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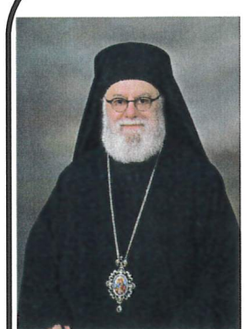
While all four Evangelists offer an account of Christ's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem on the first PALM SUNDAY, St. Matthew provides a thought-provoking verse in his Gospel: "And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying: WHO IS THIS MAN?" (Matthew 21:10) Indeed, this question sets the tone for Holy Week, for everything we re-live in the coming days will hinge on Who people perceived Christ to be.

Some thought that He was a great Teacher; others a mighty Warrior, Who would lead them to victory over the Romans and establish again the ancient kingdom of Israel. The religious leaders viewed Him as a dangerous Revolutionary, Who would bring the wrath of Rome down upon them if He were not stopped. Although the masses greeted Christ with palms and cheered His coming to the Holy City, we can rightly conclude that they did not really know Who He was.

For us to fully benefit from the sacred days ahead, we must be able to properly answer that question: WHO IS THIS MAN? Jesus Christ is much more than a Teacher, Healer, Prophet or Social Activist. He is our GOD. He is our SAVIOR. He is our REDEEMER. He is our Heavenly KING.

If we truly know Who Christ is, we can never be lukewarm in our feelings for Him. Christ said it Himself: "He who is not with Me is against Me." (Matthew 12:30) Yes, if we love and serve Him with our entire being, then when the sadness of Holy Week is transformed into the joy of the Resurrection, we will be able to abundantly share in Christ's triumph over death.

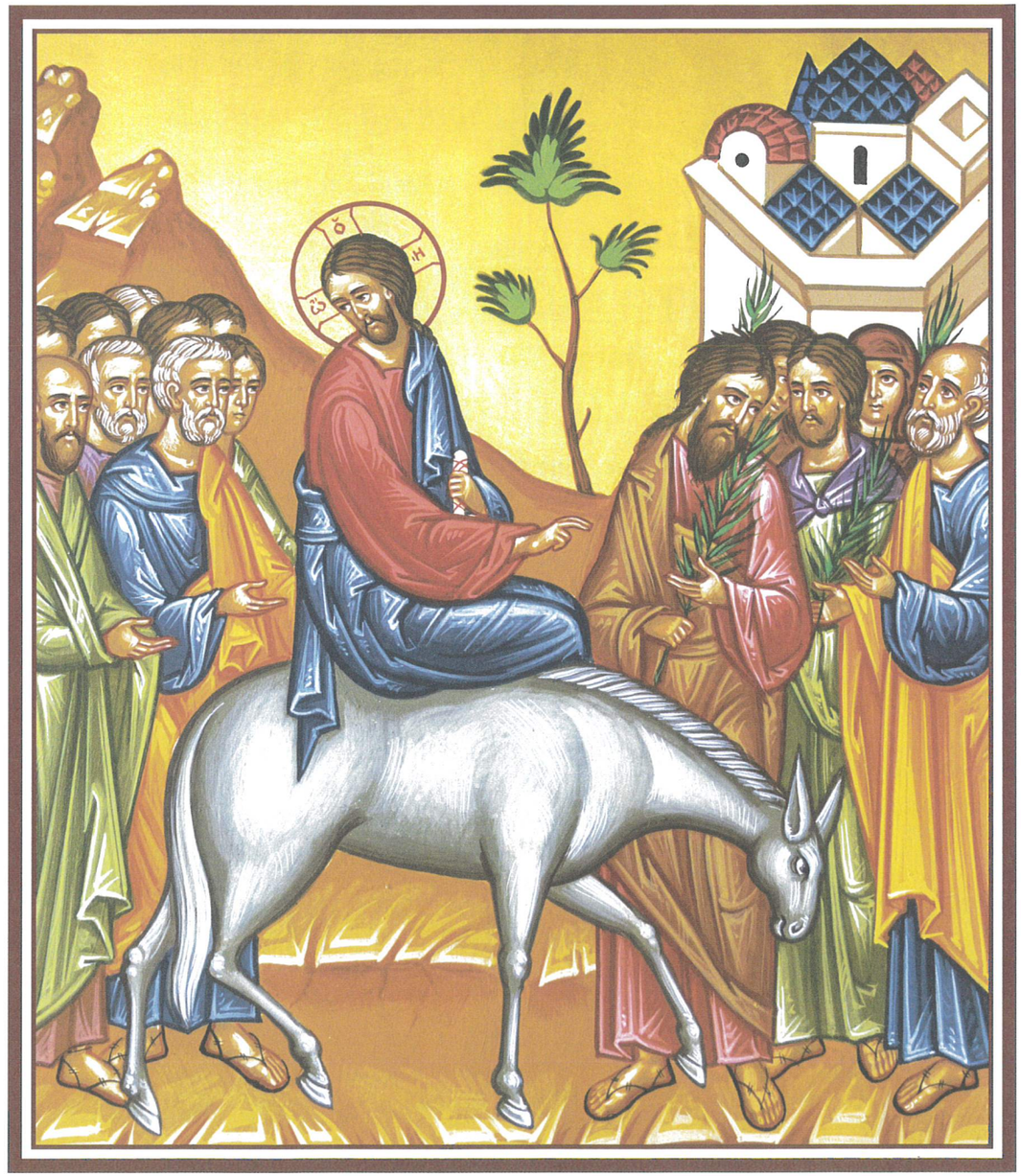
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His Eminence Metropolitan Savas will be joining in service on Holy Thursday morning at the Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil.

