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Beloved in Christ,

As you read this article, we are approaching the mid-point of Great Lent. If we have been slow in getting into a Lenten frame of mind, then let us stop and reflect on where we are on this annual, spiritual journey called *Great Lent*. To aid this, allow me to review the Lenten season up to now, and to speak about what we should anticipate in the next few weeks.

First of all, let us look back at the three preliminary weeks that prepared us for the coming of Great Lent. This period contains four Sundays of Scripture readings and hymns, which clearly remind us of the major themes during the coming Fast. The first two Sundays were dedicated to the parables of the *Publican and the Pharisee* and that of the *Prodigal Son*, respectively. With both of these parables, we are reminded of the centrality of humility and repentance that should be ever-present in the lives of Orthodox Christians. Secondly, we are reminded of God's unending mercy and forgiveness to those who sincerely repent, and who truly seek God in their lives.

The third Sunday of the pre-Lenten period is a poignant reminder of the second coming of Christ and our preparedness for that awesome event, according to how we live our lives in relationship to God and each other. The final Sunday before Lent begins, is known as the Sunday of Forgiveness, on which we also commemorate the expulsion of Adam from Paradise. On this day, we remember that our Lenten experience will be fruitless if we cannot enter it with a humbled and forgiving heart. Secondly, we remember that we are part of fallen humanity seeking to regain Paradise along with the first-formed man and woman. During Great Lent, we become Old Testament "wanderers," seeking salvation through our Redeemer Christ, which came through His awesome Passion, Death and Resurrection.

As we took leave of the three-week

preparatory period and entered into Great Lent proper, we should have entered with joy and eagerness, even in the face of the rigorous fasting and frequent services. In fact, after the first and most intense week of Great Lent, the following Sunday is a joyous feast. On the Sunday of Orthodoxy, we celebrate the final triumph of Orthodoxy against heresies, specifically through the restoration of the holy icons. It is a day for us to remember, among other things, that we, too, are icons of God, having been created in His image and likeness. This day helps us truly see the need to cleanse ourselves through our Lenten journey, in order to be worthy icons of God.

Another celebratory Sunday in Lent, is that of the veneration of the Holy Cross. If we haven't made much of a Lenten effort by that Sunday, which is the mid-point of the Fast, it is now high time to pick up our cross and follow the Lord to His death and resurrection. For those who have been diligently following a Lenten lifestyle, the feast of the Cross is a place of rest and a time for refreshment, to assist us in completing our ascetic struggle which leads to Golgotha and the Holy Sepulcher.

It is imperative to remember, however, that the true *telos* – the goal, the fulfillment of Great Lent, is *repentance*. The preparation for the coming of Lent, the fasting, our intensified praying, the extra services, our charitable acts – all these things together, when fully practiced and understood, bring us to tears of repentance and the saving act of Holy Confession. However, when we insist, for whatever reason, to go year after year without truly repenting and confessing, then please know that such an observance of Lent is *not complete*, no matter how much effort is put into any one or more of the components mentioned above.

When we were students, did we try our best to complete all our assignments and study diligently for exams, but then *not* show up to take them? Or, did we do what

was expected of us so that we could progress? When we see our physician in times of sickness, after being examined and receiving his/her counsel and a prescription, do we stay away from the pharmacy saying, "I'm fine – I don't need the medicine?" Or, do we take the medication in order to restore our body to a healthy state?

To help us achieve reaping the fruit of repentance during Lent, our Holy Church presents us with a most exemplary model of repentance on the fifth Sunday of the Fast – *St. Mary of Egypt*. If we've never fully read her life, we should make it a point to do so this Lent. Her story will move us to tears – hopefully, tears of repentance that will lead us to church for the cleansing of our soul, prior to celebrating Holy Pascha.

Therefore, beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, let us see where we stand so far this Lent, and resolve to make the necessary adjustments in order to remain on the straight and narrow path. The true inner joy found in the celebration of the Resurrection of Christ, can only come after the tears and inner sorrow found during the saving time of Great Lent. May you all have a most blessed remainder of Lent, and a most joyous Holy Pascha!

In Christ's love,

+Fr. Anthony



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## FROM FR. ANTHONY

### Lenten Fasting Guidelines

Following are the traditional fasting guidelines in their full form as a starting point. Obviously, many will need to follow a reduced manner of fasting due to health, pregnancy, nursing, or other hardships, as well as for growing children. In addition, consideration should be applied in the case of interfaith marriages. As your spiritual father, I am always available for guidance.

