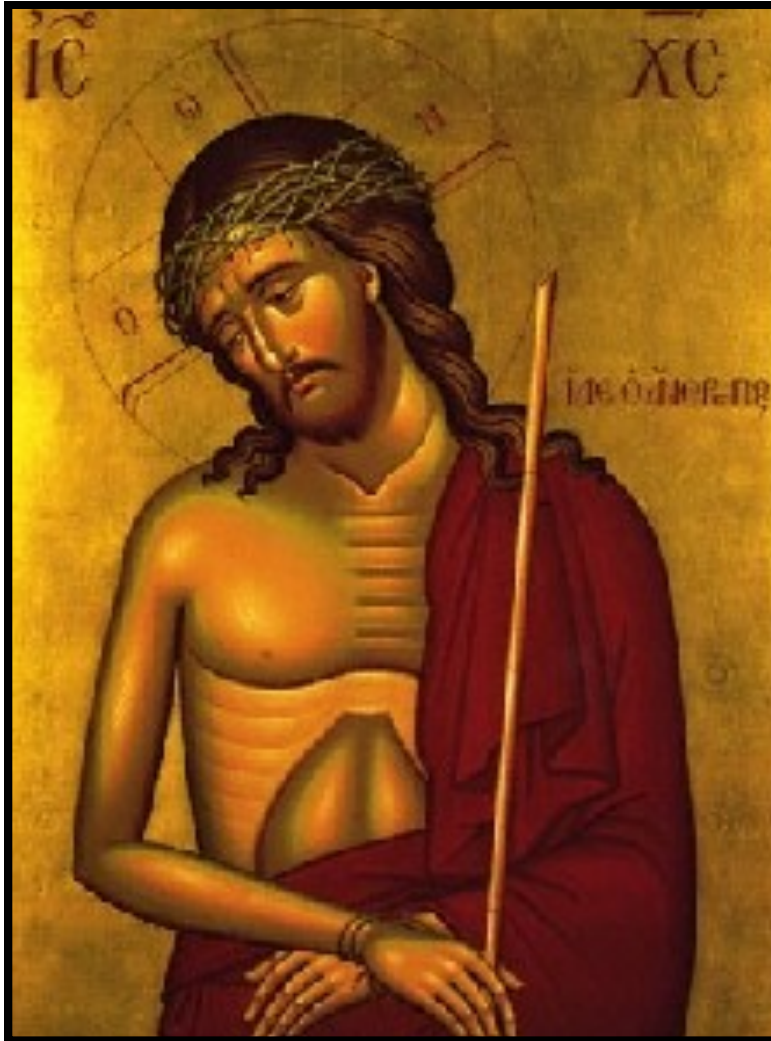


**ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
2020**



Holy Week

Η ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΣ

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2020 LIVE STREAM OF ALL SERVICES

- APRIL 11** **SATURDAY OF LAZARUS**
8 A.M. ORTHROS 9 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY
- APRIL 12** **PALM SUNDAY**
8 A.M. ORTHROS 9:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY
7 P.M. NYMPHIOS (BRIDEGROOM) SERVICE
- APRIL 13** **HOLY AND GREAT MONDAY**
7 P.M. NYMPHIOS (BRIDEGROOM) SERVICE
- APRIL 14** **HOLY AND GREAT TUESDAY**
7 P.M. NYMPHIOS (BRIDEGROOM) SERVICE (with hymn of Kassiane)
- APRIL 15** **HOLY AND GREAT WEDNESDAY**
5:30 P.M. HOLY UNCTION SERVICE
7 P.M. MATINS OF HOLY THURSDAY (Last Supper Orthros Service)
- APRIL 16** **HOLY AND GREAT THURSDAY**
7 A.M. VESPERAL LITURGY OF BASIL THE GREAT (The Last Supper)
7 P.M. HOLY PASSION OF THE LORD (Service of the 12 Passion Gospels)
- APRIL 17** **HOLY AND GREAT FRIDAY**
8 A.M. ROYAL HOURS
3 P.M. APOKATHELOSIS VESPERS
7 P.M. EPITAPHIOS LAMENTATIONS
- APRIL 18** **HOLY AND GREAT SATURDAY**
8 A.M. VESPERAL LITURGY OF BASIL THE GREAT (“First Resurrection Service”)
11 P.M. SERVICE OF LIGHTS
12 MIDNIGHT — RESURRECTION SERVICE,
ORTHROS AND DIVINE LITURGY OF PASCHA
- APRIL 19** **HOLY AND GREAT PASCHA**
11 A.M. AGAPE VESPERS SERVICE

ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΜΕΓΑΛΗΣ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΠΑΣΧΑ 2020

