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May 5, 2024

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Τιμώσατοι ἄδελφοι Ἱεράχιες καὶ τέκνα ἐν Κυρίῳ ἀγαπηταί,

Εὐδοκία καὶ χάριτα τοῦ πανδώροι Θεοῦ διατρέξαντες τὸν δόλιον τῆς Ἁγίας καὶ Μεγάλης Θεσπαρακοστῆς καὶ διελθόντες ἐν κατανόει τῆς Ἐβδομάδος τῶν Παθῶν τοῦ Κυρίου, ἴδοι, εὐφρανόμεθα τῇ πανηγύρει τῆς λαμπροφόρου Ἀναστάσεως Αὐτοῦ, δι’ ἣς ἐλυπώθημεν ἐκ τῆς τοῦ Ἀδοὺ τυφανίδος.

Ἡ ἐνδοξὸς ἐκ νεκρῶν Ἐγερσις τοῦ Σωτῆρος Χριστοῦ εἶναι συνανάστασις σύμπαντος τῶν γέννων τῶν ἁρπατών καὶ πρόγευσις τῆς τελείωσις τῶν πάντων καὶ τῆς τελθόσας τῆς Θείας Οἰκονομίας ἐν τῇ ἐπομενόν Ἐκκλησίᾳ. Μετέχομεν εἰς τὸ ἀφροτοῦτο μυστηρίον τῆς Ἀναστάσεως ἐν τῇ Ἐκκλησίᾳ, ἀγαμάζομεν ἐν τοῖς ἰεροῖς αὐτῆς μυστηρίων καὶ βοοῦντες τὸ Πάσχα, «τὸ πῦλα ἡμῶν τοῦ Παραδείσου ἀνοίγαν», ὡς ἀναμίλησαν ἐνός γεγονότος τοῦ παρελθόντος, ἀλλὰ ὡς πεποιθοῦσαν τῆς ἐκκλησιαστικῆς ζωῆς, ὡς παροικίζον τῷ Χριστῷ δεῖ ἐν τῷ μεσῷ ἡμῶν, ἐγγίνοντες εἰς ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ δόσιν ἡμεῖς οἱ ἑαυτοί εἰς τὸν ἀκατὸν μας. Τὸ Πάσχα, οἱ οὐράθεοι ποιοί ἀνακαλύπτουν τὸν αληθινὸν τῶν ἡμῶν ἡμᾶς, ἐν Ἑρωτίῳ εἶναι, ἐνάδικους εἰς τὴν κίνησιν τῶν πάντων πρὸς τὰ ἔσχατα, «ἐν χαρά ἀνακαλήθην καὶ δεδοξασμένη» (Ἀ Πέτρ. α., 8), ὡς «νεοί φιλότος... καὶ νεοὶ ἡμέρας» (Ἀ Θεσσ. ε., 5).