#### Weekdays of Lent

- Strict fast from all animal products including fish (shellfish permitted), wine (all alcoholic beverages), and olive oil (vegetable/seed oil permitted).

#### Weekends of Lent

- Relaxed fast – olive oil, wine (all alcoholic beverages), and shellfish permitted (not fish).

#### Holy Week

- Palm Sunday (4/28) – fish, wine, and olive oil permitted.
- Holy Monday through and including Holy Saturday – strict fast as on weekdays of Lent.

**Note:** On weekdays we attempt to reduce the quantity of food consumed. On weekends there is no limit on food consumed.

### Spiritual Wisdom

*This is the great work of a man: always to take blame for his own sins before God and to expect temptation to his last breath. (St. Anthony the Great)*

*Let us cast away, let us reject all things, let us bid farewell to all things – to all relationships, actions, and intentions that drag us downward, separate us from God and produce such a death. (St. Gregory Palamas)*

*If an earthly king wrote you a letter, would you not read it with joy? Certainly, with great rejoicing and careful attention. The King of heaven has sent a letter to you, an earthly and mortal man; yet you almost despise such a gift, so priceless a treasure. Whenever you read the Gospel, Christ Himself is speaking to you. And while you read, you are praying and talking with Him. (St. Tikhon of Zadonsk)*

*He who says that he loves the Lord but is angry with his brother is like a man who dreams that he is running. (St. John Climacus)*

*The Myrrh-bearing women didn't worry about anything because they were in a spiritual state, and placed their trust in Christ. If they had not been in a spiritual state, what would they have trusted in to do what they did? In the spiritual life, even the most cowardly person can acquire real bravery if he places his trust in Christ – in divine help. Such a person can go to the front line and fight a war and win. (St. Paisios the Athonite)*

### Holy Confession During Great Lent

- After all weekday evening services, except Wednesday Presanctified Liturgies
- After Great Vespers on Saturday evenings (all year)
- During office hours by appointment (all year)

Great Lent is the season of the liturgical year that is focused on repentance. Besides our fasting, charitable works, and church attendance, let us reap the benefits of the Fast by being cleansed through the holy sacrament of Confession. This way, we can fully celebrate Holy Pascha with a clean and pure heart and soul!

*If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. (1 John 1:8-10)*

## Parish Chronicle

### Baptisms

3/3 – Alexandria Lewis, who took the names *Alexandra-Katherine*. Sponsor, Konstantina Macheras

### Funerals

3/26 – Nicholas Gemas

### Memorials

3/31 – Freda Corbin, 1-year trisagion

4/14 – Gregorios Iliadis, 3 years

4/21 – Nicholas Gemas, 40 days

Efrosyni Houreas-Simpson, 5 years

*May their memory be eternal!*

## Parish Prayer List

Please pray for our brothers and sisters:

**Elizabeth, Deborah, Jim, George**

In keeping with a common Church tradition, we will keep names on the parish prayer list for **40 days**. If you wish to offer names for prayer, please send those via e-mail to the church office at:

annunciationover@gmail.com,

or call the office at 742-7667.

Please give first names only, and preferably full names, not nicknames.

## GREAT WEEK & HOLY PASCHA SCHEDULE

### Saturday of Lazarus, 4/27

8:45 am – Orthros, 10:00 am – Divine Liturgy  
*(followed by palm cross weaving downstairs in hall)*

6:00 pm – Great Vespers of Palm Sunday

### Palm Sunday, 4/28

8:45 am – Orthros, 10:00 am – Divine Liturgy

7:00 pm – Orthros of the Bridegroom  
*(procession of Icon of the Nymphios)*

### Holy and Great Monday, 4/29

9:40 am – Ninth Hour, 10:00 am – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

7:00 pm – Orthros of the Bridegroom

### Holy and Great Tuesday, 4/30

7:00 pm – Orthros of the Bridegroom  
*(penitential hymn of Kassiani the nun)*

### Holy and Great Wednesday, 5/1

3:00 pm – Sacrament of Holy Unction (*Efhelaion*)

7:00 pm – Orthros of the Mystical Supper  
*(includes anointing with Holy Unction)*

### Holy and Great Thursday, 5/2

9:30 am – Vespers of Divine Liturgy of St. Basil  
*(commemoration of the washing of the Disciples' feet, the Mystical Supper, the prayer of Christ in Gethsemane, and His betrayal)*