John 12:44-45

Then Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me."



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Sunday Services
Orthros 8:30 AM
Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

Orthros | Liturgy

Epistle
Philippians 4:4-9

Gospel
John 12:1-18

Attendance
4/6/25
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Today's Prosfora & Communion Wine

Given by Maria & Steve Destefano
In Loving Memory of Nick Trikilas

Saturday of Lazarus - Given by Tom & Mary Papadopoulos
In Loving Memory of Larry Anastas

Upcoming Memorials

May 3
15-Year Memorial - Nick Pitinii

May 25
AHEPA Recognition & Coffee Hour

GOYA PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON TODAY

Immediately following Divine Liturgy

COST: $18.00 (Baked Fish or Plaki will be available)

There are limited tickets available for purchase!

YOUTH LUMINARY PROJECT - GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

Luminary Forms are available after Divine Liturgy today with a Youth Representative to place orders. Each Luminary is $5.00 and can be designated in memory of or for the health of someone.



DEADLINE for orders is TODAY, April 13th.

EGG HUNT - PASCHA - SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH



On Sunday, April 20th - Bring the kids to Church and stay for the egg hunt!!! THERE ARE PRIZES FOR EVERYONE! See you there!!! Sunday School is sponsoring this event!

2ND ANNUAL GREEK GATSBY GALA

MAY 10, 2025
5-11 PM

Tickets for Regular Tables of 8 - $600
VIP Tables - $1,080 (includes a full page ad)
Individual Tickets - $75.00 per person
Ads & Sponsorships Available

NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR

Cash Bar, Greek Dinner & Pastries, Silent Auction, Live Band, Dancing
1920s or Semi-Formal Attire Requested

CONGRATULATIONS 2025 ST. PHOTIOS AWARD WINNERS

Nick & Joyce Spanakis



Both Nick & Joyce will be recognized at the St. Photios Awards banquet on Saturday, May 3 in PA.

Congratulations!

Attention Graduating Seniors (High School & College)

Please contact Lori in the Church Office at 330-494-8770 or email her at office@htgoc.net if you are graduating this year and provide the graduate's name, date of graduation, school graduating from, and if a college graduate, please provide the major. **Name Day is June 8, 2025 where graduates will be recognized.**





Daughters of Penelope 59th Annual Debutantes Ball

Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 7:30pm
St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church Krassas Event Center
Tickets: $25 per person



Please join Sunday School as they host a Picnic Lunch!

