

## SERVICES OF GREAT LENT

† *Fr. David is available to hear Confessions after services or you may make an appointment with him.*

### † Wednesday

Liturgy of PreSanctified Gifts

March 28, 6:00 pm, Lenten Pot-luck, 7:30 pm

### † Saturday of Lazarus the Righteous - March 31

Orthros 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Breakfast/brunch, make palm crosses, tidy and decorate the church temple for Palm Sunday

† See online calendar, bulletin calendar and other notices for the services of Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Pascha.

### DATA SUMMARY (including previous weekday services) March 18, 2018

Wednesday Liturgy of PreSanctified Gifts	3/14
Friday Akathist with Salutations to the Theotokos	3/16
Saturday Great Vespers	3/17
Sunday Divine Liturgy	3/18

*Thank you for your continued financial support. Please remember to earmark your checks (annual pledge, capital campaign, Pascha, outreach, memorial, etc.).*

*For information on how to make an Annual Pledge for 2018 or a pledge to the Capital Campaign, please see Michael Papadelias or Pamela Kelley.*

## St. Andrew the Apostle Antiochian Orthodox Church

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*Week of*

### March 25, 2018

## The Annunciation to the Most-Holy Theotokos

Wednesday	Mar. 28	PreSanctified Liturgy Lenten Pot-luck Supper	6:00 pm 7:30 pm
Thursday	Mar. 29	Choir Rehearsal for Holy Week Services	6:00 - 8:00 pm
Saturday	Mar. 31	Saturday of Lazarus Orthros Divine Liturgy Brunch Palm Sunday preparations Make palm crosses Decorate church temple Children decorate candles Vespers	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:30 am - 3:30 pm  6:00 pm
Sunday	April 1	<b>Feast of Palm Sunday</b> Orthros Blessing of Palms Divine Liturgy Procession with Palms Palm Sunday Luncheon <b>HOLY WEEK begins</b> Bridegroom Orthros with Procession of Icon	8:50 am 10:00 am 11:30 am 6:00 pm

### Hierarchs:

His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH,  
Archbishop of New York & Metropolitan of all North America

His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS,  
Auxiliary Bishop of Diocese of Miami & the Southeast

### Pastor:

Very Rev. David Bleam

## The Feast of the Annunciation

The Feast of the Annunciation is one of the earliest Christian feasts, and was already being celebrated in the fourth century. There are two main components to the Annunciation: the message itself, and the response of the Virgin. The message fulfills God's promise to send a Redeemer (Genesis 3:15): "I will put enmity between you and the woman, between your seed and her seed; he shall crush your head, and you shall lie in wait for his heel." The Fathers of the Church understand "her seed" to refer to Christ. The prophets hinted at His coming, which they saw dimly, but the Archangel Gabriel now proclaims that the promise is about to be fulfilled.

The icon of the Feast shows the Archangel with a staff in his left hand, indicating his role as a messenger. Sometimes one wing is upraised, as if to show his swift descent from heaven. His right hand is stretched toward the holy Virgin as he delivers his message.

The Virgin is depicted either standing or sitting, usually holding yarn in her left hand. Sometimes she is shown holding a scroll. Her right hand may be raised to indicate her surprise at the message she is hearing. Her head is bowed, showing her consent and obedience. The descent of the Holy Spirit upon her is depicted by a ray of light issuing from a small sphere at the top of the icon, which symbolizes heaven. In a famous icon from Sinai, a white dove is shown in the ray of light.

### *From the Desert Fathers*

'When the soldiers of the emperor are standing at attention, they cannot look to the right or left; it is the same for the man who stands before God and looks towards him in fear at all times; he cannot then fear anything from the enemy.' (Abba Serapion)