Κεντρικούς χαρακτηριστικούς τῆς οὐραθείου ζωῆς εἶναι ο Αναστάσιμος παλμός της. Αυτόχως ἀπεκάλεσεν ὁ φίλος ψυχῆς τῆς οὐραθείου πνευματικήτα «σκυθροφοσί» καὶ «φρισυνωφοσί». Εὐστόχιος ἔπαιρνεται ὑπὸ τῶν Δυτικῶν τὸ ἀνεπτυγμένον αἰσθήτηριον τῶν Οὐραθείων διὰ τὸ νόημα καὶ τὸ βιωματικὸν βάθος τῆς πασχαλικῆς ἔμπειρας, χωρὶς ὡς ἡ πίστις αὐτή να λησθούν, ὅτι η πορεία πρὸς τὴν Ανάστασιν διέρχεται διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ. Δεν γνωρίζει ἡ οὐράθειος πνευματικήτα τῶν αὐτοποιημάτων τῆς Αναστάσεως χωρὶς Σταυρὸν, οὕτε τὴν ἀπαναποθέτουν τοῦ Σταυροῦ χωρὶς τὴν Ανάστασιν. Διὰ τὸν λόγον αὐτῶν, εἰς τὸ οὐράθειόν βίωμα τὸ κακὸν δὲν ἔχει τὸν τελευταίον λόγον ἐν τῇ ἰστορίᾳ, ἐνδος ἡ πίστις εἰς τὴν Ανάστασιν λειτουργεῖ ὡς κίνητρον διὰ τὸν αγώνια ἐναντίον τῆς παροχαία ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ καὶ τῶν συνεπειών του, ὃς ἡ ἰσχυρα μεταμορφοτικὴ δύναμις. Εἰς τὴν οὐραθείαν αὐτοποιηθηκήν δὲν ὑπάρχει χώρος διὰ συνθήκης ἀπέναντες εἰς τὸ κακὸν, δι’ ἀδιάφορα φεύγει τῆς πορείας τῶν ἀνθρώπινων πραγμάτων. Αντιθέτως, ἡ υμβολὴ εἰς τὴν μεταμόρφωσιν
τῆς ἰστορίας ἐχει θεολογικὴν βάσιν καὶ ὑπαρξιακὸν ἐρείσμα καὶ ἐκτυπώσεται χωρὶς τὸν κόσμου ταυτότητας τῆς Ἐκκλησίας μὲ τοῦ κόσμου. Ὁ Ὁρθόδοξος πιστός ἔχει συνειδήσει τῆς ἀντιθέτους μεταξὺ τῆς ἐγκοσμίου πραγματικότητος καὶ τῆς ἐσχατολογικῆς τελείωσιμός καὶ δὲν εἶναι δυνατόν νὰ παραμείνῃ ἄδραστης ἀπειλοῦνται εἰς τὰς ἀρνητικάς. Διὰ τὸν λόγον αὐτοῦ, ὁ Ὁρθόδοξος Ἐκκλησία δὲν εἶναι ποτὲ τὸν ἀγώνα διὰ μεταμόρφωσιν τοῦ κόσμου ἣτο ἄστησαν ὑπόθεσις. Ἡ πασχάλιος πίστης ἐνωθεῖ τὴν Ἐκκλησίαν τόσον ἀπὸ τὴν ἔσωστρέφειν καὶ τήν κλειστότητα, ὅσον καὶ ἀπὸ τὴν ἐκκοσμίασεν.

Εἰς τὸ Πάσχα τῶν ὁρθοδόξων συμπεριλαμβάνεται ἄλλης ἐνωθεῖ τοῦ μυστηρίου καὶ ὁ ὑπαιτικὸς πλοῦτος τῆς εὐστείας μας. Τὸ «ἐξευθείας» τῶν Μισθοφόρων, ὅταν, «ἐξευθείας εἰς τὸ ἁμάρτημα ἔδωκαν νεανίδαν... περιβλημένου στολήν λευκήν» (Μάρκ. ιερατικών, 5), χαρακτηρίζει τὸ μέγεθος καὶ τὴν ὀφειλεῖ τῆς ἐμπειρίας τῆς πίστεως ὡς βιώσας ὑπαρξιακοῦ συγκλονισμοῦ. Τὸ «ἐκθεμέλεια» δηλάται ότι ὁ ἄνθρωπος εὑρίσκεται ἐνώπιον ἕνως μυστηρίου, τὸ ὅποιον βαθαίνει, δύον τὸ προσεγγίζει, κατὰ τὸ λεγέν, ὅτι ἡ πίστις μας «δέν εἶναι πορεία ἀπὸ τὸ μυστηρίο στὴ γνώση, ἀλλὰ ἀπὸ τὴ γνώση στὸ μυστήριο».


Μὲ αὐτὰ τὰ αἰσθήματα, τιμωτάτου ἀδελφοῦ καὶ περιφημένα τέκνα, ἐμπίπτει τῇ πεπληρωμένῃ χαρᾷ τῆς μετοχῆς εἰς τὴν «κοίνην τῶν ὅλων παντιγυμνῶν, λαβόντες φῶς ἐκ τοῦ ἀνεπίθετον φωτὸς καὶ δοξάζοντες Χριστὸν τὸν ἀναστάντα ἐκ νεκρῶν καὶ ἀνακειμένα πάνω τὴν ζωῆν, μεμυμένας δὲ κατὰ τὴν πανίσχυραν ταύτην «κηρύνει καὶ ἄγιον ἡμέραν», πάντων τῶν ἐν παραπάστευσιν ἀδελφῶν, δεδομεθα ὡς «πατρίσιον θανάτῳ τὸν ἄνισταν» Κυρίου καὶ Θεοῦ τῆς εἰρήνης, ὅταν εἰρῆνευ τὸν κόσμον, καταγύμνητα τὰ διαβήματα ἡμῶν πρὸς πᾶν ἔριον ἀγαθὸν καὶ Ἀνθρώπος εὐάρεστον, ἀναφεροῦντες τὸν πανευφανοῦν ὑμῖν «Χριστὸς Λύστηρ».}

