## ST. NICHOLAS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

# April 2025

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# EXPERIENCING HOLY WEEK

-Fr. Michael Arbanas

Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go [to Jerusalem], that we may die with Him." John 11:16



Holy Week is the most solemn, sacred time of the year, and it can be heartbreaking. Yet we enter into week knowing where it's headed - the Resurrection of the Lord and the victory of God's love over sin and death - so we enter it willingly.

The week is meant to be not only a re-enactment of Jesus' last days, but a remembrance. Re-enactment is historical and physical, but remembrance, in Scriptural terms, connects us spiritually and emotionally with the event.

But for that to happen, we must really enter into the week spiritually and emotionally, ourselves – to walk with the Lord from the joy of Palm Sunday, through the conflicts with the scribes and Pharisees, the heartbreak of Judas' betrayal and even His death on the Cross.

The services themselves help us in this effort. Again and again, we hear the word Today. Not, Once upon a time, but Today. Not then, but now.

"Today, He who suspended the earth in the waters is suspended on a cross," the priest chants as he carries the Cross through the church during the Matins of Holy Friday (served on Holy Thursday evening). Minutes later, we'll hear St. Mark's account of Jesus being nailed to the Cross, the soldiers casting lots for his garments and the passers-by mocking him.

Over and over, the services put us in the midst of the Lord's Passion. We even enter the Tomb with him on the evening of Holy Friday, when we pass under the kouvouklion as we re-enter the church after the procession.

This is an image our life in Christ – we join Him on the Cross (on which He joined us in our mortality), so that we might also join Him in the Resurrection, for this, ultimately, is where Holy Week takes us.

So let's enter into this week, as much as possible, with "all our hearts, with all our souls and with all our minds," so that we might really be transformed by His glorious Resurrection!

#### St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Monthly Newsletter

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#### **OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2025** Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD) SUNDAYS THEMES / GOSPEL READING HOW TO PARTICIPATE: ST MARY of EGYPT 5th Sunday of Lent Ask the Theotokos to offer you Hebrews 9:11-14 and the world pure thoughts APRIL 6th Epistle: Gospel: Mark 10:32-45 and ideas this week. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . GREAT AND HOLY WEEL FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! Place your palm branches ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM and pussywillows behind APRIL 13th Epistle: Philippions 4:4-9 an icon at home GREAT WEEK BEGINS Gospel: John 12:1-18 and in your car! GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY Refrain from TV, Internet & APRIL 18th CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR Phones to honor Christ's Death.

ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE

HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17

BRIGHT WEEK

FEAST OF FEASTSI APRIL 20th NO FASTING!

# St. Nicholas Scholarships

The St. Nicholas Scholarship Committee is currently accepting applications for 2025

- · Up to 5 recipients will be selected from qualified applicants for scholarships up to \$4,500
- · Applicants must be graduating high school seniors or current college students presently attending or intending to attend 2 year, 4 year or graduate-level college program in anticipation of a degree.
- \* Awards are based upon the extent of faithful participation in and service to Orthodox Christian ministries and activities. Please refer to the guidelines outlined in the new scholarship application, available from the St. Nicholas Parish Office.
- · All applications, in their entirety, must be received in the Church Office online or by U.S. Mail no later than:

#### 5:00 pm CDT, Thursday, May 15, 2025 Late applications will NOT be accepted for consideration

Any questions may be directed to the Church Office during normal business hours at 314.361.6924



## AHEPA Scholarship Foundation

The St. Louis AHEPA Scholarship Foundation is now accepting Scholarship Applications

> Please email Basil Pappas bdpappas@yahoo.com for an application.

The application is due no later than April 15, 2025.

There are no exceptions to this date.

Also, typically we cannot access Google Docs, so please send all information in PDF format.

Please note: Schools are not particularly speedy with sending transcripts, so do not wait until the last minute. Same is true for recommendations.





Greet everyone with

"CHRIST IS RISEN!"

& say it before

good morning and goodnight!