## SERVICES OF PALM SUNDAY GREAT and HOLY WEEK

Sunday	April 1	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Orthros & Blessing of Palms Divine Liturgy & Procession with Palms Palm Sunday Luncheon	8:50 am 10:00 am 11:30 am
	<b>HOLY WEEK</b> Sunday Evening	<u>Bridegroom Orthros with Procession of Icon</u>	6:00 pm
Monday	April 2	Liturgy of PreSanctified Gifts Bridegroom Orthros	9:00 am 6:00 pm
Tuesday	April 3	Liturgy of PreSanctified Gifts Bridegroom Orthros	9:00 am 6:00 pm
Wednesday	April 4	Liturgy of PreSanctified Gifts Service of Holy Unction	9:00 am 6:00 pm
Thursday	April 5	Vesperal Divine Liturgy Commemorating the Institution of the Mystical Supper Orthros for Holy Friday with the Twelve Passion Gospels	9:00 am 6:00 pm
Friday	April 6	<i>~ a day of quiet and meditative time together</i> Royal Hours of Great and Holy Friday Decorate the Kouvouklion, the Bier of Christ Vespers of the Removal from the Cross Orthros for Holy Saturday (with Lamentations) SOYO Vigil at the Tomb of Christ <i>~ following Orthros Service</i>	9:00 am 3:30 pm 6:00 pm 8:30 pm
Saturday	April 7	Vesperal Divine Liturgy for Great and Holy Saturday Rush Service (Reception of the Holy Light) Orthros for Great and Holy Pascha Divine Liturgy for Great and Holy Pascha (Followed by Blessing of Pascha Baskets in great room & breaking the Fast together)	10:00 am 10:00 pm 10:30 pm 11:30 pm ( 1:15 am (Sunday)
<b>Great &amp; Holy PASCHA</b>	April 8	Agape Vespers followed by Pascha Picnic (see more information in this bulletin)	12:00 pm 1:00 pm
<b>Bright Monday</b>	April 9	Divine Liturgy for Bright Monday	10:00 am

### Prayers Requested for Month of March

Your prayers are requested for the health and return of Archbishops Paul and John of Aleppo, Syria, who were abducted on Monday, May 22, 2013.

Please pray for peace for the people of Syria.

Syria is the home of our Patriarchate which is located on Straight Street in Damascus where St. Paul was taken to regain the sight he lost when encountering Jesus Christ (Acts 9) and has maintained continuous succession in the Apostolic Faith.

*PLEASE NOTE: The names on the St. Andrew Prayer List will be listed through the month of March. If you have names of family or friends you would like to have listed in April, please write the name and your name on paper to give Dorothy or send it to her by email ([dtampary@me.com](mailto:dtampary@me.com))*

Kleoniki	Donna	Tom & Mandy	Dan & Joyce
Yves & Linda	Ruth	Petrula	Kim & Shawn
Lucille	Louann	John	Wesley
Phyllis	Ted	John & Glennis	Alla
Eleanor	Chris	Blaine	Debbie
Katie & Mike	Christine	James	Katrina
Cathy	Sarah	Sarah	Merrill
Rocky	Bill	Joyce	

### DECORATE THE CHURCH TEMPLE

*Many hands are needed to beautify our church on the following dates:*

**Saturday of Lazarus, March 31**, after the Divine Liturgy (9:00 am), young and elderly are needed to make palm crosses and decorate the church temple with palms following the parish brunch after the Liturgy.



**Holy Friday, April 6**, after Royal Hours in the morning. **MANY** are needed to decorate the kouvouklion. This must be completed by **2:00 pm**.

**Holy Saturday, April 7**, after the morning Holy Saturday Vespertal Liturgy; help is needed to prepare the lilies & place them in the church.



*Add your name to the list of those who love the beauty of His house and help with the decorations.... men, women, teens and*

### SIGN UP TO HOST A COFFEE FELLOWSHIP!

**YES... YOU CAN DO IT!!**

You may want to join another family or two and host Coffee Fellowship. A birthday coming up? An anniversary?

Want to honor someone or remember a loved one?

All you need are some simple refreshments!

The coffee and lemonade are made ahead of time.

Please check with Janean with any questions.

You are requested to please handle the setup and clean up.

The sign-up sheet is in the Great Room on the bulletin board.



Coffee Fellowship

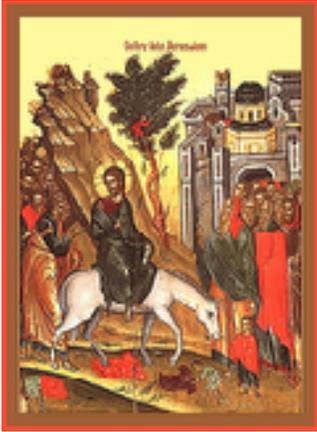
- March 25 - Feast of Annunciation - Fahdi & Oweis Families
- April 1 - Palm Sunday Luncheon - Parish Council hosted
- April 7 - following the Pascha/Resurrection Divine Liturgy  
\*actually Sunday, April 8 early morning,  
about 2:00 am. Bring your Pascha Baskets  
"Break the Fast" Pascha meal in Great Room
- April 8 - \*Pascha Picnic on grounds of St. Andrew

\* See more information on Holy Week and these two events (\*) in this bulletin.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MARCH HAPPY ANNIVERSARY FOR MARCH

If a birthday or anniversary has been mistakenly omitted or listed incorrectly or if you are new to the parish, please place correction and additions in the Sisters of St. Photini mail drawer in Treasurer's office or give to Dorothy.



