

HOLY WEEK-2026-ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΑ

ANNUNCIATION/ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΣΜΟΣ GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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SATURDAY OF LAZARUS. The Raising of Lazarus APRIL 4 **ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ ΤΟΥ ΛΑΖΑΡΟΥ. Η Ανάσταση του Λαζάρου**

ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY 8:30 AM **ΟΡΘΟΣ & ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ**

Our Philoptochos will clean and decorate the church for Palm Sunday. Youth Palms & Pancakes and Lazarakia making

Η Φιλόπτωχός μας θα καθαρίσει και θα στολίσει την εκκλησία για την Κυριακή των Βαΐων. Νεανικές δραστηριότητες

PALM SUNDAY. Christ's Entrance into Jerusalem APRIL 5 **ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΒΑΙΩΝ. Η Είσοδος στα Ιεροσόλυμα**

ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY. Blessing of the palms 8:30 AM **ΟΡΘΟΣ & ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ. Ευλογία των βαΐων**

All Sunday School children will participate in the procession and blessing of the palms

Τα παιδιά του Κατηχητικού Σχολείου θα συμμετάσχουν στη λιτανεία και ευλογία των βαΐων

ORTHROS OF GREAT MONDAY 7 PM **ΟΡΘΟΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΗΣ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑΣ**
"Behold the Bridegroom is coming..." *«Ιδού, ο Νυμφίος έρχεται...»*

HOLY AND GREAT MONDAY APRIL 6 **ΑΓΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ**

ORTHROS OF GREAT TUESDAY 7 PM **ΟΡΘΟΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΗΣ ΤΡΙΤΗΣ**
"Behold the Bridegroom is coming..." *«Ιδού, ο Νυμφίος έρχεται...»*

HOLY AND GREAT TUESDAY APRIL 7 **ΑΓΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΤΡΙΤΗ**

ORTHROS OF GREAT WEDNESDAY 7 PM **ΟΡΘΟΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΗΣ ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗΣ**
"Behold the Bridegroom is coming..." Hymn of Kassiani *«Ιδού, ο Νυμφίος έρχεται...» Τροπάριο Κασσιανής*

HOLY AND GREAT WEDNESDAY APRIL 8 **ΑΓΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ**

DIVINE LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS 10 AM **ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ ΤΩΝ ΠΡΟΗΓΙΑΣΜΕΝΩΝ ΔΩΡΩΝ**
SACRAMENT OF HOLY ANOINTING 4 PM **ΙΕΡΟ ΕΥΧΕΛΑΙΟ**
SACRAMENT OF HOLY ANOINTING 7 PM **ΙΕΡΟ ΕΥΧΕΛΑΙΟ**
Seven epistle & gospel readings *Επτά αποστολικά & ευαγγελικά αναγνώσματα*

HOLY AND GREAT THURSDAY APRIL 9 **ΑΓΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΠΕΜΠΤΗ**

VESPERS AND DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL 10 AM **ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ ΜΕΤΑ Θ. ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑΣ ΤΟΥ Μ. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΥ**
Last Supper & washing of disciples' feet *Ο Μυστικός Δείπνος. Νιπτήρας*
Our Philoptochos will dye the paschal eggs *Η Φιλόπτωχός μας θα βάψει τα πασχαλινά αυγά*

ORTHROS OF GREAT FRIDAY 7 PM **ΟΡΘΟΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΗΣ ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗΣ**
The Lord's Holy Passion told in the twelve gospel readings *Τα Άγια Πάθη και τα δώδεκα ευαγγέλια*

HOLY AND GREAT FRIDAY APRIL 10 **ΑΓΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ**

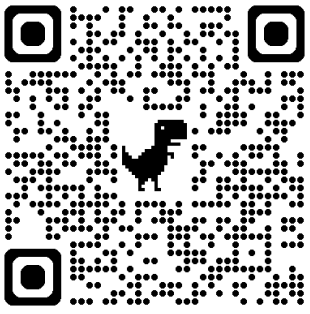
THE ROYAL HOURS OF THE PASSION 10 AM **ΑΙ ΜΕΓΑΛΑΙ ΩΡΑΙ**
Our Philoptochos will decorate the Epitaphios *Η Φιλόπτωχός μας θα στολίσει τον Επιτάφιο*
Holy Friday Youth Retreat *Συνάντηση νέων για τη Μεγάλη Παρασκευή*
GREAT FRIDAY VESPERS. The Un-nailing from the Cross 3 PM **ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΗΣ ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗΣ. Η Αποκαθήλωσις**
Girls 8 -12 years old will participate as myrrh-bearers *Κορίτσια 8-12 θα συμμετάσχουν ως μυροφόρες*
ORTHROS OF GREAT SATURDAY 7 PM **ΟΡΘΟΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΣΑΒΑΤΟΥ**
Encomia (praises) & the procession of the Epitaphios *Τα Εγκώμια και η περιφορά του Επιταφίου*
Girls 8 -12 years old will participate as myrrh-bearers *Κορίτσια 8-12 θα συμμετάσχουν ως μυροφόρες*