Φανάριον, Ἀγίον Πάσχα βιβλία Ἡ Ὡ Κωνσταντινούπολεως διάπερος πρὸς Χριστοῦ Ἀναστάντα εὐχές τοῦ ἡμῶν ἱμῶν.

Αναγνωσθείτω ἐν Ἐκκλησίας κατὰ τὴν Θείαν Λειτουργίαν τῆς ἔστης τοῦ Ἁγίου Πάσχα, μετά τὸ Ἱερὸν Εὐαγγέλιον.
PATRIARCHAL ENCYCLICAL
FOR HOLY PASCHA

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+ B A R T H O L O M E W
BY GOD’S MERCY
ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE-NEW ROME
AND ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH
TO THE PLENTITUDE OF THE CHURCH:
MAY THE GRACE, PEACE AND MERCY OF CHRIST RISEN IN GLORY
BE WITH YOU ALL
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Most honorable brother Hierarchs and beloved children in the Lord,

By the pleasure and grace of God, the giver of all gifts, having run the race of Holy and Great Lent and spent with compunction the Week of our Lord’s Passion, behold we delight in the celebration of His splendid Resurrection, through which we were redeemed from the tyranny of Hades.

The glorious Resurrection of the Lord Christ from the dead is a shared resurrection of the entire race of mortals and a foretaste of the perfection of all, as well as of the fulfilment of the Divine Oikonomia in the heavenly Kingdom. We participate in the ineffable mystery of the Resurrection in the Church, being sanctified in its sacraments and experiencing Pascha, “which has opened to us the gates of Paradise,” not as a recollection of an event in the past, but as the quintessence of ecclesiastical life, as the presence of Christ ever among us, closer to us than we to ourselves. On Pascha, the Orthodox faithful discover their true selves as being in Christ; they are integrated into the movement of all things to the End Times, “with inexpressible and glorious joy” (1 Peter 1:8), as “children of light . . . and children of day” (1 Thess. 5:5).

The central feature of Orthodox life is its Resurrectional pulse. Philosophers have wrongly described Orthodox spirituality as “sullen” and “autumnal.” By contrast, Westerners rightly praise the refined perceptiveness of the Orthodox in relation to the meaning and depth of the paschal experience. Yet this faith never forgets that the way to the Resurrection passes through the Cross. Orthodox spirituality does not recognize the utopianism of a Resurrection without Crucifixion, nor the pessimism of the Cross without the Resurrection. For this reason, in the Orthodox experience, evil does not have the final word in history, while faith in the Resurrection serves as the motivation for the struggle against the presence of evil and its consequences in the world, acting as a powerful transformative force. In the Orthodox self-consciousness, there is no place for surrender
to evil or for indifference toward the development of human affairs. On the contrary, its contribution to the transformation of history has theological basis and existential grounding and it unfolds without running the risk of identifying the Church with the world. The Orthodox believer is conscious of the antithesis between worldly reality and eschatological perfection. And so he or she cannot remain idle before any negative dimensions of the world. For this reason, the Orthodox Church has never considered the struggle for transforming the world as a meaningless matter. Our faith in the Resurrection has preserved the Church both from introversion and indifference for the world, as well as from secularization.

For us Orthodox, the entire mystery and existential treasure of our piety is condensed into Pascha. When we hear that the Myrrh-bearers “were astonished” upon “entering the tomb and seeing a young man dressed in bright clothes” (Mark 16:5), this characterizes the vastness and essence of our experience of faith as the experience of existential wonder. When we hear that “they were astonished,” this means that we find ourselves before a mystery that becomes deeper the more we approach it, in accordance with what has been said, that our faith “is not a journey from mystery to knowledge, but from knowledge to mystery.”

