According to an ancient tradition, it is said that Lazarus was thirty years old when the Lord raised him; then he lived another thirty years on Cyprus and there reposed in the Lord. It is furthermore related that after he was raised from the dead, he never laughed till the end of his life, but that once only, when he saw someone stealing a clay vessel, he smiled and said, "Clay stealing clay." His grave is situated in the city of Kition, having the inscription: "Lazarus the four days dead and friend of Christ." In 890 his sacred relics were transferred to Constantinople by Emperor Leo the Wise, at which time undoubtedly the Emperor composed his stichera for Vespers, "Wishing to behold the tomb of Lazarus..."





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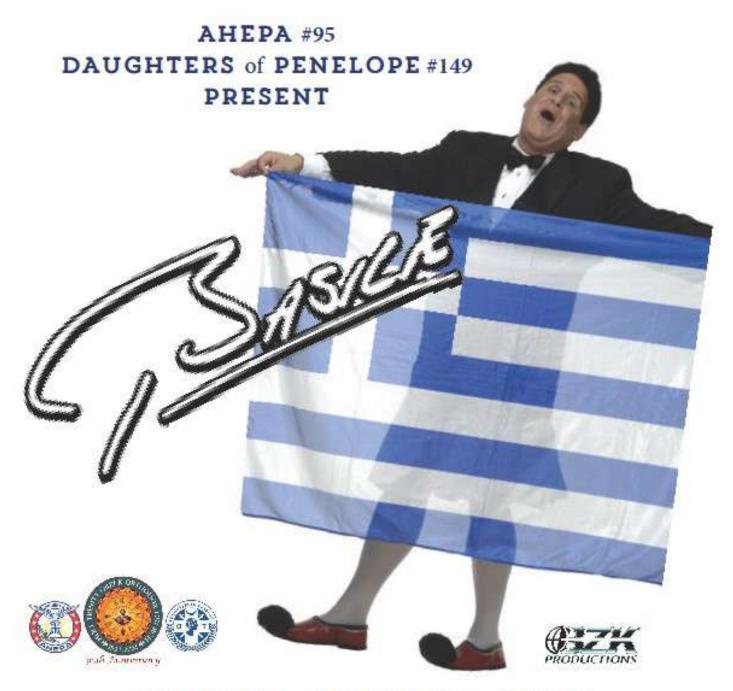






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Διάφορα ΠΑΣΧΑ ή EASTER

Δρ. Κώστας Γ. Φούντζουλας Επαναδημοσίευσις Απρίλιος 2021

Πάσχα και Easter, δύο λέξεις που σημαίνουν το ίδιο πράγμα, την μεγαλύτερη Χριστιανική εορτή, την Ανάσταση του Κυρίου Ημών Ιησού Χριστού. Ας δούμε λοιπόν γιατί στην Ελληνική γλώσσα χρησιμοποιούμε την λέξη Πάσχα, ενώ στα Αγγλικά την λέξη Easter.

Η λέξη Πάσχα προέρχεται από την Αραμαϊκή λέξη pascha, η οποία προέρχεται από την Εβραϊκή η οποία σημαίνει πέρασμα, pesakh παρέλευση. Η λέξη χρησιμοποιήθηκε από τους Εβραίους σε ανάμνηση της Δεκάτης Πληγής κατά των Αιγυπτίων, όπου σύμφωνα με την βιβλική αφήγηση, ο Άγγελος του Θανάτου προσπερνούσε τις πόρτες των Ιουδαίων της Αιγύπτου που ήταν βαμμένες με αίμα αρνιού (αμνός) και δεν θανάτωνε τα πρωτότοκά τους. Έτσι, οι Έλληνες Χριστιανοί εχρησιμοποίησαν την λέξη Πάσχα για εκφράσουν το πέρασμα από τον θάνατο στην ζωή (Ανάσταση). Ο Χριστός είναι ο Αμνός του Θεού που μας έσωσε με το αίμα (θυσία) του από την αμαρτία και τον θάνατο.

Η λέξη *Easter* η οποία χρησιμοποιείται στα Αγγλικά προήλθε από την λέξη *Eastre* της αρχαίας Αγγλικής πρίν από το 899 Μ.Χ. Η λέξη αναφέρεται στην Γερμανική ειδωλολατρική θεά *Eastre* η οποία εορτάζοταν κατά την Εαρινή Ισημερία, και η οποία αναγνωρίζεται στην αρχαία Γερμανική λέξη oestaruen-Ostern στα σύγχρονα Γερμανικά. Η λέξη Eastre προέρχεται απο την λέξη oeast η οποία ως γνωστόν σημαίνει ανατολή. Αυτό δείχνει ότι αρχικά αυτή η λέξη αναφερόταν σε θεά σχετική με την Ινδοευρωπαϊκές Σγετικές παραδόσεις λαμβάνουν χώρα με την Ρωμαϊκή θεά Αβρόρα και την Ελληνική θεά Ομηρική Ηώς ή Έως που σημαίνει αυγή. Κατ' άλλους όμως σχετίζεται με τις εορτές προς τιμή της Βαβυλονιακής θεάς Ishtar, η Αφροδίτη των Βαβυλωνίων.

