

ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

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PALM SUNDAY

Mary of Egypt

Gerontios & Vasilides

ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ -EPISTLE READING - Philippians 4:4-9

Αδελφοί, χαίρετε ἐν κυρίῳ πάντοτε· πάλιν ἐρῶ, χαίρετε. Τὸ ἐπιεικὲς ὑμῶν γνωσθήτω πᾶσιν ἀνθρώποις. Ὁ κύριος ἐγγύς. Μηδὲν μεριμνᾶτε, ἀλλ' ἐν παντὶ τῇ προσευχῇ καὶ τῇ δεήσει μετὰ εὐχαριστίας τὰ αἰτήματα ὑμῶν γνωρίζεσθω πρὸς τὸν θεόν. Καὶ ἡ εἰρήνη τοῦ θεοῦ ἡ ὑπερέχουσα πάντα νοῦν, φρουρήσει τὰς καρδίας ὑμῶν καὶ τὰ νοήματα ὑμῶν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. Τὸ λοιπόν, ἀδελφοί, ὅσα ἐστὶν ἀληθῆ, ὅσα σεμνά, ὅσα δίκαια, ὅσα ἀγνά, ὅσα προσφιλῆ, ὅσα εὐφημα, εἴ τις ἀρετὴ καὶ εἴ τις ἔπαινος, ταῦτα λογίζεσθε. Ἄ καὶ ἐμάθετε καὶ παρελάβετε καὶ ἠκούσατε καὶ εἶδετε ἐν ἐμοί, ταῦτα πράσσετε· καὶ ὁ θεὸς τῆς εἰρήνης ἔσται μεθ' ὑμῶν.

BRETHREN, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Epistle Reader: Nicolette Turner

ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ - GOSPEL READING - John 12:1-18

Πρὸ ἑξ ἡμερῶν τοῦ πάσχα ἦλθεν Ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς Βηθανίαν, ὅπου ἦν Λάζαρος ὁ τεθνηκώς, ὃν ἤγειρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν. ἐποίησαν οὖν αὐτῷ δεῖπνον ἐκεῖ, καὶ ἡ Μάρθα διηκόνει· ὁ δὲ Λάζαρος εἷς ἦν τῶν ἀνακειμένων σὺν αὐτῷ. ἡ οὖν Μαρία, λαβοῦσα λίτραν μύρου νάρδου πιστικῆς πολυτίμου, ἤλειψε τοὺς πόδας τοῦ Ἰησοῦ καὶ ἐξέμαξε ταῖς θριξίν αὐτῆς τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ· ἡ δὲ οἰκία ἐπληρώθη ἐκ τῆς ὀσμῆς τοῦ μύρου. λέγει οὖν εἷς ἐκ τῶν μαθητῶν αὐτοῦ, Ἰούδας Σίμωνος Ἰσκαριώτης, ὁ μέλλων αὐτὸν παραδιδόναι· διατὶ τοῦτο τὸ μύρον οὐκ ἐπράθη τριακοσίων δηναρίων καὶ ἐδόθη πτωχοῖς; εἶπε δὲ τοῦτο οὐχ ὅτι περὶ τῶν πτωχῶν ἔμελεν αὐτῷ, ἀλλ' ὅτι κλέπτῃς ἦν, καὶ τὸ γλωσσόκομον εἶχε καὶ τὰ βαλλόμενα ἐβάσταζεν. εἶπεν οὖν ὁ Ἰησοῦς· ἄφες αὐτήν, εἰς τὴν ἡμέραν τοῦ ἐνταφιασμοῦ μου τετήρηκεν αὐτό. τοὺς πτωχοὺς γὰρ πάντοτε ἔχετε μεθ' ἑαυτῶν, ἐμὲ δὲ οὐ πάντοτε ἔχετε. Ἔγνω οὖν ὄχλος πολὺς ἐκ τῶν Ἰουδαίων ὅτι ἐκεῖ ἐστὶ, καὶ ἦλθον οὐ διὰ τὸν Ἰησοῦν μόνον, ἀλλ' ἵνα καὶ τὸν Λάζαρον ἴδωσιν ὃν ἤγειρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν. ἐβουλεύσαντο δὲ οἱ ἀρχιερεῖς ἵνα καὶ τὸν Λάζαρον ἀποκτείνωσιν, ὅτι πολλοὶ δι' αὐτὸν ὑπήγον τῶν Ἰουδαίων καὶ ἐπίστευον εἰς τὸν Ἰησοῦν. Τῇ ἐπαύριον ὄχλος πολὺς ὁ ἐλθὼν εἰς τὴν ἑορτήν, ἀκούσαντες ὅτι ἔρχεται Ἰησοῦς εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα, ἔλαβον τὰ βάρβατα τῶν φοινίκων καὶ ἐξῆλθον εἰς ὑπάντησιν αὐτῷ, καὶ ἔκραζον· ὦσαννά, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου, ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ. εὐρῶν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὄναριον ἐκάθισεν ἐπ' αὐτό, καθὼς ἐστὶ γεγραμμένον· μὴ φοβοῦ, θύγατερ Σιών· ἰδοὺ ὁ βασιλεὺς σου ἔρχεται καθήμενος ἐπὶ πῶλον ὄνου. Ταῦτα δὲ οὐκ ἔγνωσαν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ τὸ πρῶτον, ἀλλ' ὅτε ἐδοξάσθη ὁ Ἰησοῦς, τότε ἐμνήσθησαν ὅτι ταῦτα ἦν ἐπ' αὐτῷ γεγραμμένα, καὶ ταῦτα ἐποίησαν αὐτῷ. Ἐμαρτύρει οὖν ὁ ὄχλος ὁ ὢν μετ' αὐτοῦ ὅτε τὸν Λάζαρον ἐφώνησεν ἐκ τοῦ μνημείου καὶ ἤγειρεν αὐτὸν ἐκ νεκρῶν. διὰ τοῦτο καὶ ὑπήντησεν αὐτῷ ὁ ὄχλος, ὅτι ἤκουσαν τοῦτο αὐτὸν πεποιηκέναι τὸ σημεῖον.