6:30 pm – Orthros of the Passion of Christ  
*(the twelve passion Gospels and procession of our Crucified Lord)*

### Holy and Great Friday, 5/3

10:00 am – The Great Hours  
*(a vigil service of the Passion of Christ)*

3:00 pm – Great Vespers of the Apokathilosis  
*(removal of the Body of Christ from the Cross, procession of the Epitaphios and burial)*

7:00 pm – Orthros of the Epitaphios Lamentation  
*(outdoor procession of the Epitaphios, weather-permitting)*

### Holy and Great Saturday, 5/4

9:30 am – Vespers of Divine Liturgy of St. Basil  
*(vigil liturgy of Pascha – first announcement of the Resurrection)*

11:00 pm – Vigil of the Resurrection  
*(distribution of the Paschal Light, 11:45 pm)*

### Holy Pascha, 5/5

12:00 am – Orthros of the Resurrection

12:45 am – Divine Liturgy of Holy Pascha  
*(blessing of Paschal eggs and food baskets after liturgy)*

11:00 am – “Agape” Vespers of Pascha and Memory of St. George the Great-martyr  
*(includes proclamation of the Gospel in various languages)*

NOTE: Holy Confession is available after each evening service up to Great Wednesday.

***A BLESSED PASCHA!***

***ΚΑΛΗ ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΗ!***

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### Wednesday Presanctified Liturgies & Lenten Suppers

For the month of April, we will continue with the weekly Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts each Wednesday at 5:30 pm, followed by a Lenten supper and video presentation. We again invite parish ministries to host one of the remaining suppers. Any non-hosted suppers will be pot-luck. For anyone providing food for a Lenten supper, please refer to the enclosed fasting guidelines for appropriate guidance.

### Holy Week Housing for Our Chanters

We are blessed this year to have Jack and Kiersten McAfee available to us for Holy Week and Pascha. Since they are a seminarian couple living on campus at Holy Cross, it will be impossible for them to be commuting back and forth to Brookline each day. If anyone has a vacant, in-law apartment with a kitchenette available, this would be a big help to the McAfees, and a savings to the parish for the cost of hotel accommodations. If anyone can help in this regard, please contact the church office.

### Meetings During Lent

During Great Lent, let us all plan accordingly for ministry meetings as follows:

- For the remaining weeks of Lent **there should be no meetings on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings due to Lenten services.**

We truly appreciate everyone's cooperation with this request. May you all continue your Lenten journey, and we hope to see as many as possible at our various Lenten services!

### Blessing of Paschal Food Baskets

Many Orthodox Christians follow the popular tradition of having Paschal food baskets blessed. The custom is to include various foods with which we will break the Lenten fast. A table will be set up on the front, right side of the church for your baskets, which will be blessed at the end of the Liturgy of Pascha. For those not able to come to the Resurrection services, you may bring your baskets to the Agape Vespers. Blessed red eggs will also be distributed after the Agape.

### Readers Needed For Agape Vespers

Traditionally, the resurrectional Gospel proclaimed at the Agape Vespers of Pascha is read in multiple languages. This is done to emphasize the universality of the message of Christ's resurrection. Anyone interested in assisting should contact Fr. Anthony as soon as possible. Please remember that we also need someone to recite in English.

### 2024 Parish Laity Award

Each year, parishes throughout the Metropolis select an exemplary parishioner who demonstrates true Christian stewardship, to be the recipient of the annual Metropolis laity award. This year, your parish council would like to involve the entire community in nominating worthy individuals from our parish. A box has been placed downstairs in the kitchen window for everyone's convenience, which will remain there through Sunday, 4/7. Names may also be submitted to the church office up to 4/7. At the parish council meeting of 4/11, the council will select one of the nominees to be this year's award recipient. Thanks to all for your participation!

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*May you all have a most blessed Holy Pascha with your loved ones, as we celebrate the Holy Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!*

*+Fr. Anthony*

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### Nursery Room Update

We would like to update all our families on the nursery room as follows:

- A general clean-up has taken place to rid the room of old, soiled, and unnecessary items – especially anything posing a health or safety risk.
- For safety purposes, the blinds, which have long cords, will be replaced with new blinds with twist rods (loose cords can be a choking hazard).
- There have been times during coffee hour, when children have gone up to play in the room unsupervised. Again, for safety reasons, the door to the nursery will now be locked after Liturgy each Sunday.

We greatly appreciate those parents who have done a wonderful job tidying up before exiting the nursery!

