

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-14

BRETHREN, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

The Gospel According to Mark 10:32-45

At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

St. Mary of Egypt

The memory of this Saint is celebrated on April 1, where her life is recorded. Since the end of the holy Forty Days is drawing nigh, it has been appointed for this day also, so that if we think it hard to practice a little abstinence forty days, we might be roused by the heroism of her who fasted in the wilderness forty-seven years; and also that the great loving-kindness of God, and His readiness to receive the repentant, might be demonstrated in very deed.

Apolytikion (Plagal of the Fourth Tone)

The image of God, was faithfully preserved in you, O Mother. For you took up the Cross and followed Christ. By Your actions you taught us to look beyond the flesh for it passes, rather to be concerned about the soul which is immortal. Wherefore, O Holy Mary, your soul rejoices with the angels.

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FREE VALET PARKING AVAILABLE EVERY SUNDAY

April 21, 2024
Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

Mommy & Me will gather for their monthly class after Holy Communion.
All parents with children 40 days – 4 years old are encouraged to participate!

Join our Fasting - Friendly Frappe Sunday
hosted by the Cathedral's Brunching Orthodox Women!

MONDAY, APRIL 22

4:45 p.m. - Great Compline

5:00 p.m. - Children Greek Class

ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ 22 ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟΥ

4:45 μ.μ. - Μέγα Απόδειπνο

5:00 μ.μ. - Τάξη Ελ. Γλώσσας ανηλίκων

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

11:30 a.m. - Metropolis Feed the Hungry

5:30 p.m. - Adult Greek Class (intermediate I)

6:30 p.m. - Catechism Class

6:45 p.m. - Adult Greek Class (beginner)

ΤΡΙΤΗ 23 ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟΥ

11:30 π.μ. - Πρόγραμμα για απόρους

5:30 μ.μ. - Τάξη Ελ. Γλώσσας ενηλίκων

6:30 μ.μ. - Κατήχηση

6:45 μ.μ. - Τάξη Ελ. Γλώσσας ενηλίκων

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

5:00 p.m. - Children Greek Class

5:30 p.m. - 9th Hour &
Presanctified D. Liturgy

TETARTH 24 ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟΥ

5:00 μ.μ. - Τάξη Ελ. Γλώσσας ανηλίκων

5:30 μ.μ. - 9^η Ωρα &
Προηγιασμένη Θεία Λειτουργία

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

5:30 p.m. - Adult Greek Class (advanced)

6:45 p.m. - Adult Greek Class (intermediate II)

ΠΕΜΤΗ 25 ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟΥ

5:30 μ.μ. - Τάξη Ελ. Γλώσσας ενηλίκων

6:45 μ.μ. - Τάξη Ελ. Γλώσσας ενηλίκων

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

8:30 a.m. - Orthros & Divine Liturgy

+Saturday of Lazarus

11:00 a.m. - Saturday of Lazarus Retreat

ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ 27 ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟΥ

8:30 π.μ. - Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία

+Σάββατο του Λαζάρου

11:00 π.μ. - Παιδικές εκδηλώσεις για το
Σάββατο του Λαζάρου

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are glad you came, and we hope your visit was memorable and meaningful in every way. Our doors and hearts are always open to you. Please feel free to introduce yourself after the liturgy to our Clergy and members of our parish council. They will answer questions you may have and provide you with information regarding the programs we offer.

A NOTE TO VISITORS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

We welcome to this celebration those Christians who are not united with us. It is a sad consequence of the divisions in Christianity that we cannot extend a general invitation to receive Holy Communion. We thank you, though, for joining us in prayer and invite you to partake of the blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

2024 CATHEDRAL GREEK LANGUAGE COURSES FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS!

The Cathedral through the efforts of our Greek Language Director, Dimitra Georgouses has been blessed with several semesters of full classes! Continue to spread the word about our amazing Greek Language program for Adults!

WE NEED YOUR EMAIL!

When submitting your Stewardship card, please write your email account so that you may receive information about services activities and events that are happening at our church. If you are not receiving our emails, call the church office and submit your email address.

BYZANTINE MUSIC

We are blessed to have Mr. Niko Kourentzis as our head chanter at the Cathedral. Niko is a trained Byzantine Musician with two degrees and is able to teach the art of Byzantine music. We are exploring the opportunity to have a Byzantine music school formed under his direction for anyone interested. If you would like more information or to be added to the list of people interested in this ministry please email the cathedral office or call the office at 312-664-5485. Children and adults of all ages encouraged!

2024 SUNDAY SCHOOL

We invite all children ages 4 and above to join our Sunday School Program. Class begins after Holy Communion. We ask parents to bring the kids to the Narthex and the Sunday School Teachers will escort the students to the classrooms. Parents are encouraged to stay in the Cathedral until the end of the Divine Liturgy.