- 11 ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟΥ** **ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ ΤΟΥ ΛΑΖΑΡΟΥ**
8:00 π.μ. - ΟΡΘΡΟΣ 9:00 π.μ. - ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ
- 12 ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟΥ** **ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΒΑΙΩΝ**
8:00 π.μ. – ΟΡΘΡΟΣ
9:30 π.μ. – ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ
7:00 μ.μ. ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΑ ΤΟΥ ΝΥΜΦΙΟΥ
- 13 ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟΥ** **ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ**
7:00 μ.μ. ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΑ ΤΟΥ ΝΥΜΦΙΟΥ
- 14 ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟΥ** **ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΤΡΙΤΗ**
7:00 μ.μ. ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΑ ΤΟΥ ΝΥΜΦΙΟΥ (με τὸν ὕμνο τῆς Κασσιανῆς)
- 15 ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟΥ** **ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ**
5:30 μ.μ. ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΑ ΕΥΧΕΛΛΑΙΟΥ
7:00 μ.μ. ΟΡΘΡΟΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΗΣ ΠΕΜΠΤΗΣ
- 16 ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟΥ** **ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΠΕΜΠΤΗ**
7:00 π.μ. ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΥ (Μυστικὸς Δεῖπνος)
7:00 μ.μ. ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΑ ΤΩΝ ΑΓΙΩΝ ΠΑΘΩΝ (12 ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΑ)
- 17 ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟΥ** **ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ**
8:00 π.μ. ΑΙ ΜΕΓΑΛΑΙ ΩΡΑΙ
3:00 μ.μ. ΑΠΟΚΑΘΗΛΩΣΙΣ
7:00 μ.μ. ΕΠΙΦΑΦΙΟΣ ΘΡΗΝΟΣ
- 18 ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟΥ** **ΜΕΓΑΛΟ ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟΝ**
8:00 π.μ. ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΥ («Πρώτη Ανάσταση»)
11:00 μ.μ. ΠΡΟΚΑΤΑΡΚΤΙΚΗ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΑ
12 π.μ. ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΑ ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΕΩΣ,
ΟΡΘΡΟΣ, ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ
- 19 ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟΥ** **ΜΕΓΑ ΚΑΙ ΑΓΙΟΝ ΠΑΣΧΑ**
11:00 π.μ. ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΑΓΑΠΗΣ



HOLY WEEK MEDITATION AND STUDY GUIDE

The services of Holy Week transform us into eyewitnesses and direct participants in the awesome events of the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In readings taken from both Old and New Testaments, in hymns, processions, and liturgical commemoration, we see the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies and the mighty acts by which God Himself, in the person of Jesus Christ, grants us forgiveness for our sins and rescues us from the pain of eternal death.

PALM SUNDAY EVENING

Matthew 21:18-43. This evening's service calls to mind the beginning of Jesus' suffering. The gospel describes the plotting of the priests and elders to trap Jesus into convicting Himself as a religious heretic. Through parables, Jesus tells us of His coming betrayal, trial, conviction, and execution by crucifixion. The hymns of this service commemorate two things; the first, the prophetic figure of Joseph who, while virtuous, nonetheless suffered unjustly at the hands of his brothers before being greatly rewarded, and the second, the parable of the fig tree which, in failing to bear fruit, became a symbol of fallen creation and of our own lives in which we also have failed to bear spiritual fruit.

HOLY MONDAY EVENING

Matthew 22:15-46, 23:1-39. This evening's theme is the need for watchfulness and preparation lest we be called unprepared before the awesome judgment seat of Christ to render an account of ourselves. The gospel reading contrasts the efforts of the Pharisees to trick and discredit Jesus with the forceful resistance which Christ mounts against their evil. The hymns remind us of the parable of the Ten Virgins in which the faithful Christian is exhorted to vigilance.

HOLY TUESDAY EVENING

John 12:17-50. The need for true repentance is the concern of Tuesday evening's service. This transformation from the life of sin to a life of faith and obedience is exemplified for us in the person of the sinful woman who received the gift for forgiveness when she anointed Jesus with myrr and washed His feet. The highlight of the service is the hymn written in honor of this woman by St. Kassiani. The Gospel meditation foretells of the coming suffering of Christ and recalls His inner struggles and agony.

HOLY WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING

Epistle Readings: James 5:10-16, Romans 15:1-7, I Corinthians 12:27-31-13:1-8, II Corinthians 1:8-11, Galatians 5:22-6:2, I Thessalonians 5:14-23. **Gospel Readings:** Luke 10:25-37, Luke 19:1-10, Matthew 10:1 & 10:5-8, Matthew 8:14-23, Matthew 25:1-13, Matthew 15:21-28, Matthew 9:9-13. The primary theme of Holy Wednesday is our human need for the healing and forgiveness that comes into our lives when we establish a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. We are reminded that the way to this relationship is to be found, above all else, through the life of prayer. In the Sacrament of Holy unction, the faithful are anointed and thus healed both physically and spiritually. They are also reconciled to God and one another so that they might receive the gift of the Holy Eucharist instituted by Christ at the Last Supper.