April 2025

Jonquils for Sunday of the Cross- Jim and Teddy Hart, in Memory of Mary Varvares Palm Sunday Crosses--Ron and Elaine Been, in Memory of Nick and Katherine Georgen Palm Sunday Icon Flower Arrangement-Lilies for Epitaphion-Epitaphion Flowers – Karakas and Lemakis Families, in loving memory of Aunt Jeanne Tompras Epitaphion Flowers – In loving memory of Evangelos Vlachos and Pete and Sandy Martin Epitaphion Flowers – Tom and Patti Elwood and Family Hydrangeas for Holy Week and Easter- Lisa Danko, in loving memory of Michael Danko Hydrangeas for Holy Week and Easter-Heretismoi (Friday night) Candles-Sophia Chronopoulos and Family, in memory of Christos and Nota Chronopoulos Altar Candles for All Holy Week Services: Sophia Chronopoulos and Family, in memory of Christos and Nota Chronopoulos Palm Sunday Bay Leaves-Levane-Incense-Palm Tree Plants for Palm Sunday-6 Palm Plants -Palm Tree Plants for Palm Sunday-6 Palm Plants – Palm Sunday Greenery-Flowers for the Icon of the Bridegroom (Nymphios)-Cotton Balls, Flour & Olive Oil for Holy Wednesday Holy Unction--The Kamburis Family, in memory of Tharinos and Kyriaki Patakas Holy Thursday Icon Flower Arrangement for Divine Liturgy-Holy Thursday Icon Flower Arrangement for Service for 12 Passion Gospels-Ryan and Cassandra Smith, in memory of Victoria Peppes Holy Thursday Icon Service Wreath- George, Andrea and Vanessa Mezines, in memory of Victoria Peppes Holy Thursday 12 Gospel Candles- Mary Jane Thomas, in memory of the Siromas family Holy Thursday Service Candles for Cross- Jemas Family Good Friday Sheet for Body of Christ- The Family of Mary Rupi, in her Memory Good Friday Icon Flower Arrangement for Royal Hours-Good Friday Icon Flower Arrangement for The Descent from the Cross-Good Friday Icon Flower Arrangement for The Lamentations (Epitaphion)-Good Friday Epitaphion Candles (four)- George and JoAnn Glikos, in memory of Chris & Despina Zeris, John and Despina Glikos and Eugenia Zeris Good Friday Epitaphion Candles (four)- Noel Jemas Family, in memory of Lou and Felia Jemas Good Friday Epitaphion Candles (four) - Irene Schildroth, in memory of Loved Ones Good Friday White Carnations- Antoniou, Brennan and Conty Families in memory of Christos and Nicki Antoniou Anthonero (Rosewater)- Rosie Hartley in memory of her parents Holy Saturday Icon Flower Arrangement for Divine Liturgy - Christina and Tom Ginos, in memory of their parents, Ann and Tom Ginos and Maria and Gregory Zouglas Holy Saturday Resurrection Candles for Priests (two candles)-Bill, Linda and Katerina Nicozisin, in memory of Frank and Rose Zirbas and Gus Nicozisin Holy Saturday Icon Flower Arrangenent for Resurrection Service-Holy Saturday Floral Cross for Resurrection Service- Carey, Devers Family, in memory of Nicholas & Panagiota Yiatras Holy Saturday Resurrection Banner- Mary Jane Thomas, in memory of Presvytera Sylvia Nicozisin Agape Service Icon Flower Arrangement-Olive Oil (for votive lights)-The Kamburis Family **Resurrection Meal Donations-**Easter Eggs- Stephanie Benos Tyler and Elaine Davis, in memory of their parents, Gladys & Dino Benos Additiional Donations-



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St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Monthly Newsletter





Dear St. Nicholas Parish Family,

"Heavenly King, Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, present in all places and filling all things, the treasury of blessings and Giver of life: come and abide in us. Cleanse us from all impurity, and save our souls, O Gracious Lord."

As we continue our journey through Lent, let us turn to our Church, our spiritual home, to help us grow in faith. Holy Week encompasses both the Church's most solemn observances and joyous feasts. Come experience the most sacred period of the liturgical year with your St. Nicholas parish family. Please refer to the complete list of services in this newsletter for opportunities to worship together.

The 2025 Fish Fry Fridays were a huge success with net profits that directly support the Church operating budget. Special thanks to Helen Carey & Deb Palazzola, along with their committee, for their hard work and efforts. We are most appreciative for our volunteers, of all ages, for their helping hands. Our loyal patrons keep coming back because of our commitment to providing delicious food and excellent service.

