

ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Sunday of the Holy Cross

Nikitas the Confessor

Joseph the Hymnographer

ΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ - EPISTLE READING - Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6

Αδελφοί, ἔχοντες οὖν ἀρχιερέα μέγαν, διεληλυθότα τοὺς οὐρανοὺς, Ἰησοῦν τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ θεοῦ, κρατῶμεν τῆς ὁμολογίας. Οὐ γὰρ ἔχομεν ἀρχιερέα μὴ δυνάμενον συμπαθεῖσαι ταῖς ἀσθενείαις ἡμῶν, πεπειραμένον δὲ κατὰ πάντα καθ' ὁμοιότητα, χωρὶς ἁμαρτίας. Προσερχώμεθα οὖν μετὰ παρρησίας τῷ θρόνῳ τῆς χάριτος, ἵνα λάβωμεν ἔλεον, καὶ χάριν εὐρωμεν εἰς εὐκαιρον βοήθειαν. Πᾶς γὰρ ἀρχιερεὺς, ἐξ ἀνθρώπων λαμβανόμενος, ὑπὲρ ἀνθρώπων καθίσταται τὰ πρὸς τὸν θεόν, ἵνα προσφέρῃ δῶρά τε καὶ θυσίας ὑπὲρ ἁμαρτιῶν· μετριοπαθεῖν δυνάμενος τοῖς ἀγνοοῦσιν καὶ πλανωμένοις, ἐπεὶ καὶ αὐτὸς περικεῖται ἀσθένειαν· καὶ διὰ ταύτην ὀφείλει, καθὼς περὶ τοῦ λαοῦ, οὕτως καὶ περὶ ἑαυτοῦ, προσφέρειν ὑπὲρ ἁμαρτιῶν. Καὶ οὐχ ἑαυτῷ τις λαμβάνει τὴν τιμὴν, ἀλλὰ καλούμενος ὑπὸ τοῦ θεοῦ, καθάπερ καὶ Ἀαρών. Οὕτως καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς οὐχ ἑαυτὸν ἐδόξασεν γεννηθῆναι ἀρχιερέα, ἀλλ' ὁ λαλήσας πρὸς αὐτόν, Υἱός μου εἶ σύ, ἐγὼ σήμερον γεγέννηκά σε. Καθὼς καὶ ἐν ἑτέρῳ λέγει, Σὺ ἱερεὺς εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδέκ.

BRETHREN, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

Epistle Reader: Christina Grammas

ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ - GOSPEL READING - Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Εἴ τις θέλει ὀπίσω μου ἐλθεῖν, ἀπαρνησάσθω ἑαυτὸν καὶ ἀράτω τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἀκολουθείτω μοι. ὃς γὰρ ἂν θέλη τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ σῶσαι, ἀπολέσει αὐτήν· ὃς δ' ἂν ἀπολέσῃ τὴν ἑαυτοῦ ψυχὴν ἕνεκεν ἐμοῦ καὶ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου, οὗτος σώσει αὐτήν. τί γὰρ ὠφελήσει ἄνθρωπον ἐὰν κερδήσῃ τὸν κόσμον ὅλον, καὶ ζημιωθῇ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ; ἢ τί δώσει ἄνθρωπος ἀντάλλαγμα τῆς ψυχῆς αὐτοῦ; ὃς γὰρ ἐὰν ἐπαισχυνθῇ με καὶ τοὺς ἐμοὺς λόγους ἐν τῇ γενεᾷ ταύτῃ τῇ μοιχαλίδι καὶ ἀμαρτωλῷ, καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπαισχυνθήσεται αὐτὸν ὅταν ἔλθῃ ἐν τῇ δόξῃ τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ μετὰ τῶν ἀγγέλων τῶν ἁγίων. Καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι εἰσὶ τινες τῶν ὧδε ἐστηκότων, οἵτινες οὐ μὴ γεύσονται θανάτου ἕως ἂν ἴδωσι τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐληλυθυῖαν ἐν δυνάμει.