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

ACOLYTES SERVING TODAY - TEAM B

Fellowship in Church Hall following Divine Liturgy

HYMNS OF THE DAY

Ἀπολυτίκιον.

Ἦχος α'.

Τὴν κοινὴν Ἀνάστασιν πρὸ τοῦ
σοῦ Πάθους πιστούμενος, ἐκ νεκρῶν
ἤγειρας τὸν Λάζαρον, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός·
ὄθεν καὶ ἡμεῖς ὡς οἱ Παῖδες, τὰ τῆς νίκης
σύμβολα φέροντες, σοὶ τῷ Νικητῇ τοῦ
θανάτου βοῶμεν· Ὡσαννὰ ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις,
εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ἐν ὀνόματι
Κυρίου.

Ἔτερον.

Ἦχος δ'.

Συνταφέντες σοι διὰ τοῦ Βαπτίσματος,
Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός ἡμῶν, τῆς ἀθανάτου
ζωῆς ἠξιώθημεν τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου, καὶ
ἀνυμνοῦντες κρᾶζομεν· Ὡσαννὰ ἐν τοῖς
ὑψίστοις, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ἐν
ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

Κοντάκιον.

Ἦχος πλ. β'. Ἀυτόμελον.

Τῷ θρόνῳ ἐν οὐρανῷ, τῷ πάλῳ ἐπὶ
τῆς γῆς, ἐποχοῦμενος Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, τῶν
Ἀγγέλων τὴν αἴνεσιν, καὶ τῶν Παίδων
ἀνύμνησιν προσεδέξω βοῶντων σοι·
Εὐλογημένος εἶ ὁ ἐρχόμενος, τὸν Ἀδὰμ
ἀνακαλέσασθαι.

Apolytikion.

Mode 1.

To confirm the general resurrection
before Your Passion, You resurrected Lazarus
from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore
imitating the children, carrying the symbols
of victory, we cry out to You the Victor over
death: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are
You, the One, who comes in the name of the
Lord."

Another.

Mode 4.

We were buried with You through
Baptism, O Christ our God, and thus by
Your Resurrection we have been granted
immortal life, and extolling You we cry aloud,
"Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the
One who comes in the name of the Lord."

Kontakion.

Mode pl. 2. Automelon.

In heaven upon the throne, on earth upon
the colt, * You were carried, O Christ our God;
* and the praise of the Angels, and the hymns
of the children, You received as they cried
to You, * "Blessed are You, the One, who is
coming to call Adam back again."

RELIGIOUS SERVICES, MEETINGS & EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 1, 2018

- Sun. April 1, 2018
PALM SUNDAY
Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am
Service of the Bridegroom, 7pm

*GOYA Palm Sunday Luncheon
Today after Divine Liturgy*
- Mon. April 2, 2018
HOLY MONDAY
Service of the Bridegroom, 7pm
- Tues. April 3, 2018
HOLY TUESDAY
Service of the Bridegroom, 7pm
- Wed. April 4, 2018
HOLY WEDNESDAY
Sacrament of Holy Unction
3:30pm and 7pm
- Thurs. April 5, 2018
HOLY THURSDAY
VESPERAL LITURGY OF ST. BASIL, 8AM

Service of the 12 Gospels of the
Passion & Crucifixion, 7pm
- Fri. April 6, 2018
HOLY FRIDAY
Service of Royal Hours, 10am
Vespers of Descent from the Cross, 3pm
Service of Lamentations, 7pm
- Sat. April 7, 2018
HOLY SATURDAY
Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil, 9am
Paschal Vigil, 11pm

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
12 MIDNIGHT
Followed by Divine Liturgy & Easter Meal
- Sun. April 8, 2018
GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA
Agape Vesper Service, 11am

PROSFORO

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| April 1 | Lela Bonorris |
| April 1 | Voula Kitsigianis |
| April 5 | Fofa Panagakis |
| April 5 | Katerina Tseheridis |
| April 7 | Fofa Panagakis |
| April 7 | Fotini Pouloupoulos |
| April 7 | Voula Kitsigianis |
| April 7 | Katerina Tseheridis |

READERS NEEDED FOR PASCHA AGAPE VESPERS

We are looking for people to read at the Pascha Agape Vesper Service. If you read a foreign language and would like to participate, please call the church office.