May 18th following liturgy

Please come to church to see our Sunday School children be recognized for a great year and stay for lunch and celebrate with our wonderful children. This is our last day of Sunday School for the year and we want to treat you!

FESTIVAL BAKING SCHEDULE

DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Monday, May 5 - Galaktoboureko

Wednesday, May 14 - Kouramblethes

Saturday, May 17 – Fengarakia

Wednesday, May 21 – Melomakarona

Saturday, May 31 – Koulourakia

Saturday, June 14 - Baklava

Saturday, June 28 – Tsoureki

Calendar for the Week

All Services are streaming online @ *www.htgoc.net/live*

Sunday, April 13 — Palm Sunday
GOYA Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon 11:00 AM
Bridegroom Service 6:30 PM

Monday, April 14
Presanctified Liturgy 9:00 AM
Bridegroom Service 6:30 PM

Tuesday, April 15
Presanctified Liturgy 9:00 AM
Bridegroom Service 6:30 PM

Wednesday, April 16
Presanctified Liturgy 9:00 AM
Food Pantry 1PM - 3PM
Holy Unction 2:30 PM
Bridegroom Service w/Anointing 6:30 PM

Thursday, April 17
Hierarchical Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil w/Communion 9:00 AM
Service of 12 Gospels/Lord's Passion 6:00 PM

Friday, April 18
OFFICE CLOSED - Lori OFF
Royal Hours 9:00 AM
Apokathilosis 2:30 PM
Trisagion 6:00 PM
Epitaphio 6:30 PM

Saturday, April 19
Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great 9:00 AM
Canon of Pascha 11:00 PM
Divine Liturgy - Holy Resurrection 12:00 AM
Resurrection Meal to Follow

Sunday, April 20
Agape Vespers 11:00 AM
Egg Hunt to Follow for All Ages

PLEASE NOTE:
The Church Office will be closed Friday, April 18 - Monday, April 21 for the holiday.

Apolytikion.
Mode 1.

To confirm the general resurrection before Your Passion, You resurrected Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore imitating the children, carrying the symbols of victory, we cry out to You the Victor over death: “Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the One, who comes in the name of the Lord.”

Another.
Mode 4.

We were buried with You through Baptism, O Christ our God, and thus by Your Resurrection we have been granted immortal life, and extolling You we cry aloud, “Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the One who comes in the name of the Lord.”

Kontakion.
Mode pl. 2. *Automelon.*

In heaven upon the throne, on earth upon the colt, * You were carried, O Christ our God; * and the praise of the Angels, and the hymns of the children, You received as they cried to You, * “Blessed are You, the One, who is coming to call Adam back again.”

St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 4:4-9

Prokeimenon. Mode 4
Psalm 117.26,1

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His mercy endures forever.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 4:4-9

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

The Gospel According to John 12:1-18

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

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

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

Ἀπολυτίκιον.

Ἦχος α΄.

Τὴν κοινὴν Ἀνάστασιν πρὸ τοῦ σοῦ Πάθους πιστούμενος, ἐκ νεκρῶν ἤγειρας τὸν Λάζαρον, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός· ὅθεν καὶ ἡμεῖς ὡς οἱ Παῖδες, τὰ τῆς νίκης σύμβολα φέροντες, σοὶ τῷ Νικητῇ τοῦ θανάτου βοῶμεν· Ὡσαννὰ ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

Ἕτερον.

Ἦχος δ΄.

Συνταφέντες σοι διὰ τοῦ Βαπτίσματος, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, τῆς ἀθανάτου ζωῆς ἠξιώθημεν τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου, καὶ ἀνυμνοῦντες κράζομεν· Ὡσαννὰ ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

Κοντάκιον.

Ἦχος πλ. β΄. *Αὐτόμελον.*

Τῷ θρόνῳ ἐν οὐρανῷ, τῷ πώλῳ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ἐποχούμενος Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, τῶν Ἀγγέλων τὴν αἴνεσιν, καὶ τῶν Παίδων ἀνύμνησιν προσεδέξω βοώντων σοι· Εὐλογημένος εἶ ὁ ἐρχόμενος, τὸν Ἀδὰμ ἀνακαλέσασθαι.