Festival prep is in full swing! There are several volunteer opportunities throughout the spring and summer. All are welcome, no experience necessary, just show up – you won't be disappointed! Save the dates for the Taste of the Greek Festival in July and the Labor Day Weekend Greek Festival. It takes all of us coming together to host the best ethnic food festivals in the area.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me any time.

May God continue to Bless all of us!

Best regards,

Carol Kamburis Parish Council President





# 2025 Holy Week and Easter Schedule of Services

Saturday, April 12: Saturday of Lazarus 9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Church

## Sunday, April 13: Palm Sunday

8:15 am Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Church Palm Sunday Brunch to follow7 pm Bridegroom Service at Family Life Center Chapel

## Monday, April 14: Holy Monday

7 pm Bridegroom Service at Family Life Center Chapel

## Tuesday, April 15: Holy Tuesday

7 pm Bridegroom Service at Family Life Center Chapel

## Wednesday, April 16: Holy Wednesday

1:30 pm Holy Unction (Sacrament of Healing) at Family Life Center Chapel 7 pm Holy Unction at Church

## Thursday, April 17: Holy Thursday

9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Family Life Center Chapel 6:30 pm Service of the 12 Passion Gospels at Church

## Friday, April 18: Good Friday

10 am The Royal Hours at Church1:30 pm The Descent from the Cross at Church7 pm The Lamentations at Church

## Saturday, April 19: Holy Saturday

9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Church 11 pm Canon of the Resurrection at Church

## Sunday, April 20: Easter

Midnight Resurrection Service & Liturgy at Church Noon Agape Service at Family Life Center Chapel



Come join in fellowship! Saturday of Lazarus, April 12th Annual Pancake Breakfast following Divine Liturgy Complimentary for all !

# **Philoptochos Corner April 2025**

**First Day of Lent/Clean Monday: March 3rd** - Philoptochos hosted this very special annual Lenten Luncheon, immediately following the Service of the Hours at the Family Life Center. Fellowship was enjoyed by all that attended the luncheon, as we began our Lenten journey as a Church family. Many thanks to Maria Kamburis and Mary Argyros for chairing and underwriting this event. The meal was delicious, as always! A special thanks to the Philoptochos Board that helped serve.

**Palm Sunday Brunch: April 13th** - Philoptochos is looking forward to hosting our Annual Palm Sunday Brunch. Please join us, with your family and friends, for a delicious brunch: Sautéed Lemon fish, Gourmet Omelets, Poached Salmon, Assorted Pastries, Mimosas, and more. A special buffet is planned for the children. Please make your reservations as soon as possible, as all reservations must be made in advance! See the enclosed flyer for more details.

**Grecian Kitchen Spring Order Form** – Treat your family and friends to home-made Grecian specialties for the Easter Holiday and summer! We are offering Koulouria, Baklava, Spanakopita, Tsoureki, Pastitsio, and more! Remember we sell our specialties year-round. Please fill out the order form in this month's newsletter and mail to: Dianne Zotos, 1213 Hillcrest Field Drive, Chesterfield, MO 63005.



## Calendar of Events:

4/13 – Palm Sunday Brunch (St. Nicholas)
5/1 – Philoptochos Board Meeting (FLC)
5/15 – Philoptochos General Meeting/Elections (FLC)



St. Nicholas Philoptochos Society Grecian Kitchen/Spring Sale

Treat your Family & Friends to Home-made Grecian Specialties for Easter!

## To Place Your Order...

MAIL THE COMPLETED ORDER FORM BELOW WITH CHECK PAYABLE TO: <u>ST. NICHOLAS PHILOPTOCHOS</u> c/o Dianne Zotos, 1238 Hillcrest Field Dr, Chesterfield, MO 63005 <u>or</u> call 636.541.0708

<u>Pick-up Date...</u>April 11<sup>th</sup> (11:00 am – 3:00 pm) St. Nicholas Family Life Center, 12550 South Forty Drive, St. Louis, MO 63141 (If you are not available to pick up on April 11<sup>th</sup>, please notify Dianne 636.541.0708)

## Items...

ZIP

Baklava ...... \$30 (24pc Pan) Greek Favorite (Ready to Bake) Tiropita ...... \$25 (12pc pan) Savory Cheese Pie (ready to bake)

Galaktoboureko ......\$25(12pc Pan) Custard Filled Pastry (ready to bake)