***Palm Sunday Luncheon  
April 1st***

***Be joyful! Celebrate the  
Entrance of  
the King into Jerusalem!***

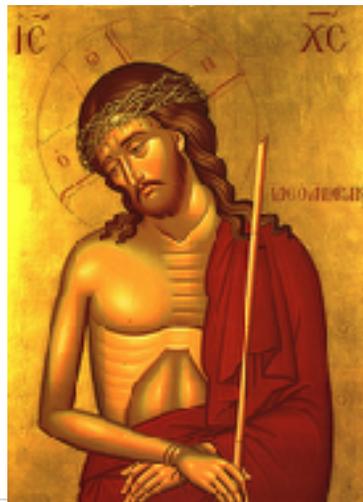
***The Parish Council is hosting the Palm  
Sunday Luncheon  
following the Divine Liturgy.***

***Make your plans to attend the luncheon ...***

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***and return later  
that evening for  
the first service of***

***Great and Holy Week  
the Bridegroom Orthros  
6:00 pm  
Sunday evening***



**Thank you to Fr. John Mashburn**

... for his encouraging and sincere words at our Lenten Retreat held on Saturday, March 10, and for his homily on Sunday, March 11. A big thank you to our **Sisters of St. Photini** (Antiochian Women's chapter) for sponsoring Fr. John's trip, providing the delicious lunch, refreshments and note-taking materials. We were pleased that many of you were able to participate.

**CONFESSION**

Please be diligent in making your Lenten Confession before Palm Sunday, April 1st. Holy Week is for meditation on the Passion of our Lord and not an appropriate time for Confession. ***Please make your plans to give your Confession before or after any services between now and next Saturday (Lazarus Saturday).***

If you were not planning to make a Confession, please prayerfully consider this decision and the consequences of approaching the Holy Mysteries of the Resurrected Lord without receiving His Absolution.

**LAZARUS SATURDAY, March 31st**

This is a very important day in our faith: Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday together hold a unique position in the church year, as days of joy and triumph interposed between the penitence of Great Lent and the mourning of Holy Week.

We will also "break bread" together as a church family with brunch after the Liturgy, make palm crosses, decorate the church temple for Palm Sunday, prepare ourselves for Holy Week and, ultimately, for the Joy of the Resurrection!

**READING OF RESURRECTION GOSPEL  
for AGAPE VESPERS, Sunday, April 8**

Anyone who can and is willing to read the Resurrection Gospel in a language other than English for Agape Vespers before the Pascha Picnic, Sunday, April 8, is asked to contact Mike Gay. What a wonderful gift you can offer to Christ and our parish!

*St. Andrew the Apostle Antiochian Orthodox Church  
Services & Events Calendar*

## March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b> Feast of the Annunciation Holy Bread - Stacy	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts 6:00pm	<b>29</b> Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm - 8:00pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Orthos for Lazarus Saturday 9:00am
Orthos 8:50am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Sunday School 11:15am						Divine Liturgy for Lazarus the Righteous 10:00am Brunch, Make Palm Crosses, Decorate Church Temple 11:30am - 2:00pm

## April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Feast of the Entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday) Orthos 8:50am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Palm Sunday Luncheon 11:30am Bridegroom Orthos 6:00pm	<b>2</b> Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts 9:00am Bridegroom Orthos 6:00pm	<b>3</b> Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts 9:00am Bridegroom Orthos 6:00pm	<b>4</b> Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts 9:00am Service of Holy Unction 5:00pm	<b>5</b> Vespers Divine Liturgy Commemorating the Institution of the Mystical Supper 9:00am Orthos for Holy Friday with Twelve Passion Gospels 6:00pm	<b>6</b> Royal Hours 9:00am Vespers for the Removal from the Cross 3:30pm Orthos for Holy Saturday (Lamentations) 6:00pm	<b>7</b> Vespers Divine Liturgy for Great & Holy Saturday 10:00am Rush Service 10:00pm Orthos for Great & Holy Pascha 11:30am Divine Liturgy for Great & Holy Pascha 11:30pm
<b>8</b> Great & Holy Pascha Agape Vespers 12:00pm Pascha Platic 1:30pm	<b>9</b> Divine Liturgy for Bright Monday 10:00am	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Choir Rehearsal 5:45pm - 6:45pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Vespers 6:00pm
<b>15</b> Orthos 8:50am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Sunday School 11:15am 10 Year Memorial (V.Rev.John Kahle) 11:20am	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Choir Rehearsal 5:45pm - 6:45pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Vespers 6:00pm

# *Celebrate the Feast of Feasts with your parish family!*

## *Great and Holy Pascha Saturday, April 7 & Sunday, April 8*



**Rush Service - 10:00 pm**  
(Reception of Holy Light & Procession)

**Orthros - 10:30 pm**  
**Divine Liturgy - at 11:30 pm**

Bring your baskets full of festal foods  
to the Great Room before the services.