While the denial of mystery existentially reduces human nature, the respect of mystery opens to us the gates of heaven. Faith in the Resurrection is the deepest and clearest expression of our freedom; or rather, it is the birth of freedom as a voluntary acceptance of the supreme divine gift, namely of deification by grace. As “experienced Resurrection,” the Orthodox Church is the space of “authentic freedom” that for the Christian life is the foundation, way, and destiny. The Resurrection of Christ is the good news of freedom, the gift of freedom, and the guarantee of “shared freedom” in the “eternal life” of the Kingdom of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

With these sentiments, most precious brothers and beloved children, filled with the complete joy of participating in “the feast that is shared by all,” having received light from the unwaning light and given glory to Christ risen from the dead and brought life to all – even as we remember during this all-festal “chosen and holy day” all of our brothers and sisters in difficult circumstances – we pray to our Lord “who trampled down death by death,” the God of peace, that He might bring peace to the world and guide our steps toward every deed that is good and pleasing to Him, proclaiming the all-joyous hymn “Christ is Risen!”

At the Phanar, Holy Pascha 2024
+ Bartholomew of Constantinople
Fervent supplicant for you all
to the Risen Lord

To be read after the Holy Gospel during the Divine Liturgy on the Feast of Holy Pascha.
ΙΕΡΑ ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΗ ΑΜΕΡΙΚΗΣ:
ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΙΚΗ ΓΕΥΣΙΣ

Αρχιεπισκοπική Γεύσις για για το Άγιο Πάσχα,

5 Μαίου 2024

Πρὸς τοὺς Σέβασμος ιεραπετρίτους καὶ Θεοφιλεστάτους Αρχιερεῖς, τοὺς Ευλαβεστάτους Ιερεῖς καὶ Διακόνους, τοὺς Μοναχοὺς καὶ τις Μοναχές, τοὺς Προκέφαλους καὶ τα Μέλη τῶν Κοινωνικῶν Σταθμῶν, τοὺς Εντυπωσιακοὺς Άρχαντες τοῦ Ιεροσολυμικοῦ Πατριαρχείου, τὰ μέλη τῆς Πηγῆς τῶν 100, τὰ Ημερήσια καὶ Απογημνοταί Σχολεῖα, τις Φιλοσπόρους Αθλητές, τὴν Νεολαία, τὶς Ελληνοφιλοδοξίας Οργανώσεις καὶ ὁλοκληρῶς τὸ Χριστιανόν πλῆθος τῆς Ιερᾶς Αρχιεπισκοπῆς Αμερικῆς.

«Ἀσπετασάντες καὶ μὴ νηστείαντες, εὐφράτηθε σημερόν.

Ἡ τρίτεσσα γέρα, τροφήσατε πάντες.»

(Ἀπὸ τὸν κατηγορικὸν ἀγώνιον Τιμίου Χριστού).

Προσφείτε ἰδιοί καὶ ἀδελφοί ἐν Χριστῷ.

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη!

Τῇ νύχτῃ τοῦ Πάσχα, ἡ χρυσὴ φωνὴ τοῦ μεγάλου Πατριάρχου Κωνσταντινοπόλεως ακούγεται σὲ κάθε νεο σὲ διὸ τὸν ορθόδοξο χῶρο. Ο ἐφόσον Χριστός ὁμομοίως μᾶς προσκαλεῖ ὅλους μὲ τὸ πνεῦμα τῆς εὐαγγελίας ποτὲ κατὰ τὴν «μνήμην τῶν σαββάτων», τὴν «ευχήν τῶν εὐχαριστίαν», νὰ μεταφέρουμε σὲ αὐτὸ «τὸ σημείον τῆς πίστεως».

