THE LIFE-GIVING FOUNTAIN

In Orthodox tradition, Bright Friday is referred to as the *"Feast of the Life-giving Fountain."* On this day, we recognize the Theotokos as the source of life for all mankind. The new life that flows from the death and Resurrection of our Lord is symbolized as water flowing from a fountain which holds His Blessed Mother.

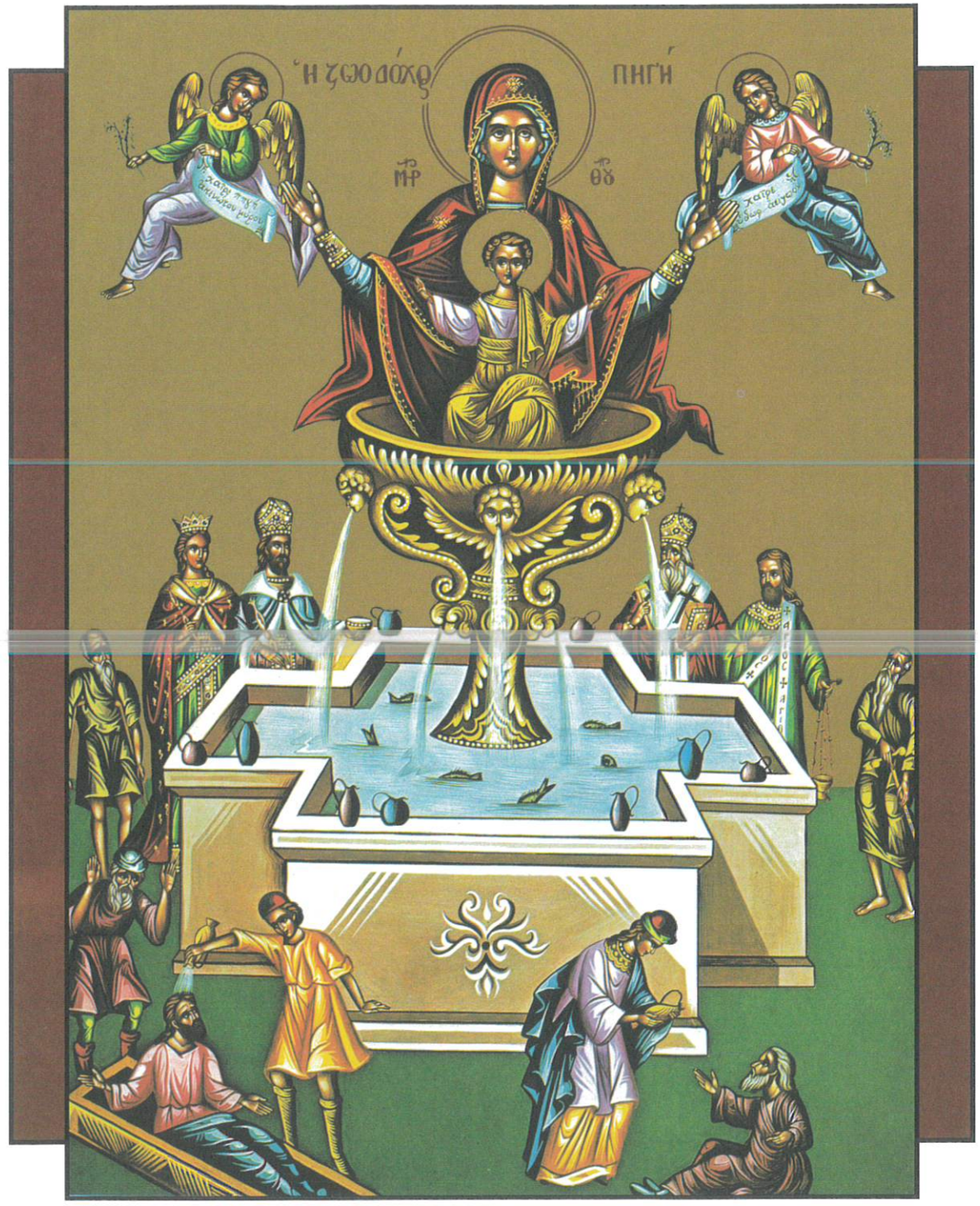
The history of this Feast can be traced back to a vision of the Virgin Mary by a young prince, who sought help for a blind man near Constantinople. In his attempt to find water for his thirsty friend, the young man heard the voice of the Theotokos directing him to a spring-fed well. The man was given the water to drink and was cured immediately of his blindness. The prince, who would later become the Emperor Leo, realized that it was the Mother of God who was responsible for this miracle. A great shrine was established on this site, with many miracles and healings attributed to the waters there.