St. John's Church School is hosting the Parish Level St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival

Sunday, April 15, 2018 at St. John's
Fellowship Hall following Divine Liturgy

Conference Call Assistance with the Parish Level Oratorical Festival! Conference Call at 7PM on April 10th (Tuesday)

To attend and benefit from this informative session:
Call (605) 472-5356 then enter Access code 483816.

Dates to remember:

- Parish Oratorical Festival: April 15
- District Festival in Long Beach: April 22

Speech Length:

- Elementary Division (Grades 4-6) any length
- Junior Division (Grades 7-9) 3-4 min.
- Senior Division (Grades 10-12) 4-5 min.

For more information contact

Sam.Konugres@sbcglobal.net (310) 204-0605

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

**FLOWERS TO DECORATE THE ICON OF THE VIRGIN (DURING FIVE FRIDAYS)
Mr. & Mrs. Gus Gialamas**

**ANNUNCIATION ICON FLOWERS
Leon and Elly Gabrielian**

**FLOWERS FOR FEAST OF THE CROSS
Anonymous in Memory of Father James Diavatis
Angelo & Connie Boussiacos**

**PALM SUNDAY PALMS
The Contos Family in Memory of Persephoni & Paul Contos**

**BANNER OF RESURRECTION
Freda Chrest
Calliopi S. Lambros**

**LARGE PASCHAL CANDLE USED BY PRIEST FOR EASTER SEASON
John & Joanne Halias
Tim and Georgia Krantz**

**WREATH FOR HOLY CROSS
Vivian Christian
Leon and Elly Gabrielian
Calliopi S. Lambros**

**FLOWERS FOR THE RESURRECTION
ICON - ICONOSTASIS
Mr. & Mrs. Syed Hussein
Kokkinides Family in Memory of Peter & Dimitri
Maria Massouris, Culp & Natsis Families**

**EASTER POTTED LILLIES
Nick & Electra Christ**

**FLOWERS TO DECORATE ICON OF CHRIST FOR HOLY MONDAY
Baglin Family in Memory of Marie Baglin
Steve & Katerina Tschheridis**

**SPECIAL INCENSE FOR HOLY WEEK
Catherine Christ
John & Joanne Halias**

**SPECIAL 100% BEESWAX CANDLES FOR CROSS AND ALTAR TABLE
John & Joanne Halias
Foula Vanikiotis**

**PORTABLE ICON OF THE RESURRECTION
Leon & Elly Gabrielian
Kokkinides Family in Memory of Peter & Dimitri
Calliopi S. Lambros**

**Please note that in the spirit of Christian inclusiveness the church will
accept more than one donor for a specific item. We don't want to
exclude or to deny anyone the opportunity to participate.
PLEASE SUBMIT DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE**



TSOUREKI PICK-UP
TODAY PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 1ST

Tsoureki pick up is today, Palm Sunday, after church. Thank you for supporting St. John's Sunday Church School. The teachers and children greatly appreciate your generosity!!!!



THANK YOU FROM
FOULA VANIKIOTIS!

I want to thank everyone who contributed to the Lenten Menu after the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy. I don't know what I would've done without you! God bless you!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to dye Easter eggs on Holy Tuesday, April 3rd at 9:30am in St. John's Fellowship Hall. Contact Raza Kitzigianis at (714) 348-8365.



HELP SUPPORT
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
GREEK SCHOOL PROGRAM

Purchase an Easter Candle "Lambada" for your special loved one! \$25 each. Cash and checks payable to St. John's Greek school.



HELP NEEDED FOR
PREPARATION OF FLOWERS

As we approach Pascha, help will be needed for the preparation of flowers on Holy Thursday and decoration of the Kouvouklion (Epitaphio) and several icons on Holy Friday following morning services. Your help would be welcomed on either or both days. If you have questions, please call Jerry Kallaos at (714) 842-1894.

2018 OC GREEK FEST MEETING
Thursday, April 12th - 7pm in the Small Hall

We invite members of our community to be part of the committee and help lead our community to a successful Festival!

LUMINARY CANDLES

Philoptochos will be offering Luminary Bags with Candles to be displayed around the church on Holy Friday & Holy Saturday. Please fill out the Luminary form inside the Vineyard, or stop by the Philoptochos Table to fill out your form after Divine Liturgy.

Saturday
April 14th
5:00-9:00 pm



St. John the Baptist
Philoptochos Society

Presents

BINGO

Family
Night!
Fundraiser



2018 FESTIVAL
BAKING SCHEDULE

Kourambiethes - Thurs. - April 12 - 9am
Melomakarona - Tues. - April 17 - 9am

Any help is very much appreciated. God bless you. Thank you ~ Julie Sarres (714) 522-7737

Admission: \$30 per person / \$10 Children 12 and under

Admission includes Dinner and Bingo Card—Additional Bingo Cards Available

Reservations: Christina Dourbetas at 714-401-2153

WELCOME VISITORS

We welcome all visitors to St. John's. If you are non-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.)**