Πρὸς Φιλιππησίους 4:4-9

Προκείμενον. Ήχος δ'

ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 117.26,1

Εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

Στίχ. Στίχ. Ἐξομολογεῖσθε τῷ Κυρίῳ ὅτι ἀγαθὸς, ὅτι εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τὸ ἔλεος αὐτοῦ.

Πρὸς Φιλιππησίους 4:4-9 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, χαίρετε ἐν κυρίῳ πάντοτε· πάλιν ἐρῶ, χαίρετε. Τὸ ἐπιεικὲς ὑμῶν γνωσθήτω πᾶσιν ἀνθρώποις. Ὁ κύριος ἐγγύς. Μηδὲν μεριμνᾶτε, ἀλλ᾽ ἐν παντὶ τῇ προσευχῇ καὶ τῇ δεήσει μετὰ εὐχαριστίας τὰ αἰτήματα ὑμῶν γνωριζέσθω πρὸς τὸν θεόν. Καὶ ἡ εἰρήνη τοῦ θεοῦ ἡ ὑπερέχουσα πάντα νοῦν, φρουρήσει τὰς καρδίας ὑμῶν καὶ τὰ νοήματα ὑμῶν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. Τὸ λοιπόν, ἀδελφοί, ὅσα ἐστὶν ἀληθῆ, ὅσα σεμνά, ὅσα δίκαια, ὅσα ἁγνά, ὅσα προσφιλῆ, ὅσα εὔφημα, εἴ τις ἀρετὴ καὶ εἴ τις ἔπαινος, ταῦτα λογίζεσθε. Ἃ καὶ ἐμάθετε καὶ παρελάβετε καὶ ἠκούσατε καὶ εἴδετε ἐν ἐμοί, ταῦτα πράσσετε· καὶ ὁ θεὸς τῆς εἰρήνης ἔσται μεθ᾽ ὑμῶν.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 12:1-18 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Πρὸ ἓξ ἡμερῶν τοῦ πάσχα ἦλθεν Ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς Βηθανίαν, ὅπου ἦν Λάζαρος ὁ τεθνηκώς, ὃν ἤγειρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν. ἐποίησαν οὖν αὐτῷ δεῖπνον ἐκεῖ, καὶ ἡ Μάρθα διηκόνει· ὁ δὲ Λάζαρος εἷς ἦν τῶν ἀνακειμένων σὺν αὐτῷ. ἡ οὖν Μαρία, λαβοῦσα λίτραν μύρου νάρδου πιστικῆς πολυτίμου, ἤλειψε τοὺς πόδας τοῦ Ἰησοῦ καὶ ἐξέμαξε ταῖς θριξὶν αὐτῆς τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ· ἡ δὲ οἰκία ἐπληρώθη ἐκ τῆς ὀσμῆς τοῦ μύρου. λέγει οὖν εἷς ἐκ τῶν μαθητῶν αὐτοῦ, Ἰούδας Σίμωνος Ἰσκαριώτης, ὁ μέλλων αὐτὸν παραδιδόναι· διατί τοῦτο τὸ μύρον οὐκ ἐπράθη τριακοσίων δηναρίων καὶ ἐδόθη πτωχοῖς; εἶπε δὲ τοῦτο οὐχ ὅτι περὶ τῶν πτωχῶν ἔμελεν αὐτῷ, ἀλλ᾽ ὅτι κλέπτης ἦν, καὶ τὸ γλωσσόκομον εἶχε καὶ τὰ βαλλόμενα ἐβάσταζεν. εἶπεν οὖν ὁ Ἰησοῦς· ἄφες αὐτήν, εἰς τὴν ἡμέραν τοῦ ἐνταφιασμοῦ μου τετήρηκεν αὐτό. τοὺς πτωχοὺς γὰρ πάντοτε ἔχετε μεθ᾽ ἑαυτῶν, ἐμὲ δὲ οὐ πάντοτε ἔχετε.

