

Join us TODAY in our Gym as we cheer on our League basketball teams!

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TODAY at HOME =

2:30, Girls Middle School vs Resurrection; 4:30, Boys High School vs Ascension

-- Schedule then resumes, **Sunday, April 23** --

HANDMADE EASTER LAMBADES FUNDRAISER

After a 3 year “break,” the Greek School will hold our handmade Easter lambades fund-raiser! Help us spread the word to the community and generate some funds for our school. Drop by the school - Wednesday to Friday, 4:15-6:45 PM for the next two weeks. Prices: 1 for \$15, 2 for \$25, 4 for \$50.

- TODAY** **OUTREACH SUNDAY** – Today, the first Sunday of the Month, is Outreach Sunday. Please give generously to our Outreach volunteers for distribution to the needy.
- Tuesday** **BIBLE STUDY** – Hybrid class resumes at 10:30 AM. (Due to ORA lunches on the first Tuesdays of each month, Bible Study will begin at 10 AM, instead of 10:30 AM.) Go to the church website for instructions on how to connect or send an email to konstantines@goholycross.org.
- Wednesday** **STUDIES IN THE FAITH CLASSES** – Hybrid class resumes at 7 PM. Go to the church website for instructions on how to connect, or send an email to konstantines@goholycross.org.
- Thursday** **PATRISTIC WORKS** – We will resume hybrid class at 7 PM. Please email konstantines@goholycross.org for details.
- Friday** **LENTEN POTLUCKS** – Thank you to everyone who participated!
- Saturday** **SATURDAY OF LAZARUS** – Join us following the Divine Liturgy for a Lenten breakfast and help make the hundreds of Palm Crosses needed for Palm Sunday. If you are interested in contributing to the breakfast, please contact Art Smith at asmith@goholycross.org. All are invited: the whole family – grandparents, children, everyone!
- Next Sunday** **PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON** – Join us for Orthros and Divine Liturgy and then our annual luncheon in The Oaks. More information will be provided at our church website regarding menu and reservations.
- Fri Apr 14** **GOOD FRIDAY RETREAT** – begins with the Royal Hours at 8:30 AM. [A shortened program begins at 12:45 PM for younger students, PreK through 2nd Grade.] Students in Grades 3-12 will participate in the morning service and then will spend the day in thoughtful and peaceful contemplation on the Crucifixion and imminent Resurrection. The retreat concludes with the Vespers of Apokathelosis at

3 PM. We are looking for volunteers throughout the day, especially recent graduates and parents. RSVP with Art Smith at asmith@goholycross.org.

- Fri Apr 14** **DECORATION OF THE EPITAPHIOS** – Join our Philoptochos ladies in the morning to decorate the *Epitaphios* and stay for the 3 PM service, return at 7 PM for Lamentations
- Sat Apr 15** **ANASTASI DINNER** – Join us following Resurrection Matins (which begin at 11PM) as we break fast in The Oaks
- Sun Apr 16** **EGG HUNT & EASTER PICNIC** – Join us for our Holy Cross Easter Agape picnic in the church parking lot immediately following Agape Vespers (which begin at 11:30 AM). We anticipate the Blessing and Picnic will begin at 1:00 PM. The picnic will be outside this year (weather permitting). The church will provide tables and chairs. Parishioners are responsible for everything else: food, drinks, utensils, etc. Additional grills will be available for grilling meats and our kitchen staff will be available to help with heating and baking your dishes. Reservations are needed. Please visit the parish web site (www.goholycross.org) to make your reservations and donations today.
- Mon Apr 24** **PHILOPTOCHOS CHURCH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS** – High school seniors are encouraged to apply for these service awards offered by the Philoptochos. Applications for the 2023 awards are available **NOW** *by emailing the church office*. A typed application is required -- No handwritten applications will be accepted. If you are college-bound or are planning to enter a training program, if you have participated in Church and Community service, and if your family is a member of our parish, then you may qualify. Deadline is **Monday, April 24, 2023, 5 PM**.
- Sat Apr 29** **ENGAGING WITH DIGITAL MEDIA** - Join the **Philoptochos** in The Oaks as we support Women's Wellness and Awareness at 11:30 for a live presentation on digital media - its advantages and potential risks for our children and teens. Registration info and the event flyer are at the church website.

