

ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

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April 17, 2016

Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

Symeon, Bishop of Persia

Makarios, Bishop of Corinth

ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ -EPISTLE READING - Hebrews 9:11-14

Αδελφοί, Χριστὸς δὲ παραγενόμενος ἀρχιερεὺς τῶν μελλόντων ἀγαθῶν, διὰ τῆς μείζονος καὶ τελειοτέρας σκηνῆς, οὐ χειροποιήτου, τοῦτ' ἔστιν, οὐ ταύτης τῆς κτίσεως, οὐδὲ δι' αἵματος τράγων καὶ μόσχων, διὰ δὲ τοῦ ἰδίου αἵματος εἰσῆλθεν ἐφάπαξ εἰς τὰ ἅγια, αἰώνιαν λύτρωσιν εὐράμενος. Εἰ γὰρ τὸ αἷμα ταύρων καὶ τράγων, καὶ σποδὸς δαμάλεως ῥαντίζουσα τοὺς κεκοινωμένους, ἀγιάζει πρὸς τὴν τῆς σαρκὸς καθαρότητα, πόσω μᾶλλον τὸ αἷμα τοῦ Χριστοῦ, ὃς διὰ πνεύματος αἰωνίου ἑαυτὸν προσήνεγκεν ἄμωμον τῷ θεῷ, καθαριεῖ τὴν συνείδησιν ὑμῶν ἀπὸ νεκρῶν ἔργων, εἰς τὸ λατρεύειν θεῷ ζῶντι;

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.

Epistle Reader: Marianna Attard

ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ - GOSPEL READING - Mark 10:32-45

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, παραλαβάνει ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς δώδεκα μαθητάς αὐτοῦ καὶ ἤρξατο αὐτοῖς λέγειν τὰ μέλλοντα αὐτῷ συμβαίνειν, ὅτι ἰδοὺ ἀναβαίνομεν εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου παραδοθήσεται τοῖς ἀρχιερεῦσι καὶ γραμματεῦσι, καὶ κατακρινούσιν αὐτὸν θανάτῳ καὶ παραδώσουσιν αὐτὸν τοῖς ἔθνεσι, καὶ ἐμπαίζουσιν αὐτῷ καὶ μαστιγώσουσιν αὐτὸν καὶ ἐμπτύσουσιν αὐτῷ καὶ ἀποκτενοῦσιν αὐτόν, καὶ τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ ἀναστήσεται. Καὶ προσπορεύονται αὐτῷ Ἰάκωβος καὶ Ἰωάννης υἱοὶ Ζεβεδαίου λέγοντες· διδάσκαλε, θέλομεν ἵνα ὁ ἐὰν αἰτήσωμεν ποιήσης ἡμῖν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τί θέλετε ποιῆσαί με ὑμῖν; οἱ δὲ εἶπον αὐτῷ· δός ἡμῖν ἵνα εἷς ἐκ δεξιῶν σου καὶ εἷς ἐξ εὐωνύμων σου καθίσωμεν ἐν τῇ δόξῃ σου. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· οὐκ οἶδατε τί αἰτεῖσθε. δύνασθε πιεῖν τὸ ποτήριον ὃ ἐγὼ πίνω, καὶ τὸ βάπτισμα ὃ ἐγὼ βαπτίζομαι βαπτισθῆναι; οἱ δὲ εἶπον αὐτῷ· δυνάμεθα. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τὸ μὲν ποτήριον ὃ ἐγὼ πίνω πίεσθε, καὶ τὸ βάπτισμα ὃ ἐγὼ βαπτίζομαι βαπτισθήσεσθε· τὸ δὲ καθίσαί ἐκ δεξιῶν μου καὶ ἐξ εὐωνύμων οὐκ ἔστιν ἐμὸν δοῦναι, ἀλλ' οἷς ἡτοίμασται. Καὶ ἀκούσαντες οἱ δέκα ἤρξαντο ἀγανακτεῖν περὶ Ἰακώβου καὶ Ἰωάννου. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς προσκαλεσάμενος αὐτοὺς λέγει αὐτοῖς· οἶδατε ὅτι οἱ δοκοῦντες ἄρχειν τῶν ἐθνῶν κατακυριεύουσιν αὐτῶν καὶ οἱ μεγάλοι αὐτῶν κατεξουσιάζουσιν αὐτῶν· οὐχ οὕτω δὲ ἔσται ἐν ὑμῖν, ἀλλ' ὃς ἐὰν θέλῃ γενέσθαι μέγας ἐν ὑμῖν, ἔσται ὑμῶν διάκονος, καὶ ὃς ἐὰν θέλῃ ὑμῶν γενέσθαι πρῶτος, ἔσται πάντων δοῦλος· καὶ γὰρ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου οὐκ ἦλθε διακονηθῆναι, ἀλλὰ διακονῆσαι, καὶ δοῦναι τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ λύτρον ἀντὶ πολλῶν.