Ἔγνω οὖν ὄχλος πολὺς ἐκ τῶν Ἰουδαίων ὅτι ἐκεῖ ἐστι, καὶ ἦλθον οὐ διὰ τὸν Ἰησοῦν μόνον, ἀλλ᾽ ἵνα καὶ τὸν Λάζαρον ἴδωσιν ὃν ἤγειρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν. ἐβουλεύσαντο δὲ οἱ ἀρχιερεῖς ἵνα καὶ τὸν Λάζαρον ἀποκτείνωσιν, ὅτι πολλοὶ δι᾽ αὐτὸν ὑπῆγον τῶν Ἰουδαίων καὶ ἐπίστευον εἰς τὸν Ἰησοῦν.

Τῇ ἐπαύριον ὄχλος πολὺς ὁ ἐλθὼν εἰς τὴν ἑορτήν, ἀκούσαντες ὅτι ἔρχεται Ἰησοῦς εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα, ἔλαβον τὰ βαΐα τῶν φοινίκων καὶ ἐξῆλθον εἰς ὑπάντησιν αὐτῷ, καὶ ἔκραζον· ὡσαννά, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου, ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραήλ. εὑρὼν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὀνάριον ἐκάθισεν ἐπ᾽ αὐτό, καθώς ἐστι γεγραμμένον· μὴ φοβοῦ, θύγατερ Σιών· ἰδοὺ ὁ βασιλεύς σου ἔρχεται καθήμενος ἐπὶ πῶλον ὄνου.

Ταῦτα δὲ οὐκ ἔγνωσαν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ τὸ πρῶτον, ἀλλ᾽ ὅτε ἐδοξάσθη ὁ Ἰησοῦς, τότε ἐμνήσθησαν ὅτι ταῦτα ἦν ἐπ᾽ αὐτῷ γεγραμμένα, καὶ ταῦτα ἐποίησαν αὐτῷ. Ἐμαρτύρει οὖν ὁ ὄχλος ὁ ὢν μετ᾽ αὐτοῦ ὅτε τὸν Λάζαρον ἐφώνησεν ἐκ τοῦ μνημείου καὶ ἤγειρεν αὐτὸν ἐκ νεκρῶν. διὰ τοῦτο καὶ ὑπήντησεν αὐτῷ ὁ ὄχλος, ὅτι ἤκουσαν τοῦτο αὐτὸν πεποιηκέναι τὸ σημεῖον.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 12, 2025 - Saturday of Lazarus

8:30 AM	Orthros
9:30 AM	Liturgy
	Breakfast & Palm Making following Liturgy

April 13, 2025 - Palm Sunday

11:00 AM	GOYA Fish Luncheon
6:30 PM	Bridegroom Service

April 14, 2025 - Holy Monday

9:00 AM	Presanctified Liturgy
6:30 PM	Bridegroom Service

April 15, 2025 - Holy Tuesday

9:00 AM	Presanctified Liturgy
6:30 PM	Bridegroom Service

April 16, 2025 - Holy Wednesday

9:00 AM	Presanctified Liturgy
2:30 PM	Holy Unction
6:30 PM	Bridegroom Service with Anointing

April 17, 2025 - Holy Thursday

9:00 AM	Hierarchical Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great with Communion (His Eminence Metropolitan Savas to join)
6:00 PM	Service of the 12 Gospels/Lord's Passion

April 18, 2025 - Holy Friday

9:00 AM	Royal Hours
2:30 PM	Apokatheilosis
6:00 PM	Trisagion (*at the Tomb of Christ*)
6:30 PM	Epitaphio

April 19, 2025 - Holy Saturday

9:00 AM	Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
11:00 PM	Canon of Pascha
12:00 Midnight	Divine Liturgy of Holy Resurrection
	Resurrection Meal to Follow

April 20, 2025 - Great and Holy Pascha

11:00 AM	Agape Vespers (*with the Vespers of St. George*)

April 23, 2025 - Feast of St. George

9:00 AM	Paschal Orthros & Liturgy (*St. George, Massillon*)
6:00 PM	Resurrection Matins