JOIN THE CATHEDRAL PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY

2024 Philoptochos Membership Forms are now available-please pick one up at the Pangari to fill out & return to Polyxeni Kapsalis. If you have any questions please feel free to contact her at 815-353-3999 and/or polyxenikapsalis@gmail.com.

MOMMY AND ME

A ministry of the Cathedral for parents and children 40 days – 4 years old. If you are a new mom looking to meet the other moms of the community and begin to foster a Christian relationship amongst your families, please join us! For information call the Cathedral office. Classes will meet the third Sunday of every month after Holy Communion in the Sunday School Classrooms!

CONFESSIONS

As we prepare to receive Christ this Pascalseason, it is important to participate in the sacramental life of our Church. Those who would like to receive the sacrament of confession should contact the Cathedral to set up a time to meet with Fr. Stamati.

SATURDAY OF LAZARUS YOUTH RETREAT

This year our youth will gather for a Lenten retreat at the Cathedral on Saturday, April 27th – the Saturday of Lazarus. We encourage all our children 3 years old and up to register for a fun filled spiritually uplifting day! We encourage all parents to participate and stay at the retreat!

SAVE THE DATES 2024 GREEK FEST!

It is time to begin planning for the Gold Coast Greek Fest! This year our Festival will take place over the weekend of June 14, 15 & 16! Please mark the dates in your calendar and plan on volunteering to help make this year's festival an even bigger success than last! We need all of our stewards and friends' help! If you would like to be a part of the festival committee please contact the Cathedral office! We need everyone's participation!

ANNUAL METROPOLIS JUNIOR OLYMPICS

This year once again the Metropolis Junior Olympics will be hosted over memorial day weekend at SS. Constantine and Helen, Palos Hills, IL. We encourage all of our parents to have their children participate in this great athletic program and represent our Cathedral Community. Please see Fr. Stamati for information and to Participate.

PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON APRIL 28, 2024

Our Annual Palm Sunday Luncheon will take place in the Cathedral Hall on Sunday, April 28, 2024 after the Divine Liturgy. Please save the date and plan on joining us. Only 50 reservations remain- RSVP early by contacting the Cathedral office! No walk-ins.

MYROPHORES FOR HOLY FRIDAY

We are looking to have myrophores for Holy Friday Apokathelosis and For the Epitaphion. If you have a daughter, granddaughter or goddaughter between 4-14 and would like them to participate, please call the Cathedral Office or use the QR Code below to sign up.



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FRI. 6/14
4pm-11pm

SAT. 6/15
12pm-11pm

SUN. 6/16
12pm-11pm

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ANNUNCIATION
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SATURDAY
OF
LAZARUS
YOUTH
RETREAT

April 27, 2024

8:30 a.m.
Orthros & Divine Liturgy

11:00-1:00
Snack, Palm Cross Folding,
Crafts & Lessons on
Holy Week

All youth ages 3 and up are
encouraged to participate - parents are
ecouraged to stay!

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Holy Week Donations – 2024

In an effort to help offset the cost of the various items needed for Holy Week we are prayerfully asking for your support. If you are able to donate towards any of these items below please contact Fr. Stamati or the Church office at 312-664-5485.

ITEM	COST
Flowers for icon for Saturday of Lazarus	\$300.00
Palms and Palm Branches for Palm Sunday	\$1000.00
Flowers for icon on Palm Sunday	\$300.00
Flowers for the Nymphios Icon of Christ (Used Sunday-Tuesday)	\$350.00
Flowers for icon of the Last Supper	\$300.00
Flowers for icon of the Crucifixion	\$300.00
Wreath for Crucified Lord	\$325.00
2 Wreath son two sides of Crucifixion	\$275.00 each (\$550 total)
Flowers for icon of the Apokathelosis	\$300.00
2 Bags of Rose Petals for the Epetaphion of Christ	\$150.00
Flowers & Material for the Kouvouklion/Epitaphion	\$2,500.00
6 large baskets of flowers for First Anastasi	\$150.00 each (\$900 total)
1 Icon of the First Anastasi (Proti Anastasi)	\$300.00
3 Icons of the Anastasi	\$300.00 each (\$900 total)
1 Decorated Anastasi Priest Candle	\$300.00
Flowers for Anastasi Banner	\$450.00
Flower Decorating of the Bishop Throne	\$250.00
20 pots of Easter Lilies	\$30.00 each (\$600 total)
Oil for Oil Lamps	\$150.00
Candles for the Crucifixion	\$125.00
Incense for the week	\$150.00
Flour, candles and oil for Holy Unction	\$100.00
Rosewater for the Week	\$100.00
Prosfora (Holy Bread) for the Week	\$200.00

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED LOVE AND SUPPORT!

With the love and generosity of our faithful we are looking to purchase some new items for the Cathedral Altar. If you are able to offer one of the below items, please contact the Cathedral Office.