Τὸ μεγαλόπλοο αὐτὸ κάλεσμα πρὸς ἅπαντας νὰ μεταφέρουμε τὴν χῶρα τῆς ἀναστάσεως γίνεται χώρας ἀντίτιμος, ὅπως στὴν προσκολήσι τῆς προφητείας ποτὲ λέει «οἱ διηγοῦντες παρέχουσιν ἐν τῷ ὅσεν καὶ ὅσον ἔχεις ἐγινόμενον» (Hσαία 11:1; Ἡσαία 11:1). Ἡ ἡμέρα ἀυτὴ νύχτα, «συγχωρήσατε τὰ πάντα τῇ Ἀναστάσει», καθὼς ἡ συγχώρηση ἀπὸ τὶς μικρότερες μέχρι τὶς μεγαλύτερες δαιμώνες γίνεται χώρας ἀντίτιμο.
καὶ ἡ χάρις τοῦ Θεοῦ παρέχεται δωρεὰν ἐν ἀφθονίᾳ, ὅταν μᾶς λέει ὁ εὐαγγελιστὴς: «χάριν ἀντὶ χάριτος» (Κατὰ Ιωάννου 1:16).

Τίκνω να μὴ ἐποπτέωμεν στὴ νηπεία τῶν ὑπὲρ τὰ ἐπιθυμούμενα, τοίχοι καὶ καίτοι να μὴ νηπεύσουν καθόλου. Ὁμοίως μετοχής μας στὴν πιστικὴν ἀνάπτυξιν δὲν καθορίζεται ἀπὸ τὴν ποικιλία ἢ τὴν ποικιλία τῶν τροφῶν που καταναλώσαμε. Τὸ εἰσόδιο μὲ τὴν μετοχή τῆς «πράξεως τῆς πιστείας» ταξιάσει μᾶλλον ἀπὸ τὴν ποικιλία τῆς φιλανθρωπίας καὶ τὴν ποικιλία τῆς ἀγάπης πρὸς κάθε συνάνθρωπο.

Τοῦτο, ὁ Ἱησοῦς Χριστός μᾶς προσκαλεί ὅλους στὴν πιστικὴν ἀνάπτυξιν ὑπὸς να μὴ ἔλεγχο γιὰ τὸ ἀν προσομοίωμε τοὺς πεποιθητέρας κανόνες. Γιὰ τὴν θυσία τῆς ἀναστάσεως ὁ νόμος τῆς ἀγάπης ὑπερέχει παντὸς ἄλλου νόμου, ὅταν ἀγαπᾶμε καὶ συγγραφοῦμε, ὅπως μᾶς ἀγαπᾶ καὶ μᾶς συγγραφεῖ ὁ Θεός.

Ἀγαπητοί μου χριστιανοί, ὅσα ἀπογράψαμε τὴν πρόοδο πρὸς μᾶς απενεργοῦμε ὁ ἅγιος Ιωάννης ὁ Χριστιανικός! Ἀς τὴν ἀποδίδομε, χωρὶς να ἀπεξηγούμενο μας γιὰ δὲν ὅσα νομίζετε ὅτι καταφέρθηκε, ἀλλὰ καὶ χωρὶς νηπεία ἢ ἀπόγνωσιν γιὰ τὴν ἀποτυχία τῶν στόχων μας! Ἡ ἀνάπτυξις γίνεται! Ἐφηβεύσατε παντες ἀπὸ τὸ ἔλεος καὶ τὴν ἀγάπη τοῦ Θεοῦ.

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη.

† ὁ Ἀμαρκής Ἐλπιδοφόρος

Σημείωση: Νὰ ἀναγνωρίζετε ὅτι τότε ἐπικοινωνία κατὰ τὸν Ἑπισκόπον τῆς Ἁγάπης, τὸ πρωί τῆς Κυριακῆς τοῦ Πάσχα, 5 Μαΐου 2024.
Archeiscopal Encyclical on Great and Holy Pascha, 2024

May 5, 2024

Unto the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs, Pious Priests and Deacons, Menas and Nuns, Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils, Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Members of Leadership 100, Day and Afternoon Schools, Philoptochos Societies, Youth, Greek Orthodox Organizations, and entirety of the Christ-loving Plentitude of the Sacred Archdiocese of America:

You who fast, and you who fast not, rejoice today!
The table is laden; let all fare sumptuously.
(Catechetical Oration of the Holy Chrysostom)

My beloved sisters and brothers in the Risen Lord,

Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη! Christ is Risen!