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

ACOLYTES SERVING TODAY - TEAM B

RELIGIOUS SERVICES, MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 3, 2016

Sun. April 3, 2016
 Sunday of the Holy Cross
 Orthros 9am & Divine Liturgy 10am

TODAY, SUNDAY APRIL 3, 2016
 Altar Boy Team Practice Meeting after
 Divine Liturgy from 12-12:30pm

Tues. April 5, 2016
 - Greek Language School, 4pm
 - Philoptochos General Meeting, 6:30pm

Wed. April 6, 2016
 PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY, 6PM
 Light Lenten meal & Studies in the Faith
 to follow


Fri. April 8, 2016
 SALUTATIONS TO THE THEOTOKOS, 7PM

PROSFORO

- April 3 Voula Kitsigianis
- April 3 Kathy Tseheridis
- April 6 Kathy Tseheridis
- April 10 Maria Tambouris
- April 13 Voula Kitsigianis
- April 17 Elefteria Konstantarakis

+ MEMORIAL - +
 Katheryn Carras - 2 years
 Autumn Rose Tsarnas - 2 years
 Panagiotis Dedes - 2 years
**Coffee hour will be sponsored by the Carras family*
 + May their memory be eternal +

TODAY, APRIL 3, 2016
 Philoptochos will pass a second tray in support of our Holy Cross School of Theology. Thank you for supporting this intellectual, educational, and spiritual center of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

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 Reminder - the annual Kids-n-Cancer Reception will be next Sunday, April 10th at 4pm at the Big Canyon Country Club in Newport Beach. Contact Cindy Kezos for additional information (714) 392-1329.

WELCOME VISITORS
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 Orthodox and are interested in learning who we are and what our beliefs and practices are, we invite you to any of our Bible Study classes and of course the Class on the Orthodox Faith. On the other hand if you are an Orthodox Christian and are not a member in another Orthodox Church we invite you (and your family) to join our Parish. While all may receive the Andidoron, the bread which is given at the conclusion of services which of course is not consecrated, only Orthodox Christians in good standing can receive Holy Communion and other Sacraments.)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
NEXT SUNDAY
APRIL 10TH, 2016
 IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
 FOLLOWING DIVINE
 LITURGY

**ITEMS IN NEED OF DONORS FOR LENT,
HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER**

FLOWERS TO DECORATE THE ICON OF THE VIRGIN (DURING FIVE FRIDAYS)

Pat Gauvain

ANNUNCIATION ICON FLOWERS

Donor(s) Needed

FLOWERS (500 DAFFODILS) FOR FEAST OF THE CROSS

Freda Chrest

PALM SUNDAY PALMS

Donor(s) Needed

BANNER OF RESURRECTION

Donor(s) Needed

LARGE PASCHAL CANDLE USED BY PRIEST FOR EASTER SEASON

Donor(s) Needed

WREATH FOR HOLY CROSS

Mr. & Mrs. Leon Gabrielian

Mrs. Calliopi Lambros

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Manos

FLOWERS FOR THE RESURRECTION

ICON- ICONOSTASIS

Donor(s) Needed

EASTER POTTED LILIES

Penelope Contos

FLOWERS TO DECORATE ICON OF CHRIST FOR HOLY MONDAY

Donor(s) Needed

SPECIAL INCENSE FOR HOLY WEEK

Donor(s) Needed

SPECIAL 100% BEESWAX CANDLES FOR CROSS AND ALTAR TABLE

Maria Massouris

PORTABLE ICON OF THE RESURRECTION

Mr. & Mrs. Leon Gabrielian

Mrs. Calliopi Lambros

Please note that in the spirit of Christian inclusiveness the church will

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exclude or to deny anyone the opportunity to participate.**



GOYA PALM SUNDAY



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Help us make this GOYA event as fun and successful as was our GOYA movie night. For those who attended we thank you for the support. GOYA would like to wish everyone a blessed and spiritual Palm Sunday. May God protect us all and fill us up with love and good health, so may we all celebrate his great resurrection the following week.

ADULT LUNCH.....FISH LUNCH.....\$15.00
CHILDREN.....PASTA PLATE.....\$15.00

We will be pre-selling tickets in the hall after church starting this Sunday. Please make plans with your family and friends and support your youth and celebrate Palm Sunday
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LUMINARY CANDLES FOR HOLY FRIDAY AND HOLY SATURDAY

Philoptochos will be offering Luminary Bags with Candles to be displayed around the church on Good Friday & Holy Saturday.

Please fill out the Luminary form when you receive the April Vineyard, and bring it to the Philoptochos table on Sundays. Thanks!

PHILOPTOCHOS GENERAL MEETNG TUESDAY, APRIL 5 AT 6:30PM

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well as for their spiritually and emotionally uplifting properties.



ADOPT-A-BUS IS BACK!

The 2016 OC Greekfest will be advertised on the back of the ART buses that travel through Anaheim and surrounding cities. If you would like to Adopt-a-Bus for \$300, please stop by the Festival Table in the Fellowship Hall.