At that time, Jesus taking the twelve again, 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."

ACOLYTES SERVING TODAY - TEAM B

RELIGIOUS SERVICES, MEETINGS AND EVENTS

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 17, 2016

Sun. April 17, 2016
 Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt
 Orthros 9am & Divine Liturgy 10am

Tues. April 19, 2016
 - Greek Language School, 4pm
 - Parish Council Meeting, 7pm

Wed. April 20, 2016
PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY, 6PM
Light Lenten meal & Studies in the Faith to follow

Sat. April 23, 2016
LAZARUS SATURDAY
 Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9am
 - Youth Retreat
 - Making of Palm Crosses

PROSFORO

April	17	Elefteria Konstantarakis
April	23	Kathy Tseheridis
April	23	Fotini Poulpoulos
April	24	Lela Bonorris
April	24	Eleftheria Skentzos
April	24	Voula Kitsigianis

+ MEMORIAL - +

Harry Nichols Jr.- 1 Year
 Peter Attard 3 Years

**Coffee will be sponsored by the Nichols family*

+ May their memory be eternal +

Father George Hadjis Memorial Scholarship

Applications are now available on the Church website or you can contact Christine Pappas at 7143942240 or pappascg1@gmail.com. Applications will be due on Sunday, May 8, 2016

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. (Note: 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.)

MAKE A WISH GREECE

Our Philoptochos Chapter has reached out to Make a Wish Greece to help them provide medication, baby and child care products, food, and bottled water to the children in the refugee camps. 100% of our donation goes directly to this special program. You can help by donating to Philoptochos and write Refugee Crisis on the check or note. Contact Christine Pappas or Cindy Kezos if you have any questions.

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

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

Patricia Gauvain
Mrs. Calliopi Charalambous in memory of Georgios Charalambous
Mrs. Gail Mitchell

ANNUNCIATION ICON FLOWERS

FLOWERS FOR FEAST OF THE CROSS

Freda Chrest

PALM SUNDAY PALMS

Mr. Dukas Contos

BANNER OF RESURRECTION

Fofa Panagakis
Tony & Demetra Natsis

LARGE PASCHAL CANDLE USED BY PRIEST FOR EASTER SEASON

Anonymous
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Christ
Foula Vanikiotis
Fofa Panagakis

WREATH FOR HOLY CROSS

Mr. & Mrs. Leon Gabrielian
Mrs. Calliopi Lambros
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Manos
Mrs. Vivian Christian

FLOWERS FOR THE RESURRECTION (ICON- ICONOSTASIS)

Dr. & Mrs. Constantine Glezakos

EASTER POTTED LILIES

Penelope Contos

FLOWERS TO DECORATE ICON OF CHRIST FOR HOLY MONDAY

Foula Vanikiotis
Fofa Panagakis

SPECIAL INCENSE FOR HOLY WEEK

Anonymous
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Mellas
Catherine Christ
Fofa Panagakis

SPECIAL 100% BEESWAX CANDLES FOR CROSS AND ALTAR TABLE

Maria Massouris in memory of George Massouris

PORTABLE ICON OF THE RESURRECTION

Anonymous
Mr. & Mrs. Leon Gabrielian
Mrs. Calliopi Lambros

Please note that in the spirit of Christian inclusiveness the church will accept more than opportunity to participate.



All Students are invited to attend the
Annual Saturday of Lazarus Retreat
 This Saturday, April 23, 2016

Immediately following church services in the church hall
 The morning begins with Church Service followed by a light Lenten Lunch
 Activities will include Palm making for the Palm Sunday service. Students will have an opportunity to make an Anastasi Candle to light and hold during the Resurrection Service on Saturday night.
 The Sacrament of Holy Confession will also be offered to the students.