### Items Needed for Lent and Holy Week

Following are items needed for Lenten and Holy Week services, and throughout the year. We are grateful for your anticipated generosity; may your gift be a blessing to you and your families!

- **Decoration of icon for the Salutations (5 Fridays) – Voula Stamelos (3/22), anonymous (3/29), Richard Clairmont (4/5, 4/12, & 4/19)**
- **Decoration of icon of the Annunciation (3/25) – Voula Stamelos**
- **Floral arrangement for iconostasis icon of the Annunciation (3/25) – Voula Stamelos**
- **Flowers for the Veneration of the Holy Cross – \$180**
- **Palm strips for Palm Sunday crosses – Nikola & Laura Blagojevic**
- **Decorative palm branches for Royal Gate – \$125**
- **Bay laurel for Palm Sunday & Holy Saturday – \$100**
- **Decoration of icon of the Bridegroom (Nymphios) - Evangelatos family**
- **Decoration of Icon of the Mystical Supper – John Mitchel, in memory of Ora and John Mitchel**
- **Wreath for Cross – Zoe Polychronopoulos family**
- **Beeswax candles for Cross, 12 Gospels, & Epitaphios – \$50**
- **Decoration of wooden banner of the Resurrection – \$50**
- **Decoration of icon of the Resurrection - Christos & Nancy Kastrisios**
- **Lilies for Holy Pascha – \$30 each**
- **Flowers for the Epitaphios (our greatest expense) – please give generously**

The following items are needed throughout the year:

- **Communion wine – \$20 per bottle**
- **Beeswax candles for altar table & Soleas candle stands – \$12 per lb.**
- **Incense – all donations accepted**
- **Charcoal – \$100**
- **1 box candle fuel cartridges – \$150**

For tracking purposes, we kindly ask that your donation requests be made through the church office. If an item you wish to donate has already been sponsored, please consider another available item, or donate toward the Epitaphios flowers, or for the listed items needed throughout the year.

### Coffee Hours for April

4/7\* – no host  
4/14\* – Lalas family  
4/21\* – Nancy Trudeau  
4/28 – Palm Sunday luncheon

\*These Sundays are within Great Lent. Please refer to the enclosed Lenten fasting guidelines.

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PALM SUNDAY

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

We will have a fish luncheon on Palm Sunday,  
April 28

Free will donation  
Cheese pizza for children  
BYOB



**Spring General Assembly Agenda**  
**Sunday, April 21**

- Opening Prayer
- Election of Parliamentarian
- Priest's Comments
- President's Comments
- Review of Fall 2023 General Assembly Minutes
- Treasurer Review
- Art Karabelas
- Alkistis Committee Update
- Stewardship Committee
- Hellenic Center Kitchen Update
- Building Updates
- Board of Auditors
- Board of Electors for Fall General Assembly
- For the Good of the Parish
- Closing Prayer
- Adjournment

## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Parishioners,

As we journey through Lent together, I'm reminded of the profound spiritual path we tread as Orthodox Christians. This season calls us to introspection, repentance, and a deepening of our faith.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the dedicated Alkistis ladies for their tireless efforts in revitalizing our library and nursery. Their commitment enriches our parish community, and provides invaluable resources for growth and learning.

The recent Greek flag-raising ceremony on March 25th, commemorating Greek Independence Day at Dover City Hall, served as a powerful reminder of the courage and resilience of those who fought for freedom. Their enduring legacy continues to inspire us all.

As we immerse ourselves in Lent, let us embrace prayer, contemplation, and worship in our Lenten services. May these moments of spiritual reflection prepare our hearts for the joyous celebration of Pascha.

Wishing each of you a meaningful and transformative Lenten journey.

Warm regards,

Kulin Krishnan

## ANNUNCIATION YOUNG ADULTS

Blessed Lent! The Annunciation Young Adults are looking forward to a good Lent, many of us experiencing it fully for the first time this year. We hope to see everyone at as many services as we can attend. We are planning our third monastery trip to take place after Pascha. May you all find peace and sanctification this season.

## GOYA

**NEXT GOYA EVENT:** GOYANS, as in past years, it has been the tradition to have GOYAN participation with the various readings in one the Salutations services. This year we will gather in church on Friday, April 12th at 7:00 pm, followed by a mini session with Fr. Anthony in the hall. We strongly encourage and desire your attendance and participation! This is a beautiful service to be a part of, and we always have a good time downstairs after the service. Please let one of the GOYA leaders know if you plan to attend!

