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✠ SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025 ✠ PALM SUNDAY ✠

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 4:4-9 Brethren , rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel According to John 12:1-18 Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazaros was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazaros was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazaros, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazaros also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church
Holy Week 2025– Schedule of Services

Palm Sunday – April 13

8:15 am – Orthros and Divine Liturgy

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

Great and Holy Monday – April 14

9:00 am – Presanctified Liturgy

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

Great and Holy Tuesday – April 15

9:00 am – Presanctified Liturgy

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

Great and Holy Wednesday – April 16

9:00 am – Presanctified Liturgy

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

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

Great and Holy Thursday – April 17

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

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

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

Great and Holy Friday – April 18

9:00 am – Royal Hours

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

6:15pm Trisagion by tomb

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

Great and Holy Saturday – April 19

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

10:00 pm – Nocturnes

10:30 pm – Receive the Light/Procession, Paschal Orthros/Divine Liturgy

AGAPE MEAL

Great and Holy Pascha – April 16

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

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

No other parish activities will take place during Holy Week.

Please keep this schedule of services posted for easy reference.

A basket will be passed today to help defray the cost of the Epitafio flowers. Please include your name on the envelope for credit. Thank you for your generosity!

Pascha bread, \$12 a loaf, plain or with sesame seeds, will be sold today after Divine Liturgy in the narthex and community center. Cash or checks payable to Holy Cross Philoptochos. Thank you for supporting your Philoptochos!

Thank you to ALL the volunteers who made our delicious Pascha bread on Thursday, April 10. We are so grateful to our kitchen help, braid-ers, egg washers and wrappers. We could not have made the Pascha bread without you!

Holy Cross Iconography Project! We prayerfully ask you to consider supporting this project and creating a legacy for our family. No gift is considered small and be fulfilled in installments.

Icons still available include:
St. Mark*
Eagle
Ox*
Lion
Young Man
St. Andrew of Crete*
St Cyril of Alexandria
St. Gerasimos of Abydos*
St. Nicholas Velimirovich
St. Innocent of Alaska
St. Raphael of Brooklyn*
Pentecost
Nativity of the Theotokos
Assumption of Mary*
Panaghia & Elizabeth greeting one another*
Mosaic Icon of the Holy Dormition*

*Some icons listed have a partial donor, and your commitment may help complete that one. Please contact Vasso Paliouras, vassopaliouras@gmail.com or 412-606-4314, with questions or specific requests.

Don't forget to pickup your preordered Pascha Catering in the Community Center today! If you forgot to order, there will be a limited number of extra to purchase.

Additionally, save the date for our next Gyro Thursday on 5/15!

Thank you!
Fundraising Committee

We are looking for JOY age girls between 1st and 6th grade to participate in the Holy Friday service as Myrrophores.

If your daughter would like to participate, please reach out to Marina Bouzos at marinantourou@gmail.com.

Thank you!

<div><div><div>HOLY CROSS</div><div>GREEK FESTIVAL</div></div></div>		
2025 Cooking Schedule *		
Dear Holy Cross Family,...We invite you to contribute your time—whether a little or a lot—as we prepare for the upcoming 2025 Festival. This year, we are excited to extend the celebration to five days, so we will need additional help with preparations. We have included evening and Saturday opportunities to fit various schedules and make it easier for everyone. Please take a moment to print this message and place it on your fridge. We encourage you to consider how you can assist us in making this event a success. Thanks!		
Syrup	No Help Necessary	Wed 4/30 th Thu-Sun May 1 st – May 4 th will be prepped late evenings
Koulourakia	11,000 pieces	Saturday, March 29: 10:00a – 5:00p
Tiropitas	2400 pieces 100 trays	Sunday March 30th After Church March 31 st April 1 st 10am-5pm
Koulourakia		Tuesday April 8 th 5-9p Sat May 10 th 9a-5p Thursday, April 24: 5:00 pm -9pm
Baklava	6,912 pieces 144 pans	Wed April 9 th 10-5 pm Wed April 22 rd 9-3am and 5-9pm Thu April 23 rd 9a-3p and 5-9p Sat , April 26 – after 9am Sun, April 27 12p – 6p
Souzoukakia	2,964 pieces	Monday, April 28 10a-5p Tuesday, April 29 10a-5p Wednesday, April 30 10a-5p
Pastitsio	2,540 pieces 127 pans	Monday, May 5 (prep) Tuesday, May 6 10a-5p Wednesday, May 7 10a-5p
Galatoboureko	1,449 pieces	Monday, May 12 (prep only) Tuesday, May 13 10a-6p Wednesday, May 14 (cutting)
Kourambiedes	3,318 pieces	Tuesday, May 20 10a-5p Wednesday, May 21 10a-5p Thursday, May 22 10a-5p
Finikia	2,274 pieces	Thurs May 15 th 10a Friday May 16 th 3-9p Dipping May 29 th and 30th
Karidopita	960 pieces	Fri May 16th 10a Sat May 17th 10a Sun May 18 th after service
Shank sauce	A Bunch	May 23 rd 10 M May 27 th 10 AM
Pastry Prep ... Sampler cupping and boxing		Sun June1st after service
*Reminder texts and voicemails will be sent before each prepped item. Times and dates are subject to change		