Following the Divine Liturgy,  
Fr. David will bless our baskets in the Great Room  
and we will break the Fast together!



### **Pascha Afternoon Sunday, April 8**

**Agape Vespers - 12:00 p.m.**  
**Continue celebrating the Feast with**

#### **Pascha Picnic**

in the Great Room and under the trees out back.

The Parish Council will provide lamb, Greek-style chicken,  
hamburgers, hotdogs, and soft drinks.



Please bring a side dish or dessert and  
other beverages to share!

Activities for children of all ages,  
including Egg Hunt for the young  
of 11 years old and under.



### **PALM LEAVES NEEDED**

Loose **PALM LEAVES** are needed to be used for Palm Sunday. We are especially looking for large, green Sago Palm leaves or Sabal Palm leaves. If you have or can obtain any of these, please **bring them to the church by Friday, March 30, or Saturday morning, March 31 (Saturday of Lazarus Divine Liturgy)**. They will be used to decorate the church for Palm Sunday.



Sabal Palm



### **~ FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE COIN BOXES ~ ARCHDIOCESE LENTEN OUTREACH PROJECT**

As Great Lent is a time to think about increasing our efforts to help others, please be sure to pick up your “Food for Hungry People” Coin Box from the narthex candle/tray table. Fill your coin box with your pocket change, dollar bills & checks (payable to St. Andrew AOC).



#### **Fill those boxes up!**

Bring your coin box offering and place it at the foot of the Cross in the front of the Church Temple during Holy Week.

### **BAY LEAVES NEEDED...**



...for the morning Divine Liturgy on Holy Saturday, April 7, 10:00 am. If you have access to a bay tree and would like to donate fresh leaves for the service, please bring them on Palm Sunday, April 1st.

See Aspasia Bokas for more information.

### **Sisters of St. Photini Bookstore & Gift Shop**

Remember to shop for Orthodox Study Bibles, Service Books for Holy Week, reading materials, icons, prayer ropes, gifts, gift certificates, books, crosses, t-shirts, Pascha cards *in the Sisters of St. Photini Bookstore & Gift Shop.*



#### **~ Pascha Cards for those on Prayer List ~**

Pascha cards will be sent by the Sisterhood of St. Photini to our friends and families on the Prayer List and others to let them know of the prayers and love they have from the members of St. Andrew.

**Please provide addresses to Melanie Baskind of those loved ones listed or others to whom you would like to have cards sent. Everyone will be asked to sign the cards on behalf of St. Andrew.**



### **Great and Holy Friday Participation by School Children**

If your child needs a letter to take to his/her teachers to explain participation in the services of Great and Holy Friday, April 6th, as a religious observance day, Fr. David has the appropriate letters available.

***Pascha Lilies & Kouvouklion Flowers  
in memory or in honor of loved ones***

*To purchase Pascha lilies to be used to decorate the church for Pascha, make a donation for the Kouvouklion flowers for Holy Friday, or for other items needed during Holy Week, please complete the form below. Please see Fr. David for a list of "other items needed."*

*Place the form and your donation in an envelope in one of the baskets in the Narthex or great room, or mail them to the church.*

***Pascha lilies are \$15.00 each.  
Donations for flowers or other items are made  
at the giver's discretion.***

***Deadline is Holy Wednesday at the  
Service of Holy Unction, 6:00 pm, April 4th.***

***Please earmark checks appropriately:  
Lilies with number purchased,  
Kouvouklion Flowers, or other.***

Lily in memory of:

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Lily in honor of:

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Kouvouklion Flowers in memory of:

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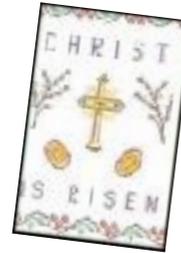
Name of person/family donating:

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*Lilies may be taken home after  
the Paschal Divine Liturgy.*

**Pascha Food Basket**

***Bring your  
Pascha Food Basket  
with you on  
Holy Saturday night  
April 7th, before the Services***



*Place it on a table in the Great Room to be blessed  
following the Paschal Divine Liturgy...*

*Fill your basket with the foods you have missed during  
Great Lent! Ham, lamb, sausage, beef, chicken, bacon,  
butter, coffee cream, cheeses, chocolate candy, ice cream,  
wine, hard boiled eggs, beef jerky...!*

*Include a candle to be blessed.*

*It will be joyous to gather in the Great Room and enjoy  
breaking the fast with your special baskets/traditions at the  
Family Meal following the Liturgy.*

