



## Saint Gregory Greek Orthodox Church *Mustard Seed* HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA EDITION

"... if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you." --Matt. 17:20

### Fr. Alex's Lenten Reflection:

Beloved Fellow Parishioners:

I hope and pray your Lenten journey, thus far, has been fruitful and inspirational.

I have so enjoyed our Lenten services during our forty-day journey, and I'm really looking forward to Holy Week and Pascha. Our most glorious feast day of all will be here before we know it.

Within this special *Holy Week and Pascha Mustard Seed* flyer, you'll find details on all of our Holy Week services, programs, community events and service opportunities. Please read on, engage as much as you can and feel free to contact me for help connecting or with any questions you might have.

We have a loving and vibrant parish--together, let's make this Holy Week and Pascha everything it can be.

A blessed Pascha to us all,

**Father Alex**



### Holy Week / Pascha Services

**Palm Sunday Evening, Holy Monday & Holy Tuesday:** Father Alex will be away. Please visit one of our sister parishes for these services.



**May 1st :** Holy Unction, 5:30 pm

**May 2nd :** Vespertal Liturgy, 9:30 am  
Passion of the Lord, 6:00 pm

**May 3rd :** Royal Hours, 9:00 am  
Descent from the Cross, 3:00 pm  
Lamentations 6:00 pm

**May 4th :** Vespertal Liturgy, 9:30 am  
Resurrection Service, 11:15 pm

**May 5th :** Agape Service, 11:00 am  
Easter Egg Hunt, 12:00 pm

**Weekday Services**  
**PreSanctified Liturgy 6:30pm**

April 17th  
April 24th

**Salutations Services, 6:00 pm**  
April 12th  
April 19th

### Mark Your Calendars!



**On April 27th**, we will have a busy Saturday! First we will have the **Saturday of Lazarus Liturgy at 9:30am**, followed by a delicious breakfast in our downstairs hall hosted by GOYA. To round out the day we will partake in folding palms for Palm Sunday.



**Continuing through April 21st**, our Philoptochos will be taking pre-orders for the traditional Easter Bread—Tsourekia. To pre-order yours, please see a member of Philoptochos during fellowship hour. Breads will be available for pick up on April 28th.

**On April 28th**, Following Divine Liturgy, we will celebrate Palm Sunday with the annual Palm Sunday Luncheon in our downstairs hall. There will be options of a traditional Fish Meal (\$25), or a Macaroni & Cheese (\$10) meal. Please see the flyer is located in the Narthex. Reservations must be received by April 24th.

Holy Week Events continued . . .

**On Friday, May 3rd**, we will hold our annual Holy Friday Youth Retreat. Students k-8 are invited to participate, while high schoolers are welcome to help lead activities. The retreat will run from 12-2:45 pm.

**On Sunday, May 5th**, we will celebrate Christ's Resurrection with the Agape Vespers at 11am. Following this service, Pheobe Chetsas will be conducting a Youth Easter Egg Hunt. All are welcome and encouraged to participate in this fun event for our children!



## Support Needed

There are many opportunities, especially during the Lenten season, to support our Parish. Below you will find information regarding some needs of the church and who to contact.

- ◆ Dyed eggs are needed. Please contact Dennis Savas for details: [dsavas@aol.com](mailto:dsavas@aol.com)
- ◆ If you would still like to make a donation towards our Lenten flowers, Please contact Karen Guinan for details: [KarenGuinan@gmail.com](mailto:KarenGuinan@gmail.com)
- ◆ Myrrhbearing girls for Holy Friday afternoon and evening, grades 1-6. Please see Father Alex to sign up.
- ◆ Readers for Holy Wednesday Unction service and Agape Sunday Services are needed. Please contact Lou Zagami for details: [Lzagami@comcast.net](mailto:Lzagami@comcast.net)



## Lenten Inspiration

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."  
– Isaiah 40:31

"Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God's ear to yourself."

– St. Peter Chrysologus

"Lament not for me, Mother, as You behold me in the grave, Whom as a Son you conceived in your womb without seed. For I shall rise and be glorified; and as God, I shall ceaselessly exalt in glory those, who in faith and yearning, magnify you."

– The Katavasia of Holy Friday Evening



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