Η ημερομηνία εορτασμού του *Ορθόδοξου* Πάσχα καθωρίσθηκε στην Σύνοδο της Νικαίας το 325 Μ.Χ. Με απόφαση αυτής της Συνόδου το Πάσχα πρέπει να εορτάζεται την Κυριακή μετά την πρώτη πανσέληνο της εαρινής ισημερίας, αλλά πάντοτε μετά το Εβραϊκό Πάσχα, ούτως ώστε να διατηρείται η ακολουθία των γεγονότων της Στανρώσεως και Αναστάσεως σύμφωνα με τους ευαγγελιστές. Το Ορθόδοξο Πάσχα εορτάζεται από περισσότερα από 250 εκατομμύρια πιστούς σ' όλο τον κόσμο.

Various PASCHA or EASTER

Dr. Costas G. Fountzoulas
Republication April 2021

These two words, Pascha and Easter ecclesiastically mean the same thing, the largest Christian celebration, and the Resurrection of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Let us see now why in Greek we use the word Pascha, while in English we use the word Easter.

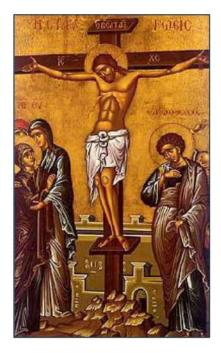
The word Pascha comes from the Aramaic word pascha, which comes from the Hebrew word pesakh, which means passage, skipping, passing over, the well known Passover. This word was used by the Jewish people in commemoration of the night of the Tenth Plague of Pharaoh, when the Angel of Death saw the blood of the passover lamb on the doorposts of the houses of Hebrews of Egypt "skipped over" them and did not kill their firstborn. Therefore, the Christian Hellenes used the word Pascha to express the passing from death the life (Resurrection). Christ is the Lamb of God, who saved us with his sacrifice (blood) from the sin and death.

The modern English term *Easter* developed from the Old English word Eastre, which itself developed prior to 899. The name refers to the goddess Eastre in Germanic paganism, who was celebrated at the Spring equinox, and has cognates in Old High German oestaruen, plural, Easter (modern German language Ostern). The Old English term *Eastre* ultimately derives from *oeast* meaning the direction of east. This indicates it originally referred to a goddess associated with dawn. Corresponding Indo-European traditions occur with the Roman goddess Aurora and the Greek goddess (Homeric) Eos. However, other people relate the word Easter with the festivities for the goddess Ishtar, which was the Babylonian Aphrodite.

The date of *Orthodox Pas*cha was determined by the *Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D.* According to the decision of this Synod, Pascha should be celebrated on the Sunday following the first full moon of the vernal equinox, but always after the *Jewish Passover*, in order to maintain the sequence of events of the *Crucifixion* and *Resurrection* according to the evangelists. The *Orthodox Pascha* is celebrated by more than *250 million followers* around the world.

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church Wilmington, Delaware





HOLY & GREAT FRIDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL RETREAT

May 3, 2024 11:00am - 2:30pm

Kindergarten through 12th grade

SCHEDULE

11:00a – Welcome / Preparations in Church

12:00p – Discussion with Father Christoforos

12:30p – Lunch

1:00p - Activities, Preparations Continued

2:30p – Closing (the Service of the Descent from the Cross /Apokathilosis will follow)

RSVP by Wednesday, May 1 via email to amalea.rassias@gmail.com

Permission slips, signed by Fr. Christoforos, for an excused school absence will be available that day for any attendee who may need it.

We look forward to seeing all children of Holy Trinity Family in attendance!



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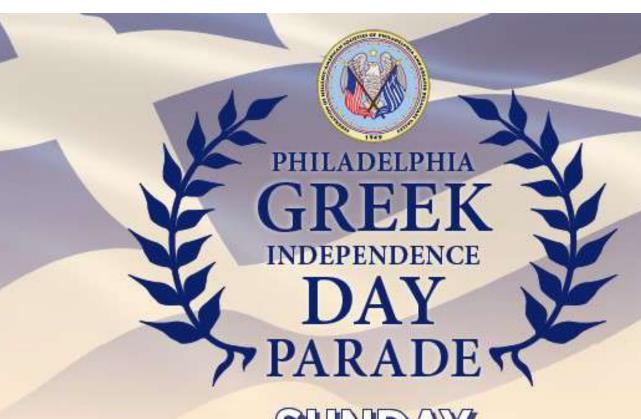
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March 12th at the Emmanuel Dining Room East

We sincerely thank **The Daughters of Penelope** for very generously sponsoring the meal in March again this year! 135 women, men and children enjoyed a nice warm meal. **Tina Ganiaris** worked in the kitchen to help serve that day. The **Ganiaris family** will host and sponsor the meal on April 12th, given in loving memory of **Fr. Stamos** and **Presvytera Joan Ganiaris**.