Tsoureki.....\$25 Traditional Braided Easter Sweet Bread

"Hellenic Cuisine" Cookbook......\$25

Koulouria.....\$11 PER DOZEN

"OPA" Salad Dressing...... \$5

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## Mail-in order form

**BRAIDED BUTTER COOKIES** 

NAME

Address

STATE

	Unit		Total
ITEM	PRICE	QUANTITY	\$
PASTITSIO (HALF PAN)	\$50		
SPANAKOPITA (HALF PAN)	\$25		
Tiropita (half pan)	\$25		
BAKLAVA (HALF PAN)	\$30		
GALAKTOBOUREKO	\$25		
Koulouria (dozen)	\$11		
TSOUREKI	\$25		
Сооквоок	\$25		
OPA SALAD DRESSING	\$5		
		TOTAL	\$

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Traditional Palm Sunday Buffet Gourmet Omelet Buffet Children's Buffet \_\_\_\_\_@ \$35 per person \_\_\_\_\_@ \$35 per person \_\_\_\_\_@ \$12 per child (12 and under) \_\_\_\_\_Total

NAME:

# Please mail completed form with check payable to: St. Nicholas Philoptochos c/o Sandra Kamburis, 1211 Bedford Falls Ct, Ballwin, MO 63021

All reservations must be made in advance by <u>Monday, April 7th.</u> No walk-ins. Please list on the back of this stub who you wish to be seated with and we will do our best to accommodate. Advanced pre-paid reservation tickets can be picked up on Sundays starting April 7.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra at skamburis@hotmail.com or 314.952.9958

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April 2025

St. Nicholas Easter Lamb Roast April 20, 2025 1:00 pm

St. Nicholas Family Life Center following AGAPE Service at Family Life Center

Traditional Easter Feast Special menu, treats & Easter egg hunt for the children (please bring your own baskets)

\*Reservations must be made in advance, no walk-ins\* Please complete form below and send to: Lauren Rowe 623 Claymont Estates Drive Chesterfield, MO 63017 636.675.1606

<ul> <li>Enclosed is my reservation for</li> </ul>	at \$35 per adult at \$12 per child (12 and under)
• Check enclosed payable to: Saint	Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
• Credit Card number	Exp:CVV:
Name:	
Street/City/Zip:	
Phone number:	



Dear St. Nicholas Family & Friends:

We are once again gearing up for our Annual Labor Day Festival, Saturday, August 30 thru Monday, September 1 and Taste of the Festival, July 19 and 20. We need your continued support in volunteering your services, even if its only for an hour or two. Last year we had a great response from our young adults – Many Thanks for their help! We hope you can join us again in continuing to learn the skills of your parents and grandparents. The following schedule also includes some Philoptochos prep dates.

Please feel free to contact a member of the Festival Food Team with any questions.

Thanks,

Teddy Hart – 314.914.7711, Peggy Pierroutsakos – 636.395.8696 & Dianne Zotos – 636.541.0708

## Your Festival Food Team

April –

Friday, 4/04 at 8:00 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Tsoureki for Easter Friday, 4/25 at 9:00 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Crumble Feta/Walnuts, Melt Margarine & Cut Onions Saturday, 4/26 at 8:00 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Spanakopita Mixture Monday, 4/28 at 8:00 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Spanakopita Assembly No. 1

May –

Monday, 5/05 at 8:00 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Spanakopita Assembly No. 2 Monday, 5/12 at 8:00 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Spanakopita Assembly No. 3 (if needed) Monday, 5/19 at 8:00 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Galaktoboureko/Baklava Sundaes Assembly Friday, 5/30 at 9:00 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Organize Sunday School Rooms, FF Closet and much more!

June –

Friday, 6/06 at 8:30 a.m. – Family Life Center – Galaktoboureko Assembly for Philoptochos Monday, 6/09 at 8:00 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Salad Dressing Cups Wednesday, 6/11 at 8:30 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Salad Dressing Bottles Friday, 6/13 at 1:00 p.m. – St. Nicholas – Lamb Shanks (Wash and Marinade) Saturday, 6/14 at 7:00 a.m. – St. Nicholas – Lamb Shanks (Cook and Assembly) Friday, 6/20 at 8:00 a.m. – Family Life Center – Spanakopita Assembly for Philoptochos (if needed)



# St. Nicholas Church School

Hello to all our St. Nicholas Family!