HOLY AND GREAT SATURDAY APRIL 11 **ΜΕΓΑ ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ**

VESPERS AND DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL 10 AM **ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ ΜΕΤΑ Θ. ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑΣ ΤΟΥ Μ. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΥ**
Christ's decent into Hades *Η εις Αδην κάθοδος του Κυρίου ημών Ιησού Χριστού*
VIGIL, ORTHROS, AND DIVINE LITURGY OF THE RESURRECTION 11 PM **ΠΑΝΝΥΧΙΣ, ΟΡΘΟΣ, ΚΑΙ Θ. ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΕΩΣ**
The Anastasis/Resurrection of our Lord *Η Ανάστασις του Κυρίου ημών Ιησού Χριστού*
Community paschal breakfast follows *Ακολουθεί κοινοτικό πασχαλινό πρωινό*

HOLY AND GREAT SUNDAY OF PASCHA APRIL 12 **ΑΓΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΣΧΑ**

AGAPE VESPERS 11 AM **ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΑΓΑΠΗΣ**
Gospel reading in various languages *Ανάγνωση ευαγγελίου σε διάφορες γλώσσες*
Easter Egg Hunt for children follows *Ακολουθεί πασχαλινό κυνήγι αυγών για τα παιδιά*



Holy Week 2026 Family & Youth Oriented Activities Summary

Saturday of Lazarus, April 4

PTO "Palms & Pancakes": Learn about the Raising of Lazarus, fold palms, and make lazarakia! Our GOYans will assemble the Holy Friday luminaries.

To offer help, contact our PTO at pto@anngoc.org.

You can pick up your pre-ordered tsoureki from our PTO.

The Philoptochos Altar Guild will clean and decorate the church proper for Palm Sunday after the morning liturgy. Any help is appreciated!



Blessing of the Palms, Sunday, April 5

Our youth will participate in the palms' blessing by re-enacting the young children's spreading palms on the road as Christ entered Jerusalem.

Our Parish Council will host our traditional fish luncheon after the liturgy.

You can pick up your pre-ordered tsoureki from our PTO from 11^{AM} to 12^{PM}.

Youth Readers Needed

We need our youth to actively participate in our worship services by reading the Psalms and Epistles during Holy Week's many services. Please contact **George Dalagelis** at office@anngoc.org, 215-635-0316 to be included.



Holy Wednesday Anointing, April 8

We will offer a 4^{PM} and a 7^{PM} Holy Anointing Service.

Although the 4^{PM} service is provided for young children, everyone is welcome!

Holy Friday, April 10

We will host a **Holy Friday Youth Retreat** starting at the Royal Hours of the Holy Passion and ending with the Vespers of Apokathelosis. We encourage all children grades k-6 to join us in prayer, learning, and fun.

For questions or to offer help, please contact **Jacinda Ojeda** at catechism@anngoc.org or **Effie Patounas** at ymc@anngoc.org.

We invite Sunday School Girls, 8-12 years old, to participate as **Myrrh-bearers** on Holy Friday afternoon and evening services.

Our GOYans will set up the luminaries for the Evening Service.

A Holy Friday School Release Letter for students and teachers is available upon request from the church office, office@anngoc.org.



Breaking of the Fast Community Meal, Pascha Night, April 11

Please bring your Paschal Basket with your favorite "breaking of the fast" food items to be blessed and shared after the midnight Anastasis /Resurrection Liturgy.

Agape Vespers on Pascha Sunday, April 12

We will again proclaim the Holy Gospel in many languages at the 11^{AM} Agape Vespers, signifying the universal message of the resurrection! We invite all polyglots to participate by reading in the language of your choice from the Gospel of John, 20:19-25. For details and participation, please contact **Maria Sandilos** at mariasandilos@gmail.com.



Easter Egg Hunt for Children

On Pascha Sunday, April 12, following the Agape Vespers, beginning 11^{AM}. For details and participation, please contact PTO at pto@anngoc.org

Come rain or shine and bring your Easter basket and join the fun!