All are welcome to help serve on the 12th of every month or at any time!

We sincerely thank all the individuals, families and organizations who generously support this dining room! Thank you for helping us serve the needy!

Various groups and individuals from our church donate the food to sponsor the luncheon meal at the 3rd and Walnut St location on the 12th of every month.

All Sunday meals are now being served at the 2nd and Jackson Street dining room.

If you, your family or organization would like to provide a meal, contact Nikkie Tsakataras at 302-655-2252 or Tina Ganiaris at 302-367-6758 for more information. Thank you!

Holy Trinity Food Pantry

As Christians it is our job to step out and serve as disciples in the community.

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Are you willing to commit to three hours a week, every other week, or once a month? If so, this volunteer job is for you!

St Stephens Food Pantry located at 1300 North Broom Street It is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9am to 12pm and Wednesday evenings from 5pm to 7pm. Stop by any time to check the facilities and see how it is run.

As summer approaches, they are also looking for some young volunteers as well. If you have a junior or senior in high school looking for community hours, please consider St. Stephens Food Pantry. Applications are available in the food pantry mailbox located outside the church office.

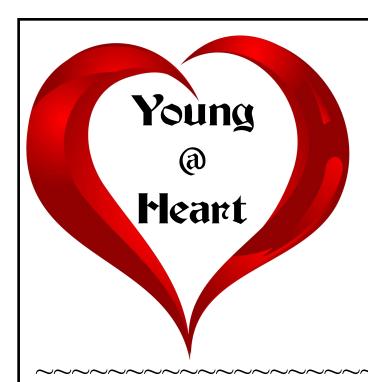
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As always, non-perishable food donations are welcome.

As always, we sincerely thank you for helping those in need!

Evie Fournaris, Tina Ganiaris, Johanna Laskaris, John Lazare, Sandy Nannas, Steve Nicholas, and Nikki Tsakataras





Our next gathering is Thursday, April 11 @ 12pm

We meet in the AHEPA ROOM

We hope to see you all there



On March 20th the Young @ Heart will host the first of

6 Lenten Community Meals that will take place after the Presanctified Liturgies each Wednesday Evening @ 8:00 pm during the Lenten Period.

We hope you will join us each week as we gather for a Lenten meal as the family of God. The "Main" dish will be provided. Please bring a friend or family member and your favorite Lenten dish to share.

Our Hosts:

March 20 ~ The Young @ Heart

March 27 ~ Hellenic University Club

April 03 ~ GOYA

April 10 ~ Philoptochos

April 17 ~ Daughters of Penelope

April 24 ~ JOY HOPE

Y. A. L. Young Adult League On March 2, Holy Trinity's Young Adult League hosted the first Comedy Taverna Night starring Alisa "Aliki" Raisis and Rachel Samples! A full Greek meal was prepared by chefs Anna Fournaris, Michael Karas, and Markella Calliagas.

The friends and family of the parish gathered in the community hall for a night full of laughing, eating, and Greek dancing! On behalf of YAL, thank you to all parishioners, GOYAns, and Aliki & Rachel, who all volunteered their time and talents to help prepare for the event!







YOUNG ADULT LEAGUE APRIL GATHERING

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LENTEN MEAL & DISCUSSION TO FOLLOW