2016 DC Greek Fest

ADOPT-A-BOOTH

UPDATE

We're kicking off the 2016 OC Greek Fest Adopt-a-Booth program. This year's Festival will take place on, May 20th, 21st and 22nd. We need your support to ensure a successful festival. Please complete this form and drop it off at the Church Office or give it to a Parish Council member. For additional information, please contact either Spiro Rados (714-319-6431) or Stacy Sotos-Lanyi (greekstacy@sbcglobal.net; 714-473-3726).

400 lbs Ground Beef	\$800	Margaritas	\$600	Pastry – Honey	\$700
600 lbs Salad	\$600	Wine	\$1,200	Religious Booth	\$2,000
Tiropita	\$600	Cappuccino	\$300	Printing – Flyers	\$500
Spanakopita	\$600	Soft Drinks	\$1,800	Printing – Postcards	\$1,000
Moussaka	\$1,500	Ice	\$1,000	Band – Friday Night	\$1,500
Mega Booth – Gyro	\$2,400	Pastry – Baklava	\$500	Band – Saturday	\$1,500
Mega Booth – Feta Fries	\$1,200	Pastry – Baklava	\$500	Band – Sunday	\$1,500
Mega Booth – Produce	\$1,000	Pastry – Marble Koulourakia	\$500	Shuttle Bus – Friday	\$1,500
Mega Booth – Feta	\$600	Pastry – Bougatsa	\$400	Shuttle Bus – Saturday	\$2,500
Tzatziki Sauce	\$300	Pastry – Bougatsa	\$400	Shuttle Bus – Sunday	\$2,500
Calamari	\$1,250	Pastry – Bougatsa	\$400	Volunteer T-shirts	\$600
Kitchen Oil	\$400	Pastry – Kourambietes	\$400	Website/Social Media	\$700
Kid's Hot Dogs	\$400	Pastry – Karidopita	\$400	Photography	\$500
Greek Beer	\$800				

Donor Name(s): _____

How name(s) to appear on booth: _____

Email: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Booth / Expense Adopted: _____

Amount of Donation: _____

* Donation amounts are suggestions only. In many cases, the actual booth expense exceeds the suggested donation amount. PARTIAL DONATIONS HAPPILY ACCEPTED! In-kind (product) donations gladly accepted with advance approval by the Festival Committee.

Join our Growing List of Donors!

Baklava – The Culp Family	Dolmathes - Leon & Elly Gabrielian	Hall Produce – Billy Boy's Café Inc.
Greek Beer – Stephen Kallaos DDS	Outside Tavern - George & Eva Gatsinaris	Baklava - Richard & Katherine Cote
Hall Bar – Dawn Alexander Davis	Loukoumades – Connie Perakis	Rice – In Memory of Peter L. Attard
Melomakarona – Friend of OC GreekFest	Water – Nick & Sophia Begakis	YiaYia's Cookies–Angelo & Vasiliki Bernardis
Koulourakia–George & Ekaterina Chatzis	Pasta Flora – John Koliass	Melomakarona – Tim & Julie Sarres
Beer Truck – AHEPA	Onions – Ted & Stella Triantos	Hall-Feta Cheese – Dean & Bessie Marinos
Lamb Taverna – Chris & Eva Sigas	Chicken– Spyridon & Patricia Rados	General Donation – Frank & Dimitra Kiriakos
Pastitio – Bill & Marcel Lambropoulos	Olive Oil – Angelopoulos Family	Galactobouriko – Maria & Chris Bonorris
Chocolate Trigona – Kosta & Dimitra Kapogianis		Ravani – Chris & Susan Mellas
	Poutinga – Ann Lewis, Mary Sargologos, Georgia Soles, Foula Vanikiotis & Helen Vest	
	Microbrewery – Left Coast Brewing – John, George & Dora Hadjis	
	Greek Coffee – In memory of Georgia Stavrakes	
	Diples – Freda Chrest, Sophia Christian, Marcia Melanitis, Soula Thomas	
	Pork & Chicken Souvlakia – Perry & Christy Valaskantjis, Nikiforos & Konstantinos	

Thank you very much for your generosity!

April 3



TODAY - APRIL 3, 2016

GREEK ORTHODOX BASKETBALL

Start Time 2pm St. John vs. St. Anthony at Dale JHS

Baking Schedule for 2016 OC Greek Fest

April 6th, Wednesday - Koulourakia - 9am

April 12th, Tuesday - Kourambiethes - 9am

Julie Sarres (714) 522-7737