HOLY THURSDAY MORNING

Matthew 26:2-20, John 13:3-17, Matthew 26:21-39, Luke 22:43-45, Matthew 26:40-27:2. On Holy Thursday morning, we ascend Mt. Zion with Christ and the Twelve and enter into the upper room. Once there, we witness the awesome moment when, at the Last Supper, Christ abolishes the ritual practice of the Old Covenant and establishes the ritual of the New Covenant, prophesied by Jeremiah, through the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The faithful receive Holy Communion at the Holiest of Liturgies.

HOLY THURSDAY EVENING

In this service, we commemorate the undeserved suffering of Jesus Christ, endured for our sake, so that we might be reconciled anew to God our Father. The gospel readings witness for us the betrayal and arrest of Jesus, his trial, and conviction, and finally his torture, crucifixion, and death at the hands of a sinful humanity. This evening's service also includes the procession representing Christ carrying His own cross along the Via Dolorosa and ends when we see before us the King of Glory crucified. The gospels are as follows:

1. John 13:31-18:1
2. John 18:1-29
3. Matthew 26:57-75
4. John 18:28-19:16
5. Matthew 27:3-32
6. Mark 15:16-32
7. Matthew 27:33-54
8. Luke 23:32-49
9. John 19:25-37
10. Mark 15:43-47
11. John 19:38-42
12. Matthew 27:62-66

HOLY FRIDAY AFTERNOON

I Corinthians 1:18-2:2, Matthew 27:1-38, Luke 23:39-43, Matthew 27:39-54, John 19:31-37, Matthew 27:55-61. In this service we are once again reverent witness to the undeserved suffering of Christ, to his terrible passion, and death. What is remembered in a special way, through liturgical commemoration and procession, is the faithfulness and love of Joseph of Arimathea who tenderly removed Christ's Body from the cross, wrapped it in clean linen, and carried it to his own unused tomb for burial.

HOLY FRIDAY EVENING

Ezekiel 37:1-14, I Corinthians 5:6-8, Galatians 3:13-14, Matthew 27:62-66. On Good Friday evening, the theme is Christ's descent into Hades during which the gospel of repentance and reconciliation with God is shared with those who died before Christ's saving dispensation in the flesh. The service begins with lamentations sung as we stand before the tomb of Christ commemorating His unjust punishment and the shedding of His innocent blood. But the service ends on a note of joy and hope with the reading of the Prophet Ezekiel in which he describes his vision of our resurrection yet to come; in the midst of despair, we are told there is hope, for not even death can separate us conquered, and faithfulness rewarded.

HOLY SATURDAY MORNING

Romans 6:3-11, Matthew 28:1-20. On Holy Saturday, morning we celebrate the theme of faithfulness receiving its reward. The crucifixion is over, Christ is buried, the 12 Apostles and other disciples are scattered and defeated. And yet, three myrrh-bearing women come in faithfulness to perform the last act of love — to anoint Jesus according to the Jewish burial custom. Their unwavering devotion is rewarded — they are the first to share in Christ's triumph over evil and death. They are the first witnesses to the Resurrection. This joy is commemorated through the scattering of bay leaves and rose petals by the priest.

HOLY SATURDAY EVENING — EASTER SUNDAY MORNING

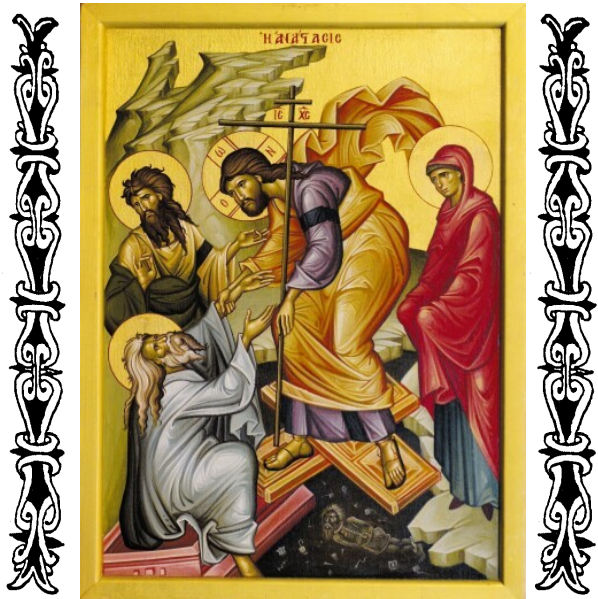
Mark 16:1-8. The Canon of the previous night are repeated and the church is plunged into darkness to symbolize the despair and defeat experienced before the dawn of Christ's victory over the Enemy of our salvation. Precisely at midnight, a single light emerges from the altar representing the victory of Christ over death, the defeat of the Prince of Darkness

by Jesus, the Light of the World. As the light is passed from person to person, it pushes back the darkness of the church and defeats it completely. The Resurrection is proclaimed in song and triumphant procession and, after the Liturgy, its light is carried into our homes so that they too might be filled with its light and warmth and triumph.