On Pascha night, the gilded voice of the legendary Archbishop of Constantinople cries out in every church throughout the Orthodox Christian world. In this only sermon ever preached on this “first of Sabbaths” (μιᾷ τῶν Σαββάτων) and “least of feasts” (ἴσοτον ἱπτόμενη), the Holy Chrysostom invites one and all to partake of “the banquet of faith” (τὸ αἵματος τῆς πίστεως).

His grand call to everyone to share in the joy of the Resurrection comes without price, like the call of the Prophet who said, "Let everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and those who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price (Isaiah 55:1).” For as we chant on this Holy Night, “let us all forgive all things in the Resurrection,” from the smallest to the greatest of failings, no price is exacted for the abundance of God’s grace, even grace upon grace (John 1:16).
Indeed, we may not have kept the Fast as we first intended. And some do not keep the Fast at all. However, our invitation to “the banquet of faith” is not simply contingent upon the quality or quantity of the foodstuffs from which we partake or abstain. Instead, our participation in the Table as co-banqueters presupposes a high measure of philanthropy and compassion for our fellow neighbor.

Thus, the saintly Golden-Mouth calls all to the Table, the Holy Table, without regard for our fulfillment of the laws around tasting. For on the night of Pascha, the law of love transcends every shortcoming — if only we will extend the same love and forgiveness that God grants to us to others.

My beloved Christians, do not pass by the invitation of Saint John Chrysostom! Accept it without pride in whatever you think you have attained, and without shame or regret for how you may have fallen short of your intentions. The Table is laden! Let all fare sumptuously of God’s eternal mercy and love!

Χριστὸς Ανέστη! Christ is Risen!

†ELPIDIO‡HOROS
Archbishop of America

Note: To be read in every parish of the Archdiocese during Agape Vespers on Pascha Sunday, May 5, 2024.
for the following days:

Holy Friday, May 3, 2024
from 6:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight
&

Holy Saturday, May 4, 2024
from 9:30 p.m. - 2:30 a.m.

Кαλή Ανάσταση!

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

PASCHA SUNDAY
MAY 5, 2024
(Irene the Great Martyr)
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Vespers of Love

2nd DAY OF
PASCHA MONDAY
MAY 6, 2024
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Orthros, Divine Liturgy
George the Great Martyr

3rd DAY OF
PASCHA TUESDAY
MAY 7, 2024
9a.m. - 11a.m.
Orthros, Divine Liturgy
(Holy Communion)
Saints Raphael, Nikolaos & Irene

WEDNESDAY
MAY 8, 2024
9a.m. - 11a.m. Orthros
Divine Liturgy
(Holy Communion)
Synaxis of John the Apostle,
Arsenios the Great
THURSDAY
MAY 9, 2024
9a.m. - Orthros
Divine Liturgy
(Holy Communion)
Isaiah the Prophet,
Christopher the Martyr of Lyceia

FRIDAY
MAY 10, 2024
9a.m.-11.30a.m.
Orthros, Divine Liturgy
(Holy Communion)
THEOTOKOS OF THE
LIFEGIVING FONT
AGIASMOS

SATURDAY
MAY 11, 2024
9a.m. - Orthros,
Divine Liturgy
(Holy Communion)
Renewal of Constantinople

SUNDAY OF
SAINT THOMAS
MAY 12, 2024
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Orthros, Divine Liturgy
(Holy Communion)
Mother's Day Program ~ Catechism School
Coffee is served by the PTO

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΣΧΑ
MAY 5, 2024
Αγία Ευρήνη
ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΣΧΑ
6 ΜΑΙΟΥ, 2024
9:00 π.μ. – 11:00 π.μ.
Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία
(Θεία Κοινωνία)
Αγ. Γεωργίου

ΤΡΙΤΗ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΣΧΑ
7 ΜΑΙΟΥ, 2024
9:00 π.μ. – 11:00 π.μ.
Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία
(Θεία Κοινωνία)
Ραφαήλ, Νικολάου & Ειρήνης

ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ
8 ΜΑΙΟΥ, 2024
9:00 π.μ. – 11:00 π.μ.
Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία
(Θεία Κοινωνία)
Σύναξις Ιωάννου του Θεολόγου
(Θεία Κοινωνία)
Αρσένιος ο Μέγας

ΠΕΜΠΤΗ
9 ΜΑΙΟΥ, 2024
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Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία
(Θεία Κοινωνία)
Ησαΐας Προφήτης
(Θεία Κοινωνία)
Χριστόφορος Μάρτυς
(Θεία Κοινωνία)

ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ
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Αγιασμός
ΖΩΟΔΟΧΟΥ ΠΗΓΗΣ
ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ
11 ΜΑΙΟΥ, 2024
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Θεία Λειτουργία
(Θεία Κοινωνία)
Εγκαίνια της Κον.