We hope your families are having a beautiful start to the lenten season as we prepare for the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Our St. Nicholas Sunday School children have participated in a few events this past month and we are very excited for our upcoming events.

- We had our annual Souper Bowl canned food drive where we collected close to 100 cans of soup to benefit FOCUS.
- March 2 -Children went home with OCMC boxes, please make sure you are • talking to your children at home about this mission and how we can help as a family and church community. Please return boxes to Sunday School teachers on Palm Sunday.
- March 9 we had the Sunday of Orthodoxy Icon Procession where our grade ٠ school children walked around the church and displayed beautiful icons from home and the classrooms. The lessons that day also corresponded with the importance of why we have this tradition.
- March 23, our Church School students participated in the procession of the ٠ Veneration of the Holy Cross. Teachers once again focused the lesson on the importance of why we have the procession and the cross in our faith.
- March 30 We hosted our Oratorical Festival with some amazing presentations, ٠ displays of iconography and mobiles representing teachings of Jesus.

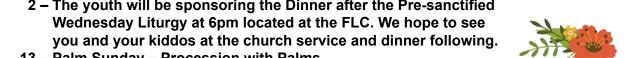
Please bring your children to as many Sundays and weekday services as much as possible. Here are some upcoming events to look forward to:

- April 2 – The youth will be sponsoring the Dinner after the Pre-sanctified Wednesday Liturgy at 6pm located at the FLC. We hope to see you and your kiddos at the church service and dinner following.
- April 13 – Palm Sunday – Procession with Palms
- April 14-20 Holy Week & Pascha
- May 2 – Family Fun Night
- 18 Last Day of Sunday School Picnic May
- May 23-26 Junior Olympics

As always, watch the weekly e-blast for additional events that may happen in between bulletins.

Sincerely, Lexie Dendrinelis & Tania Scarpino **Church School Directors** 











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In Memory of Vasso Angelos Sakis Salas Kosmas & Despina Souris Thomas Snethen

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### FLAG DONATION AT THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

In Memory of Harry & Christine Lemakis Dorothea Karakas Pete Lemakis



### **MEMORIALS**

20 year memorial for Panagiota Yiatras t

March 2

## FUNERALS

Joanna Spanos fell asleep in the Lord on February 27. Her funeral was March 5. † May her memory be eternal

Roxana Couteranis fell asleep in the Lord on March 5. Her funeral was March 20. † May her memory be eternal

### 40 day Blessing:

Gabriella Marie, daughter of Katie and Michael King was Blessed and Churched on March 16, 2025. Congratulations!

> The Women's Faith Group meets monthly (excluding July and August) to learn about the Orthodox Christian Faith and how to live the Faith throughout one's life. Scripture and various books authored by Orthodox Christians are read and discussed for enrichment. enlightenment, and encouragement to live a Christ-like life. "being transformed from glory to glory" (2 Corinthians 3:18).

> > Please join us 10 am Tuesdays, April 1 and April 29 at the Family Life Center





ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN MISSION CENTER Mission Team St. Louis

"The Orthodox Mission Team of St. Louis works to nurture an awareness within our local churches of the need to evangelize, catechize, and support missionary efforts and programs globally."



## Orthodox Missions

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - John 20:21

The primary focus of the Mission Center is to bring people into the fullness of life in Christ. Through collective action, they strengthen the community and magnify their impact - enhancing engagement, fostering faith, and igniting discipleship. This transformative work has continued through liturgical translations, the training of future clergy, and the development of youth ministry.

Liturgical Translations The message of Pentecost is abundantly clear: The Good News of Jesus Christ should be available to all people in their native language. This is a hallmark of the Orthodox Missions approach, which aims to embrace the rich tapestry of cultures across the globe and integrate local language and community life. The Liturgical Translations Program has become a fullfledged department of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center.

Training Future Clergy Rooted in the abundance of Christ's teachings, Orthodox Missions strive to plant seeds of faith and share the Gospel in diverse lands by preparing future clergy, catechists and youth to reach more people with the life-saving Truth of the Gospel.