EASTER SUNDAY MORNING

John 20:19-25. Christ's Resurrection and victory is affirmed in this morning's theme. The gospel is read in several languages to illustrate the universality of the Good News of the Resurrection and its proclamation to the very ends of the earth. Love, forgiveness, reconciliation, triumph, and joy — these are the gifts which we receive because Christ lived and died and triumphed for our sake.

***GLORY BE TO HIM FOR ALL THINGS
AND MAY YOUR EASTER BE BLESSED***



During Lent and Holy Week, donations of flowers and other needed items are always greatly appreciated. This year, due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, ALL HOLY WEEK SERVICES CAN BE VIEWED BY GOING TO OUR WEBSITE AT (<https://www.assumptionri.org>). There is a large button that says "WATCH NOW." Simply click on this and it will direct you to the live-stream of our services. Please consider making a donation for flowers or other items needed for these services. Unlike other years, flowers will be purchased directly by the church and the decorating of icons and decorating of our church will be done by a VOLUNTEER. What this means is that a small portion of your donation will go towards the actual purchase of the flowers but the rest will go directly to our beloved Assumption Church and not to a florist since a volunteer will be decorating the icons due to the Pandemic. Services were cancelled for the 3rd Salutations, 4th Salutations, Akathist Hymn, Veneration of the Holy Cross, and Annunciation, however, symbolic donations can still be made for flowers which would have been needed for these services. We would like to thank you in advance for your generous support. Even though we will not be physically together during Holy Week services, let's continue to pray for each other during our LIVE STREAM SERVICES. Thank you and may God Bless all of our Parishioners.

Flowers Needed

Icon for the 1st Salutations to the Theotokos \$75 (ALREADY DONATED)
Icon for the 2nd Salutations to the Theotokos \$75 (ALREADY DONATED)
Icon for the 3rd Salutations to the Theotokos \$75 (ALREADY DONATED)
Icon for the 4th Salutations to the Theotokos \$75 (ALREADY DONATED)
Icon for the Akathist Hymn \$75
Veneration of the Holy Cross Flowers \$75
Icon of the Annunciation \$75
Saturday of Lazarus Icon \$75 (ALREADY DONATED)
Palm Sunday Icon \$75 (ALREADY DONATED)
Nymphios Icon \$75 (ALREADY DONATED)
The Last Supper Icon \$75 (ALREADY DONATED)
Washing of the Apostles' Feet Icon \$75 (ALREADY DONATED)
Extreme Humility Icon \$75 (ALREADY DONATED)
Crucifixion Icon \$75
Epitaphio Flowers \$500
Epitaphio Cross \$100 (ALREADY DONATED)
Roses for Myrrhbearers \$50 (ALREADY DONATED)
18 Lilies for Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday \$25 Each (10 LILIES ALREADY DONATED — 8 STILL NEEDED)
Resurrection Icon (No. 1) \$75 (ALREADY DONATED)
Resurrection Icon (No. 2) \$75 (ALREADY DONATED)
Resurrection Banner \$90
Flowers for Iconostasis Arch \$500 (\$125 ALREADY DONATED — DONATIONS STILL NEEDED)
Floral Wreaths for 2 Altar Candles \$40 Each

Items Needed

2 Altar Door Candles \$25 Each
Charcoal \$15
Incense and Rose Water \$175 (ALREADY DONATED)
2 Cases of Wine for Holy Communion \$150 per case (ALREADY DONATED)

Palm Sunday

6 Palm Trees \$100 (ALREADY DONATED)
Palm Sunday Crosses \$125 (ALREADY DONATED)
Palm Fans Iconostasion & Pews \$40 (ALREADY DONATED)

Holy Saturday Morning

Bay Leaves \$60 (ALREADY DONATED)

Holy Wednesday

Holy Unction Items (ALREADY DONATED)

Holy Thursday

Crown of Thorns \$60 (ALREADY DONATED)
12 Candles for 12 Gospels \$5 Each (ALREADY DONATED)

Holy Friday

Roses for Petals for Apokathilosis Service \$35
4 Vigil Lights for the Epitaphio \$6 Each (ALREADY DONATED)
3 Candles for the Cross \$10 Each (ALREADY DONATED)