**GOYA Radar:** Upcoming opportunity for involvement in a food drive! The Alkistis Ladies are organizing a food drive for the Lenton season. Food will be collected at church for "68 Hours of Hunger." GOYAN participation with the collection is needed and welcomed during this holy season of Great Lent!



GOYA Recap: Our last event with GOYA at Pinz Bowling in Portsmouth went well! GOYANS from St. Nicholas joined us. It was a great opportunity to create connections and build relationships!

At left are GOYANS from The Annunciation and St. Nicholas with leaders, having lunch at the GOYA event at Pinz.



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**GREEK FLAG RAISING  
MARCH 25TH  
AT DOVER CITY HALL**



# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



Photos from the Taverna Night

## ALKISTIS NEWS



Dear Parishioners,

I hope this message finds you well.

Recently, the Alkistis Ladies Association met to discuss various avenues for fundraising, community engagement, and enjoyable events within our parish. To all the ladies who haven't joined our gatherings before, you are sincerely invited to join us in all upcoming meetings.

From a financial perspective, improving our treasury will help us achieve our financial objectives both within the Parish and in the broader community. We have a couple of events planned, beginning with an Easter Tsourekia Sale in late April followed by "Sip & Paint Night" Event in late May. Please stay tuned for further details on these occasions.

Recognizing a pressing need in our community, particularly among families facing food challenges, we have initiated a Food Drive effective immediately. This effort aims to support [68 Hours of Hunger](#) and a local women's shelter. Kindly consider contributing non-perishable items over the upcoming weeks. While [68 Hours of Hunger](#) has specific items they require, any additional donations are greatly appreciated and will be distributed to the nearby women's shelter. Your generosity will make a significant impact.

*Items needed by [68 Hours of Hunger](#) include: Hormel Compleat, Canned Tuna/Chicken, Peanut Butter (no glass or large jars please), Canned Soup, Velveeta Mac & Cheese, Snacks such as fruit snacks, granolas bars, peanut butter crackers, etc., Oatmeal packets, and Boxed Pasta.*

A gentle reminder: Alkistis Scholarship Applications are now accessible online and in the Narthex. If you have a graduating High School Senior, please ensure the submission of their application by May 1st for consideration.

Our Book Club and Psalter Group, under the leadership of Jess Quigley, are well underway. For more information or if you have any questions or wish to join either or both of these groups. please contact Jess at [raisingnarnians@gmail.com](mailto:raisingnarnians@gmail.com).

In collaboration with the parish council, we are still working on the project to beautify our church. This includes painting the library and nursery and the fellowship hall. We aim to gather quotes for these endeavors within the next 30 days to ensure our spiritual home is well-maintained.


On a lighter note, we are planning a dinner outing for parishioners in June, promising an evening filled with camaraderie and Kali Parea. Watch your email for updates and more information.

Thank you again for taking the time to read this update. Your support and involvement are invaluable to us. **Remember, all ladies of the parish are members of the Alkistis Ladies Association.**

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 5:30 pm, in the church library. I look forward to seeing you there.

Warm regards,

Vula Z Lalas  
Alkistis President



## CHURCH SCHOOL



Photos from the procession of the holy icons from the Sunday of Orthodoxy

Kali Sarakosti! Blessed Great Lent to all of our Church School families!

What a joyous season we are in as we travel the Path to Pascha! You can follow along with us on the “Lady Lent” calendar as we remove a foot each week, marking the time to the Lord’s resurrection (be sure to ask your kiddos about her story). You can find her hanging on the wall outside of the school rooms downstairs.

As we continue on this journey together, the students are going to begin working on memorizing the Prayer of St Ephraim, which is the prayer that we say daily through this great fasting period. I will be sending all of the children home with a copy and would encourage their parents, grandparents, siblings, and anyone else willing/permitted to help them practice it every day. My hope is that all of our older children can recite it from memory before Holy Week!

Reminder to everyone that on Sunday, 07 April, there are no Church School classes for the Sunday of the Holy Cross (remind your students that this marks the HALF WAY POINT of Great Lent!).