GOYA
PALM SUNDAY
Annual Luncheon April 24, 2016



We will be pre-selling tickets in the hall after church on Sundays. Please make plans with your family and friends and support your youth and celebrate Palm Sunday k] h \ ' m c i f ' G U] b GOYA would like to wish everyone a blessed and spiritual Palm Sunday.



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. There is a \$5.00 donation for each Luminary Bag and two names may be displayed on each bag.

Please fill out the Luminary form in the April Vineyard and bring it to the Philoptochos table on Sundays. Thanks!



FESTIVAL UPDATE!

You asked and we listened - pre-sale entrance tickets are available - get them for your co-workers clients, friends and neighbors. They are available at the Festival Table along with flyers, post cards, yard signs (NEW), Adopt-a-Booth and other information.



2016 DC GreekFest

ADOPT-A-BOOTH



Have you participated in 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).

600 lbs Salad	\$600	Ice	\$1,000	Pastry – Kourambiethes	\$400
Tiropita	\$600	Pastry – Baklava	\$500	Religious Booth	\$2,000
Spanakopita	\$600	Pastry – Baklava	\$500	Printing – Postcards	\$1,000
Mega Booth – Gyro	\$2,400	Pastry – Marble Koulourakia	\$500	Band – Friday Night	\$1,500
Mega Booth – Feta Fries	\$1,200	Pastry – Bougatsa	\$400	Band – Saturday	\$1,500
Calamari	\$1,250	Pastry – Bougatsa	\$400	Band – Sunday	\$1,500
Kitchen Oil	\$400	Pastry – Bougatsa	\$400	Shuttle Bus – Friday	\$1,500
Greek Beer	\$800	Pastry – Kataifi	\$300	Shuttle Bus – Saturday	\$2,500
Wine	\$1,200	Pastry – Kataifi	\$300	Shuttle Bus – Sunday	\$2,500
Cappuccino	\$300	Pastry – Kourambiethes	\$400	Volunteer T-shirts	\$600
Soft Drinks	\$1,800	ADOPT-A-BUS	\$300	Website/Social Media	\$700

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 Adopt-a-Booth 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 Koliias	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
Moussaka – George Zonos	Pasta Flora – Ann Arvanitis & Maria Nicolau	Mega-Feta – Andreas & Niky Syrengelas
Ravani – Chris & Susan Mellas	Kataifi – Alice Antoniou	Printing-Flyers – Harry's Cafe
Photography – Brea's Best Burgers	General Donation – Steve Tseheridis	Neighbor Gyros – Electra & Nick Christ
General Donation – Anne Cantonis	Margaritas – Christos Best	Tzatziki – Jim & Zoe Pilafas
Microbrewery – Left Coast Brewing – John, George & Dora Hadjis	Chocolate Trigona – Kosta & Dimitra Kapogianis	
Greek Coffee – In memory of Georgia Stavrakes	Ground Beef–Athanasios, Effie, Maria & Nicole Foskaris	
	Mega Booth-Produce – Cretans Omonoia of Orange County	
	Kids – Hot Dog Both – Kalliope & George Feles and Christine & Kosta Pappas	
	Poutinga – Ann Lewis, Mary Sargologos, Georgia Soles, Foula Vanikiotis, Helen Vest & Alexandra Lambropoulos	
	Diples – Freda Chrest, Sophia Christian, Marcia Melanitis, Soula Thomas	
	Pork & Chicken Souvlakia – Perry & Christy Valaskantjis, Nikiforos & Konstantinos	

Join our Growing List of Adopt-a-Bus Donors!

Harry & Georgia Manos	Pennie Contos
In Memory of George C. Kezos	Bob & Stacy Lanyi

Thank you very much for your generosity!



April 17

TODAY!! SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH
TSOUREKI PRE -SALES AFTER CHURCH

Tsoureki baking- This Saturday, April 23rd all day. Helping hands welcome!
Tsoureki pickup - Palm Sunday, April 24th after church

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and children greatly appreciate your generosity!

Baking Schedule for 2016 OC Greek Fest

April 21st, Thursday - Pasta Flora
May 10th, Tuesday - Melomakarona
May 12th, Thursday - Diples
May 18th, Wednesday - Honey Diples and Melomakarona
May 19th, Thursday - Gift Boxes