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΘΩΜΑ
12 ΜΑΙΟΥ, 2024
8:30 π.μ. – 11:30 μ.μ.
Όρθρος Θεία Λειτουργία
(Θεία Κοινωνία)
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MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Parish Council
Peter Frangiskou
President
Palm Sunday is beginning of Holy Week and the commemoration of our Lord entering Jerusalem following his miracle in raising Lazarus from the dead. It was a pleasure watching Philoptochos, Students and Volunteers make the Palms on Saturday. Palm Sunday’s service was filled with families, friends and guests that followed by a successful Bakaliaro Fund Raiser in our church auditorium. Parish joined together to organize and prepare this feast that served our entire Community. I am proud and thankful in witnessing all the families that attended in making our fund raiser a great success.

I wish all of you a Happy Easter!
Kali Anastasi!

Philoptochos
Lea Drivas
President

The ladies of the Ascension Philoptochos make many contributions to our beloved Church during Holy Week, beginning with the Saturday of Lazarus where they gather after Liturgy to make hundreds of palm crosses for distribution to the church community on Palm Sunday. Some of our Philoptochos members also assist with decorating the icons for Holy Week services as well as making of the Stefana. On Good Friday, you will find the ladies at church very early in the morning decorating the Epitafio with the beautiful flowers for which funds were donated by many parishioners. Also one of the ongoing projects of Philoptochos during this season are the dying of the red eggs Father Christos distributes. Lastly, we never forget those in need and provide social service assistance during this time in hopes that we are making someone else’s life better. Philoptochos has been carrying on these traditions and their philanthropic endeavors for many years as it is our way of showing our love and support not only for our community, but also for others.

We wish all of you a Kali Anastasi with God’s blessings.

Greek School
Δημοσθένης Τριανταφύλλου
Διευθυντής

Ο Διευθυντής, οι Δασκάλες και οι μαθητές του Γυμνασίου και του Δημοτικού σχολείου της Θείας Αναλήψεως ευχούνται σε όλους τους γονείς και φίλους του Ελληνικού σχολείου μας. Όπως περάσουν τις Άγιες ημέρες του Πάσχα με υγεία, χαρά και ευτυχία! Η ευτυχία του κάθε ανθρώπου προέρχεται από τις καλές πράξεις απέναντι όλων των συνανθρώπων του. Χριστός σημαίνει αγάπη και αλληλεγγύη με όλους! Το ανέστερο φως της Ανάστασης να μας φωτίζει όλους!

«Χριστός Ανέστη!» «Αληθώς Ανέστη!»

Na γράψετε τα παιδιά σας στο ελληνικό μας σχολείο, το καλύτερο σχολείο με Γυμνάσιο!

Catechism School
Evelyn Tsugranis
Director

We have nearly arrived at our Lord's Glorious Resurrection. It has been such a pleasure to journey through Lent with our children and learn about our faith and Christ's unconditional love for us all. Kali Anastasi! Have a blessed Pascha with all of your loved ones!

GOYA
Mike Tsugranis
Head Advisor

Warm greetings, fellow parishioners. This is the week that changed the world, and has forever changed our lives. As we journey through this most sacred week, we wish God grants us all a grateful heart for the salvation of our souls through Christ our Lord. May God's abundant blessings shine on you and all of your loved ones during this Holiest of Weeks.

Καλό Πάσχα!
May 5, 2024
Holy Resurrection
Easter Egg Hunt

May 12, 2024
Catechism School
Mother's Day Program

May 19, 2024
Catechism Graduation
GOYA & College
Recognition Day

June 2, 2024
Greek School
Graduation

June 6 - June 9, 2024
Festival

ATTENTION
ASCENSION FAMILIES

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES
CLASS OF 2024
On May 19, 2024, Father Christos and our community will recognize the accomplishments of the youth of our Ascension family graduating from an accredited college/graduate/law/medical schools in 2024.