- 1 pure silver Kantzion (Hand Censor for Lent and Holy Week) - \$4500
- 1 pure silver zeon (Hot water vessel for Holy Communion) - \$1500
- 1 white altar table covering directly below the embroidered vestments - \$500
- 2 sets of embroidered bishop candle ribbons - \$350 each set (\$750 total)
- 3 sets of Christ is Risen Anastasi decorative ribbons \$200 each set (\$600 total)
- 1 set of Anastasi chalice set covers with embroidered icon of the Resurrection - \$2500
- 1 set of Lenten chalice set covers with embroidered icon of the Nymphio - \$1500
- 1 set of feast day blue embroidered chalice set covers with icon- \$2000
- 3 altar boy processional lanterns \$325 each (\$975 total)
- 1 icon of Palm Sunday - \$300

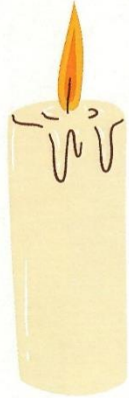
Any of the above items may be donated in memory of a loved one or for the health and well-being of an individual or family. The names that are offered for health or in memory will be commemorated at all the Divine Liturgies at the Cathedral.



An advertisement for an Easter Basket. The background is a solid teal color. At the top and bottom, there are several stylized Easter eggs in various colors (green, orange, red, yellow) with different patterns like stripes, dots, and zig-zags. In the center, the text "Easter Basket" is written in a large, elegant, white serif font. Below this, there is a small image of a basket filled with various items like carrots, eggs, and candy. To the right of the basket, the price "\$50" is displayed in a large, white, serif font. Below the price, the text "Koulourakia, Kourabiedes, Baklava, Red Eggs, and Candy...makes a great hostess gift!" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. Further down, the text "By Pre-order only no later than April 19th Pick-up and Payment in Cathedral Hall on Palm Sunday after Liturgy" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. Below that, the text "Email orders to: Eve Christie evechristie@comcast.net Polyxeni Kapsalis polyxenikapsalis@gmail.com" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the text "Proceeds benefit Annunciation Cathedral Philoptochos philanthropic endeavors" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

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ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL
PHILOPTOCHOS



Easter Lambathes Sale

*Sales will start Sunday March
24th and will continue every
Sunday until Palm Sunday after
Liturgy in the Cathedral Hall*

*Proceeds will benefit Philoptochos
philanthropic endeavors*



\$20 per Lambatha



Annunciation Cathedral
Philoptochos
Palm Sunday Bake Sale

Frozen Items

Tiropitakia (12 pcs.)	_____ x \$10 = \$ _____
Spanakopitakia (12 pcs.)	_____ x \$10 = \$ _____
Tiropitakia Tray (48 pcs.)	_____ x \$30 = \$ _____
Spanakopitakia Tray (48 pcs.)	_____ x \$30 = \$ _____

Baked Items

Koulourakia (12 pcs.)	_____ x \$10 = \$ _____
Kourabiedes w/ nuts (12 pcs.)	_____ x \$12 = \$ _____
Kourabiedes w/o nuts (12 pcs.)	_____ x \$12 = \$ _____
Moustokouloura (12 pcs.)	_____ x \$10 = \$ _____
Melomakarona (12 pcs.)	_____ x \$12 = \$ _____
Baklava (6 pcs.)	_____ x \$15 = \$ _____
Tsoureki	_____ x \$12 = \$ _____

Rizogalo (16 oz. container)

_____ x \$8 = \$ _____

Red Eggs (1 dozen)

_____ x \$10 = \$ _____

Free Will Donation = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Pay By Check, Cash or Credit

Order by April 19th!

Pick up on Palm Sunday, April 28th, after Liturgy in the Cathedral Hall.

More items available for purchase at pick up!

Proceeds will support Philoptochos philanthropic endeavors.

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Palm Sunday Lamb Raffle

**Purchase your raffle tickets for a
chance to win your Pascha lamb!
Call the Cathedral for your tickets!**

**\$25 per ticket or
\$40 for 2 tickets**

**Drawing will take place on Sunday, April 28th
at the Palm Sunday Luncheon**

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Fasting-Friendly Frappe Sunday

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PALM SUNDAY
Luncheon
SUNDAY, APRIL 28th 2024

TRADITIONAL FRIED BAKALIARO WITH ALL
THE TRIMINGS!
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\$35 per plate for Adults
\$10 per kid (Pasta meal for 5-12)

RSVP or Pre-Order
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 Annunciation Cathedral
Ladies Philoptochos Society

Bakers Wanted

 Can you bake Easter sweets?

 Can you donate ingredients?
Land O'Lakes Butter
Chopped Walnuts
Honey
Monetary Donations welcome

 JOIN US to bake at Church @ 10am
Mon. 4/8 Wed. 4/10 Sat. 4/20
Egg Dying - Thurs. 4/25
Packaging - Sat. 4/27

BAKE SALE CHAIRWOMEN:
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