The spiritual message of this Feast is beautifully captured in the words of the canon from Matins on this day: *"WE KNOW YOU TO BE A LUMINOUS AND HOLY TEMPLE OF THE MASTER OF ALL, O THEOTOKOS, AND A SPRING THAT CAUSES CHRIST, THE WATER OF INCORRUPTION, TO FLOW FORTH, SO THAT WE MAY COME AND DRINK OF THIS LIFE-GIVING FOUNTAIN."*

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Psalm 36:9

For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light.



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Office Hours
Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
(Closed noon-1pm for lunch)

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

Orthros Liturgy

Epistle
Acts
5:12-20

Gospel
John
20:19-31

Attendance
4/20/25
84

Today's Prosfora & Communion Wine

Donated by Steve & Kathy Dimos
In Loving Memory of Sophie & Kenneth Marion

Upcoming Memorials

May 3
15-Year Memorial - Nick Pitinii
5-Yr. Memorial - Andrew Christopher

May 25
AHEPA Recognition & Coffee Hour

2ND ANNUAL GREEK GATSBY GALA

MAY 10, 2025 5-11 PM

TICKETS SALES END on MAY 3rd - NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR

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

Thank you to our Event Sponsors - General Transport Inc. and Atlantic Foods

PLEASE BRING IN ALL BASKET AND AUCTION ITEMS ASAP!

MUFFINS WITH MOMS

Following Liturgy for Coffee Hour on Mother's Day, May 11th!



Get your photo with Mom, Yiayia, Nouna at no cost to you!

Happy Mother's Day to all!

ATTENTION YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS:



Karen Kotanides will be collecting $10.00 from Seniors for our **May 20th Lunch** with St. Haralambos Silver Liners at the Krassas Center following liturgy today, April 27th and next Sunday, May 4th. Remember to mark your calendars for **May 20th** - this is not our normal week! Payment must be received by May 4th!

CONGRATULATIONS 2025 ST. PHOTIOS AWARD WINNERS

Nick & Joyce Spanakis



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

Congratulations!



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!

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.**

FESTIVAL BAKING SCHEDULE



DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Monday, May 5 - Galaktoboureko

Wednesday, May 14 - Kourambiethes

Saturday, May 17 – Fengarakia

Wednesday, May 21 – Melomakarona

Saturday, May 31 – Koulourakia

Saturday, June 14 - Baklava

Saturday, June 28 – Tsoureki

GRECIAN FESTIVAL DATES: JULY 16-19, 2025

Calendar for the Week

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

Sunday, April 27
Thomas Sunday
Dance Troupe 6:30 PM

Monday, April 28
Pilgrimage to St. Anthony's Monastery - Florence, AZ

Tuesday, April 29
Pilgrimage to St. Anthony's Monastery - Florence, AZ
Ladies Exercise 6:00 PM

Wednesday, April 30
Pilgrimage to St. Anthony's Monastery - Florence, AZ
Bible Study 11:00 AM
Paraklesis 6:00 PM

Thursday, May 1
Pilgrimage to St. Anthony's Monastery - Florence, AZ
Koraes Board Meeting 7:00 PM
Young Adult Basketball 7:30 PM

Friday, May 2
Pilgrimage to St. Anthony's Monastery - Florence, AZ

Saturday, May 3
St. Photios Awards - Pittsburgh, PA

Sunday, May 4
15-Yr. Memorial - Nick Pitinii
5-Yr. Memorial - Andrew Christopher
Bournelis Memorial 11:30 AM
Luncheon by Youth & Education
Kitchen Use - AHEPA 2:00 PM
Dance Troupe 6:30 PM

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NO PROBLEM!
Scan code with smart phone to make a payment!