In Him,

The Church School Staff

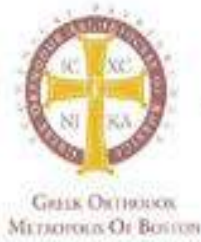
“It is of great significance if there is a person who truly prays in a family. Prayer attracts God’s Grace and all the members of the family feel it, even those whose hearts have grown cold. Pray always.” ~ Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica



# April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Please note that all Sunday Orthros &amp; Liturgies are at 8:45 am &amp; 10:00 am, respectively.</i>	<b>1</b> Great Compline 7:00 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Ninth Hour 5:10 pm, Presanctified Liturgy - 5:30 pm, followed by Lenten Supper	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 3rd Salutations to the Theotokos 7:00 pm	<b>6</b> Great Vespers 6:00 pm
<b>7</b> Veneration of the Holy Cross  Orthros & Lit.	<b>8</b> Great Compline 7:00 pm	<b>9</b> Alkistis Book Club Meeting 6:00 pm  <i>Fr. Anthony at clergy retreat thru Wednesday</i>	<b>10</b> Ninth Hour 5:10 pm, Presanctified Liturgy - 5:30 pm, followed by Lenten Supper	<b>11</b> Parish Council 6:00 pm	<b>12</b> 4th Salutations to the Theotokos 7:00 pm	<b>13</b> Great Vespers 6:00 pm
<b>14</b> St. John Climacus  Orthros & Lit.	<b>15</b> Great Compline 7:00 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Ninth Hour 5:10 pm, Presanctified Liturgy - 5:30 pm, followed by Lenten Supper	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> The Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos 7:00 pm	<b>20</b> Church Cleaning Party 10:00 am  Great Vespers 6:00 pm
<b>21</b> St. Mary of Egypt  Orthros & Lit.  Spring General Assembly	<b>22</b> <u>No services</u> <i>(Fr. Anthony at St. Nektarios Monastery for confession through 4/23)</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Ninth Hour 5:10 pm, Presanctified Liturgy - 5:30 pm, followed by Lenten Supper	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Saturday of Lazarus Orthros & Lit.  Great Vespers 6:00 pm
<b>28</b> Palm Sunday Orthros & Lit. <i>Palm Sunday Luncheon</i>  Bridegroom Orthros 7:00 pm <i>(procession of Nymphios Icon)</i>	<b>29</b> Holy Monday  Ninth Hour 9:40 am Presanctified Liturgy - 10 am  Bridegroom Orthros 7:00 pm	<b>30</b> Holy Tuesday  Bridegroom Orthros 7:00 pm	<i>For remaining Holy Week services, please see enclosed service schedule.</i>			

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## ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### Orthodox Holy Week, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

The bearer of this letter is an Eastern Orthodox Christian, and a parishioner of the Annunciation Church in Dover, NH. I kindly ask that you grant him/her an excused absence from his/her academic/work responsibilities for the observance of Orthodox Holy Friday, May 3, 2024.

For Orthodox Christians, Easter is the central and most important religious holiday of the year, which this year falls on May 5. Holy Friday is observed with particular solemnity, which includes strict fasting and participation in the three church services held throughout the day, presupposing the cessation of all secular activities.

I greatly appreciate your cooperation in aiding your student's/employee's free expression of his/her religious beliefs, without penalty.

In Christ's love and service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Anthony Evangelatos". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Fr. Anthony Evangelatos  
Presiding Priest

# ALKISTIS SCHOLARSHIP



## ALKISTIS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION For HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

This \$600 scholarship is to be awarded annually to an Orthodox High School Senior whose parents are Stewards of the Dover NH Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Pursuit of University/College or Technical/Vocational Education
2. Academic achievement \*GPA
3. Church service to Dover NH Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
4. Community service

Please complete and submit the form below. Attach a copy of your high school transcripts with **\*most current GPA CLEARLY STATED** and a **detailed description of Church service and community service participation.**

**All applications must be received by May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

If mailed, address to:       Attn: Alkistis Scholarship Chairperson  
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church  
93 Locust Street  
Dover, NH 03820

Applications may be submitted in person directly to the Church when the office is open **and must be handed to someone in the office, and dated and signed by that person on the form provided at the church office.**

Name:
Address:
High School:
Expected Date of Graduation:
College/University or Technical/Vocational School attending:

## ANNUNCIATION & DR. JAMES C. FASKIANOS SCHOLARSHIPS

High school seniors and college students continuing their post-secondary education may pick up applications for the Annunciation Church Scholarship and/or the Dr. James C. Faskianos Scholarship at the church beginning Sunday March 31st. Applications will also be available online as well. Completed applications **must** be returned by **May 1st**.

### 2024 CONFIDENTIAL STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE

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THESE FAMILIES HAVE RETURNED THEIR NEW STEWARDSHIP FORMS  
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