Διάφορα

Δρ. Κώστας Γ. Φούντζουλας Επαναδημοσίευσις Απρίλιος 2021

"Πνευμονία" - Ελληνική Γλώσσα Η Τροφός των Ευρωπαικών Γλωσσών

- Πνευμονία (Pneumonia): "φλεγμονή των ιστών των πνευμόνων" (όπως διαφέρει από τους βρογχικούς σωλήνες ή το οροειδές κάλυμμα των πνευμόνων), γύρω στο 1600, από τη σύγχρονη Λατινική γλώσσα, από την ελληνική πνευμονία "φλεγμονή των πνευμόνων", από την λέξη "Πνεύμων"
- Καρδιολογία (Cardiology) Από την ελληνική καρδία kardiā, η «καρδιά» και -λογία-λόγεια, «μελέτη») είναι ένας κλάδος της ιατρικής που ασχολείται με τις διαταραχές της καρδιάς καθώς και ορισμένα μέρη του κυκλοφορικού συστήματος.
- Οφθαλμικό"(Ophthalmic): γύρω στο 1600. "αφορά ή χρησιμοποιείται για τη θεραπεία της οφθαλμίας;" έως το 1732 ως "που αφορά το μάτι ή το μάτι" από από το Ελληνικό οφθαλμικό "από ή για τα μάτια", από το "μάτι" οφθαλμο-). οφθαλμικό $(\beta\lambda.$ είχαν οφθαλμικό μεσογειακά αγγλικά «προκαλούμενο από οφθαλμία» (αρχές του 15ου αιώνα).
- Δερματολογία (Dermatology): Εισήχθη στα Αγγλικά το 1819 Η λέξη dermatology προέρχεται από την γενική της Ελληνικής λέξεως "Δερμα" (Δέρματος), (από το δέρω dero, "to flay" γδέρνω) και -λογία-logia.
- Ορμόνη (Hormone): "οργανική ένωση που παράγεται σε ζωικά σώματα για τη ρύθμιση της δραστηριότητας και της συμπεριφοράς,", εισήχθη στην Αγγλική γλώσσα το 1905, από την Ελληνική λέξη "Ορμόνη" "εκείνη που κινείται,", απαρέμφατο του "Ορμάν" "ώθηση, ώθηση," από το "Όρμή" "έναρξη, ώθηση," (1) "για κίνηση, ενεργοποίηση." Χρησιμοποιήθηκε από τον Ιπποκράτη για να υποδηλώσει μια ζωτική αρχή. Είναι μία σύγχρονη επιστημονική έννοια που επινόησε Άγγλος φυσιολόγος Έρνεστ Χένρι (1866-1927)Στάρλινγκ 0 Jung χρησιμοποίησε ορμόνη (1915) σε σχέση με την υποθετική ψυχική ενέργεια που οδηγεί ασυνείδητες δραστηριότητες και ένστικτα.

Various

Dr. Costas G. Fountzoulas Republication April 2021

"Pneumonia" – Hellenic Language The Feeder of All European Languages

- Pneumonia: "inflammation of the tissues of the lungs" (as distinct from the bronchial tubes or the serous covering of the lungs), c. 1600, from Modern Latin, from Greek pneumonia "inflammation of the lungs," from Pneumōn "lung"
- Cardiology: From Greek καρδία kardia, "heart" and -λογία -logia, "study") is a branch of medicine that deals with the disorders of the heart as well as some parts of the circulatory system.
- Opthalmic c. 1600, "pertaining to or of use in treating ophthalmia;" by 1732 as "pertaining to the eye or eyeball;" from Latin ophthalmicus, from Greek ophthalmikos "of or for the eyes," from ophthalmos "eye" (see ophthalmo-). Middle English had obtalmik "caused by ophthalmia" (early 15c.).
- Dermatology: Attested in English in 1819, the word dermatology derives from the Greek δέρματος (dermatos), genitive of δέρμα (derma), "skin" (itself from δέρω dero, "to flay") and -λογία -logia.
- Hormone: "organic compound produced in animal bodies to regulate activity and behavior," 1905, from Greek hormon "that which sets in motion," present participle of horman "impel, urge on," from horme "onset, impulse," from PIE *or-sma-, from root *er-(1) "to move, set in motion." Used by Hippocrates to denote a vital principle; modern scientific meaning coined by English physiologist Ernest Henry Starling (1866-1927). Jung used horme (1915) in reference to hypothetical mental energy that drives unconscious activities and instincts.
- Church: Old English cir(i)ce, cyr(i)ce, related to Dutch kerk and German Kirche, based on medieval Greek kuriakon, from Greek kuriakon (dōma) 'Lord's (house)', from kurios 'master or lord', and Kirk
- Baptists: Middle English, from Old French, baptiste, via ecclesiastical Latin from ecclesiastical Greek baptistes, from baptizein "immerse, baptize".
- Baptism: From the Greek noun "Βάπτισμα". It is a Christian rite of admission and adoption almost invariably with the use of water, into Christianity.

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A History of the Wilmington Greek Community

With the 90th Anniversary of the Greek Community in Wilmington at hand, it's a great time to reflect on our past and how we got to where we are as we look to the future. Do you have stories, photos, family heirlooms that you would like to share? It's important to the community that we save and secure as many as possible. Too much has been lost over the years.

Here are some links of recorded interviews of members of the Greek community from over 50 years ago for the University of Delaware. There are also copies of the transcripts of those interviews conducted by Irene Long in the links. We'd like to record anyone who would like to share their stories for storage in a hopeful Holy Trinity Archive Room. Email: Klezaras@gmail.com

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