- ❖ **STEWARDSHIP 2023** – Please send in your 2023 Pledge Card. The Cards help us greatly in planning for the new year. Let us know if you need a pledge packet, or please visit the church website and download/print a Pledge Card yourself. Everyone is asked to commit to ***\$140*** per month in 2023.
- ❖ **CAMPER SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR IV 2023** -- Spots still remain in Session One and Session Two for this summer! As you know, Ionian Village provides campers and staff with a life-transforming summer experience by bringing them closer to our Orthodox faith and exploring our rich Hellenic culture and history. Since 1970, more than 18,000 teens and young adults have experienced the miracle of this program over 50 years. / Both sessions are open to campers who are currently in 9th grade through those who will complete the 12th grade in the spring of 2023. For more information, and to register, visit

www.ionianvillage.org. **To inquire about scholarships**, please contact our office at ionianvillage@goarch.org or 212-570-3536.

- ❖ **HOLY CROSS PRESCHOOL** is now enrolling for the 2023-24 school year. Please email Director Chris Shreve to schedule a visit for you and your child today! Preschool@goholycross.org Check out our website: www.holycrossbelmont.com Follow us on Instagram: [@holycrosspreschool](https://www.instagram.com/holycrosspreschool/) [<https://www.instagram.com/holycrosspreschool/>]. Like and follow us on Facebook: [<https://www.facebook.com/holycrossbelmont/>].
- ❖ **THE SUN WILL COME OUT TOMORROW** and if not tomorrow, then definitely by **May 20** for “Nights on Broadway,” the fabulous Philoptochos Fashion Show and Luncheon! It’s not THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM— just get your friends together and enjoy a delicious lunch, beautiful fashions, and spectacular entertainment. You deserve OH, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL MORNING (and afternoon), so put a reminder on your calendar— GET ME TO THE CHURCH ON TIME, 11:30 am on **Sat., May 20!**

SERVICES

Sunday, April 2 – Sunday of Saint Mary of Egypt – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy

Monday, April 3 – Great Compline, 7:00 PM

Wednesday, April 5 – Ninth Hour / Presanctified Liturgy, 5:30 PM



Saturday, April 8 – Saturday of Lazarus – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy (Communion Breakfast and Palm-Folding to follow – see news item)

Saturday, April 8 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM

Sunday, April 9 – Palm Sunday – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy (Luncheon to follow – see news item)

Sunday, April 9 – Service of the Bridegroom, 7 PM

Monday, April 10 – Great & Holy Monday / Service of the Bridegroom, 7 PM

Tuesday, April 11 – Great & Holy Tuesday / Service of the Bridegroom, 7 PM

Wednesday, April 12 – Great & Holy Wednesday / Presanctified Liturgy, 7 AM

Wednesday, April 12 – Sacrament of the Holy Oil, 3 PM

Wednesday, April 12 – Service of the Bridegroom / Sacrament of the Holy Oil, 7 PM

Thursday, April 13 – Great & Holy Thursday / Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great, 8:30 AM

Thursday, April 13 – Service of the Holy Passion, 7 PM

Friday, April 14 – Holy Friday - Vigil of the Royal Hours, 8:00 AM

Friday, April 14 – Vespers of the Descent from the Cross, 3 PM

Friday, April 14 – Service of the Lamentations, 7 PM

Saturday, April 15 – Great & Holy Saturday, Divine Liturgy, 8:30 AM

Saturday, April 15 – Resurrection Matins, 11 PM

Sunday, April 16 – Holy Pascha – Agape Vespers, 11:30 AM (Egg Hunt and Picnic following)



GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

***Sunday of Saint Mary of Egypt
April 2, 2023***

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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

If you are visiting us for the first time, send us an email and share your thoughts and suggestions. May God bless and keep you well.

CONFESSION is heard as usual following Great Vespers on Saturdays. Additional dates for Lent include: **Thursday, April 6** – 3-5 PM; and **Friday, April 7** – 3-5 PM; 7-9 PM

OUR HOLY CROSS THREE HIERARCHS BOOKSTORE

With the journey of Great Lent now taking us to the greatest of all Feasts, it is very helpful to follow with understanding each of the several services which will take us to Pascha. The service book entitled ***Holy Week and Easter*** contains all of the services celebrated during Holy Week and is a ‘companion’ of tremendous worth during each of the services. We look forward each Sunday to the stewards and visitors who gather around our shelves to enjoy one another’s company and to browse shelves filled with books, icons, games and all that is Orthodox.