If your child, grandchild, nephew/niece, cousin has successfully completed a degree, we need your help by completing the info in the link below by May 10, 2024. If you have any questions, contact Evelyn Tsugranis, Catechism Director, at 201-658-1801 or Anastasia, Office Administrator, at 201-945-6448.

GRADUATE INFO

Our high school/GOYA and Catechism graduates will also be recognized on this date.

Greek School graduation will be celebrated on June 2, 2024.
Ascension Greek Orthodox Church
Fairview, NJ

Sunday May 5
Easter
Egg Hunt
Vespers of Love
12 Noon to 1:00 PM
Immediately following services
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Student Referral Form

As an alumnus of Hellenic College Holy Cross, you know better than anyone else what qualities are needed for students to thrive here. Our best students tell us that talking with someone who knows HCHC made them want to apply.

Below you'll be asked to provide information about yourself as well as the student you're referring. Providing your information allows Admissions to note that the potential student was referred by you, and providing their information allows us to connect with them about considering Hellenic College Holy Cross.

Students referred to us by any alumnus of Hellenic College Holy Cross qualify for a HCHC Recognition Award—a $2,000 merit scholarship to be added on top of any institutional aid awarded to the student upon admission. NOTE: students who are already enrolled are not eligible for this award.

Your Information
An asterisk (*) indicates a required field.
i am a (select all that apply): *

☐ Hellenic College graduate ☐ Year of graduation _________ ☐ Degree ______________

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Your name * ____________________________

Your email address * ____________________ Your mobile phone: * ______________

Your home address: *

City ____________________________ State _______ Zip __________

Your parish (name and city) * ____________________________

Student Information

Student first name * ____________________________ Middle name ______________

Student last name * ____________________________

Student preferred first name* ____________________ Student date of birth * __________/________/________

Home Parish (name and city) * ____________________________

Student interested in which school*: This student would apply as: Intended entry term:

☐ Hellenic College ☐ First Year ☐ Fall 2024

☐ Holy Cross ☐ Non-Degree ☐ Spring 2025

☐ Transfer ☐ Fall 2025

Student email address * ____________________ Mobile phone* _________

Mailing address* ____________________________

City ____________________________ State _______ Zip __________

Most recent school attended: ____________________________

Tell us a bit about this student: on the back of this form* 

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On Palm Sunday, April 28, 2024 at our Church’s Bakaliaro Luncheon the 71st Commemorative Journal for years 2022 and 2023 was presented to the Community. Aside from the members of the Journal committee, Father Christos Pappas, Lea Drivas, Ioanna Georgiadis, Christos Kanakis, Despina Kolokithas and Anastasia Perdikos we wish to extend additional thanks for contributions made by Maria Bournias, the late Chrystalla Kanakis and our graphic designer Gene Tsiknis of Graphic Titans and to Evelyn Tsugranis for beautiful cover design. Last but not least, a big thank you to our contributors.
for their continued support!

Pictured from left to right, Gene Tsiknis, Father Christos, Lea Drivas, Ioanna Georgiadis and Peter Frangiskou.
LAZARUS SATURDAY
On Friday, April 26, 2024, our Ascension Greek School had a great night preparing for Easter. Father Christos had a Pre-Sanctified Liturgy for the Greek School students and teachers and then we all enjoyed dinner together. Fr. Christos spoke to the children about Holy Week and Easter. Then the children made Easter crafts.
On April 21, 2024, our Catechism School held their annual Easter Retreat. This year’s theme was Holy Communion and the children watched the video "How is Communion Prepared?" Father Christos explained key details and the children listened carefully. The children took home a puzzle they put together during the retreat. The customized picture on the puzzle was taken by Father Christos of the Table of Preparation where Holy Communion is prepared in the Holy Altar.
We were honored to have His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey to officiate the 4th Salutations to the Theotokos. His Eminence was greeted by the children of the Ascension Greek School and they chanted the hymn to the Panagia.
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