SCAN ME

Apolytikion.
Grave Mode.

The tomb being sealed, You rose from the sepulcher, O Christ God, the Life. And the doors being shut, You came to the disciples, O resurrection of all. Through them You renew a right spirit within us, according to Your great mercy.

Kontakion of Pascha.
Mode pl. 4.

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ God; and You called out to the Myrrh-bearing women “Rejoice”, and gave peace to Your Apostles, the One Who to the fallen grants resurrection.

Acts of the Apostles 5:12-20

Prokeimenon. Mode 4
Psalm 146.5;134.3
Great is our Lord, and great is his power.
Verse: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 5:12-20

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

The Gospel According to John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe." Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and My God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, you may have life in His name.

Ἀπολυτίκιον.
Ἦχος βαρύς.

Ἐσφραγισμένου τοῦ μνήματος, ἡ ζωὴ ἐκ τάφου ἀνέτειλας Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός· καὶ τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων, τοῖς Μαθηταῖς ἐπέστης, ἡ πάντων ἀνάστασις· Πνεῦμα εὐθὲς δι' αὐτῶν ἐγκαινίζων ἡμῖν, κατὰ τὸ μέγα σου ἔλεος.

Κοντάκιον τοῦ Πάσχα.
Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατῆλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ᾅδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθεγξάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 5:12-20

Προκείμενον. Ήχος δ'
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 146.5;134.3
Μέγας ὁ Κύριος ἡμῶν, καὶ μεγάλη ἡ ἰσχὺς ἀὐτοῦ.
Στίχ. Αἰνεῖτε τὸν Κύριον, ὅτι ἀγαθός.

Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 5:12-20 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκείναις, διὰ δὲ τῶν χειρῶν τῶν ἀποστόλων ἐγίνετο σημεῖα καὶ τέρατα ἐν τῷ λαῷ πολλά· καὶ ἦσαν ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἅπαντες ἐν τῇ στοᾷ Σολομῶντος. Τῶν δὲ λοιπῶν οὐδεὶς ἐτόλμα κολλᾶσθαι αὐτοῖς, ἀλλ' ἐμεγάλυνεν αὐτοὺς ὁ λαός· μᾶλλον δὲ προσετίθεντο πιστεύοντες τῷ κυρίῳ, πλήθη ἀνδρῶν τε καὶ γυναικῶν· ὥστε κατὰ τὰς πλατείας ἐκφέρειν τοὺς ἀσθενεῖς, καὶ τιθέναι ἐπὶ κλινῶν καὶ κραββάτων, ἵνα ἐρχομένου Πέτρου κἂν ἡ σκιὰ ἐπισκιάσῃ τινὶ αὐτῶν. Συνήρχετο δὲ καὶ τὸ πλῆθος τῶν πέριξ πόλεων εἰς Ἰερουσαλήμ, φέροντες ἀσθενεῖς καὶ ὀχλουμένους ὑπὸ πνευμάτων ἀκαθάρτων, οἵτινες ἐθεραπεύοντο ἅπαντες. Ἀναστὰς δὲ ὁ ἀρχιερεὺς καὶ πάντες οἱ σὺν αὐτῷ - ἡ οὖσα αἵρεσις τῶν Σαδδουκαίων - ἐπλήσθησαν ζήλου, καὶ ἐπέβαλον τὰς χεῖρας αὐτῶν ἐπὶ τοὺς ἀποστόλους, καὶ ἔθεντο αὐτοὺς ἐν τηρήσει δημοσίᾳ. Ἄγγελος δὲ κυρίου διὰ τῆς νυκτὸς ἤνοιξεν τὰς θύρας τῆς φυλακῆς, ἐξαγαγών τε αὐτοὺς εἶπεν, Πορεύεσθε, καὶ σταθέντες λαλεῖτε ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ τῷ λαῷ πάντα τὰ ῥήματα τῆς ζωῆς ταύτης.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 20:19-31 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Οὔσης ὀψίας τῇ ἡμέρᾳ ἐκείνῃ τῇ μιᾷ τῶν σαββάτων, καὶ τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων ὅπου ἦσαν οἱ μαθηταὶ συνηγμένοι διὰ τὸν φόβον τῶν Ἰουδαίων, ἦλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς καὶ ἔστη εἰς τὸ μέσον, καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· Εἰρήνη ὑμῖν. Καὶ τοῦτο εἰπὼν ἔδειξεν αὐτοῖς τὰς χεῖρας καὶ τὴν πλευρὰν αὐτοῦ· ἐχάρησαν οὖν οἱ μαθηταὶ ἰδόντες τὸν Κύριον. Εἶπεν οὖν αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς πάλιν· Εἰρήνη ὑμῖν, καθὼς ἀπέσταλκέ με ὁ πατήρ, κἀγὼ πέμπω ὑμᾶς. Καὶ τοῦτο εἰπὼν ἐνεφύσησε καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· Λάβετε Πνεῦμα Ἅγιον. Ἄν τινων ἀφῆτε τὰς ἁμαρτίας, ἀφιένται αὐτοῖς, ἄν τινων κρατῆτε, κεκράτηνται. Θωμᾶς δέ, εἷς ἐκ τῶν δώδεκα, ὁ λεγόμενος Δίδυμος, οὐκ ἦν μετ' αὐτῶν ὅτε ἦλθεν Ἰησοῦς· ἔλεγον οὖν αὐτῷ οἱ ἄλλοι μαθηταί· Ἑωράκαμεν τὸν Κύριον. Ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· Ἐὰν μὴ ἴδω ἐν ταῖς χερσὶν αὐτοῦ τὸν τύπον τῶν ἥλων, καὶ βάλω τὸν δάκτυλόν μου εἰς τὸν τύπον τῶν ἥλων, καὶ βάλω τὴν χεῖρά μου εἰς τὴν πλευρὰν αὐτοῦ, οὐ μὴ πιστεύσω. Καὶ μεθ' ἡμέρας ὀκτὼ πάλιν ἦσαν ἔσω οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ, καὶ Θωμᾶς μετ' αὐτῶν. Ἔρχεται ὁ Ἰησοῦς τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων, καὶ ἔστη εἰς τὸ μέσον καὶ εἶπεν· Εἰρήνη ὑμῖν. Εἶτα λέγει τῷ Θωμᾶ· φέρε τὸν δάκτυλόν σου ὧδε, καὶ ἴδε τὰς χεῖράς μου. καὶ φέρε τὴν χεῖρά σου καὶ βάλε εἰς τὴν πλευράν μου, καὶ μὴ γίνου ἄπιστος ἀλλὰ πιστός. Καὶ ἀπεκρίθη ὁ Θωμᾶς, καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· Ὁ Κύριός μου καὶ ὁ Θεός μου. Λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· Ὅτι ἑώρακάς με πεπίστευκας, μακάριοι οἱ μὴ ἰδόντες, καὶ πιστεύσαντες. Πολλὰ μὲν οὖν καὶ ἄλλα σημεῖα ἐποίησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐνώπιον τῶν μαθητῶν αὐτοῦ, ἃ οὐκ ἔστιν γεγραμμένα ἐν τῷ βιβλίῳ τούτῳ· ταῦτα δὲ γέγραπται ἵνα πιστεύσητε ὅτι ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐστιν ὁ Χριστὸς ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, καὶ ἵνα πιστεύοντες, ζωὴν ἔχητε ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι αὐτοῦ.