Youth Ministry Development Encouraging people to actively live their faith is one of the most important ways to ensure a vibrant expression of Orthodoxy around the world. Grounded in the theological framework of our Orthodox faith, the IMPACT Youth Ministry Model combines servicelearning with our theology to ensure Orthopraxy – correction action – with our Orthodoxy.

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St. Nicholas Mortgage Payoff Endeavor

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

We have some exciting news to share regarding the parish's mortgage balance.

You may recall that our mortgage comes due mid-year. At that time, we have the option to renew at a higher rate, or to pay it off.

As of two months ago, our balance stood at \$418,071. Thanks to the generosity of a handful of parishioners, that balance is now \$42,500.

#### THE PAYOFF IS NOW IN CLEAR SIGHT!

Now we invite you to be a part of this historic milestone for our beloved St. Nicholas parish by helping to get us get across the finish line.

Here's how you can participate:

- Write a check made out to St Nicholas, designating that it is meant for the "Mortgage Payoff Endeavor". Hand the check to a parish council member or send it to the church office.
- Make an on-line donation on the St. Nicholas website; designate that it is for the "Mortgage Payoff Endeavor".

This is a critical juncture for our parish- eliminating our debt means that we will be able to allocate more funds and resources to broader parish initiatives, such as expanding and enhancing our programs and ministries.

Our goal is to complete this mission by April 5th, so we can officially inform the bank that we will be paying off our balance and not renewing our loan.

Please feel free to reach out to Dan Tarlas with any questions or for more information - (314-713-5500 / dan.tarlas@acgnet.com

We look forward to accomplishing this important milestone together and together moving into the future!

April 2025

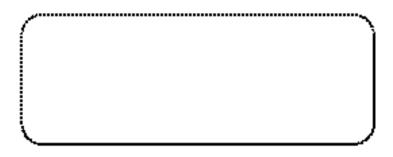
SATURDAY	5 10:30 am Adult Choir Practice at FLC	12 Saturday of Lazarus 9:30 am Divine Liturgy St. Nicholas Church	19 Holy Saturday 9:30 am Divine Liturgy St. Nicholas Church Canon of the Resurrection 11:00 pm St. Nicholas Church	26 8:00 am Festival Prep Spanokopita Mixture St. Nicholas Church 10:30 am Adult Choir Practice at FLC	
FRIDAY	<b>4</b> <i>Akathist Service</i> 6:30 pm Family Life Center Chapel	11 11:00 am-3:00 pm Grecian Kitchen Order Pickup Family Life Center	18 Good Friday Royal Hours 9:30 am St. Nicholas Churh Descent from the Cross 1:30 pm St. Nicholas Church Lamentations 7 pm Family Life Center	25 9:00 am Festival Prep Feta/Onions/Butter St. Nicholas Church	
THURSDAY	3	10	17 Holy Thursday Bridegroom Service 9:30 am Family Life Center Service of the Twelve Passion Gospels St. Nicholas Church	24	
WEDNESDAY	2 7 am Men's Fellowship Family Life Center/Zoom 10 am Kafenio Family Life Center <i>Pre-Sanctified Liturgy</i> 6:00 pm Family Life Center Chapel Dinner to follow	9 7 am Men's Fellowship Family Life Center/Zoom	16 Holy Wednesday Holy Unction Service 11:30 pm Family Life Center Sacrament of Healing with Anointing 7:00 pm St. Nicholas Church Annointing to follow	<b>23</b> 7 am Men's Fellowship Family Life Center/Zoom	<b>30</b> 7 am Men's Fellowship Family Life Center/Zoom
TUESDAY	1 10:00 am Women's Faith Group Family Life Center	7 pm via Zoom Young Adult League	15 Holy Tuesday Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm Family Life Center	22	29
MONDAY		7	14 Holy Monday Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm Family Life Center	21	28
SUNDAY		6 Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt 8:15 Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Church Sunday School Fellowship Coffee Hour 5 pm GOYA at FLC	13 Palm Sunday 8:15 Orthros & 9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Church Palm Sunday Brunch to follow Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm Family Life Center	20 Great and Holy Pascha Midnight Resurrection Service and Liturgy at Church Resurrection Meal to Follow Noon Agape Service at Church Easter Lamb Roast to Follow at FLC	27 Thomas Sunday 8:15 Orthros & 9:30 am D ivine Liturgy at Church Sunday School Fellowship Coffee Hour

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