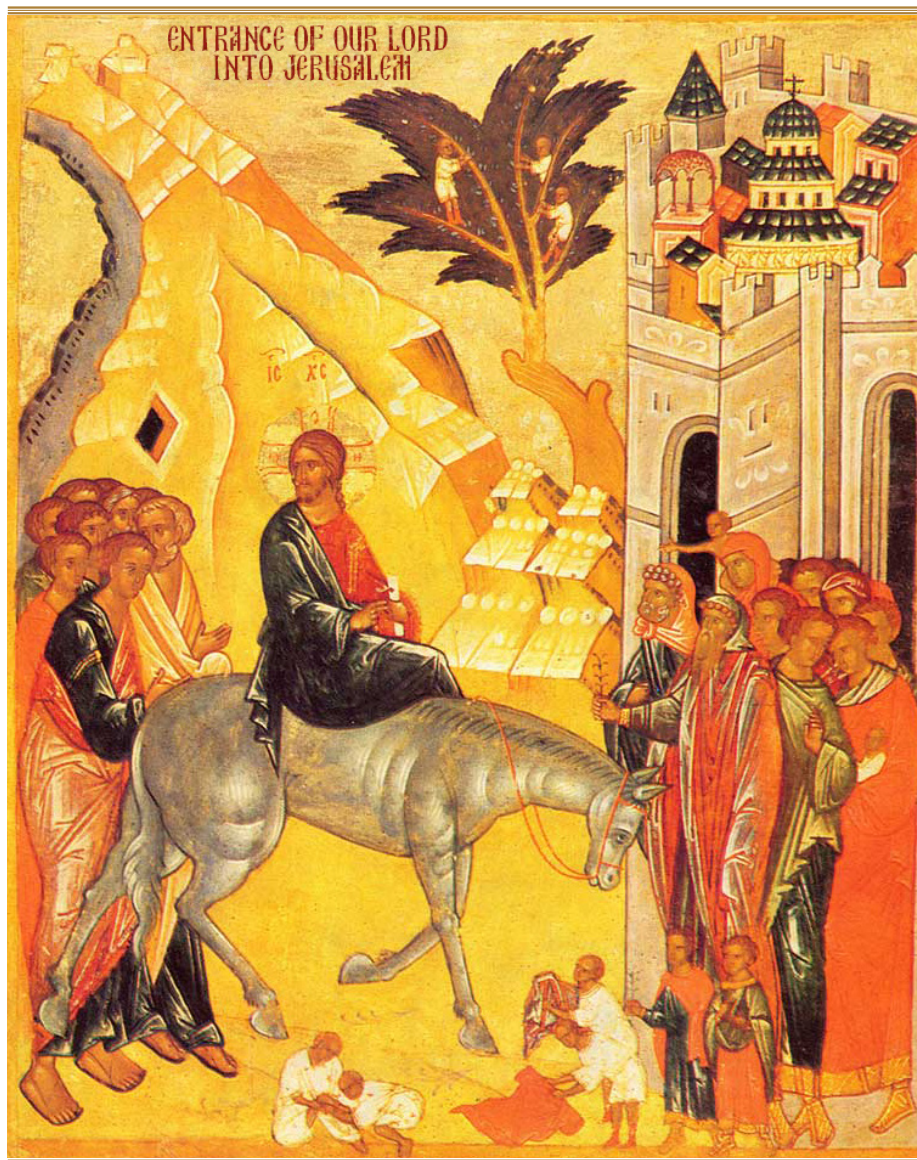




ST. MARY'S

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

April 13, 2025 — *Palm Sunday*



“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord”

THE DIVINE LITURGY

Commemoration

Palm Sunday; Martin the Confessor, Pope of Rome;
Theodosios the Martyr; Zoilos the Martyr.

Morning Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11; 15-17

Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

At the Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God, who rode on a donkey colt; we sing to you, Alleluia!

At the Third Antiphon

Before Your passion You confirmed the resurrection of all by raising Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore, like the children of old, we also carry symbols of victory, and to You, the Victor over death, do we cry out: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

At the Small Entrance

Hymn of Entrance

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. The Lord is God and has appeared to us. Save us, O Son of God, who rode on a donkey colt, save us who sing to you: Alleluia.

Hymn of the Feast, First Tone

Before Your passion You confirmed the resurrection of all by raising Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore, like the children of old, we also carry symbols of victory, and to You, the Victor over death, do we cry out: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord

Another Hymn of the Feast, Fourth Tone

In our baptism we were buried with you, O Christ our God, and by your resurrection you have granted us eternal life. Therefore, we sing your praises, O Lord: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Kontakion of Palm Sunday, Plagal Second Tone

In heaven upon the throne, on earth upon the colt, You were carried, O Christ our God; and the praise of the Angels, and the hymns of the children, You received as they cried to You, "Blessed are You, the One, who is coming to call Adam back again."

Epistle.....Philippians 4:4-9

BRETHREN, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel.....John 12:1-18

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazaros was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazaros was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said “Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, “Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.” When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazaros, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazaros also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazaros out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

Litany for the Catechumens

Deacon: Catechumens, pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Let us, the faithful, pray for the catechumens.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That the Lord will have mercy on them.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That He will teach them the word of truth.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That He will reveal to them the gospel
of righteousness.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That He will unite them to His holy,
catholic, and apostolic Church.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Save them, have mercy on them, help them, and
protect them, O God, by Your grace.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Catechumens, bow your heads to the Lord.

People: To You, O Lord.

Prayer for the Catechumens

Priest: Lord our God, Who dwells on high and
watches over the humble, You sent forth
Your only-begotten Son and God, our Lord
Jesus Christ, for the salvation of the human
race. Look down upon Your servants, the
catechumens, who have inclined their necks
to You, and grant them at a proper time the
baptism of rebirth, the remission of sins, and
the garment of incorruption. Unite them to
Your holy, catholic, and apostolic Church,
and number them among Your chosen flock.

Priest: So that with us they also may glorify Your-
most honorable and majestic name, of the
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

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Megalyrnarion of Palm Sunday.
(Instead of “It is truly meet...” on page 69)

The Lord is God, and has appeared to us. Prepare the feast and come with rejoicing. Let us magnify Christ; bearing palms and branches, let us sing praise to him: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, our Savior.

The Communion Prayers are found on page 40 of the hymnal.

Communion Hymn

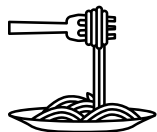
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel.

Post-Communion Hymn (instead of “We Have Seen the Light”)

Before Your passion You confirmed the resurrection of all by raising Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore, like the children of old, we also carry symbols of victory, and to You, the Victor over death, do we cry out: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

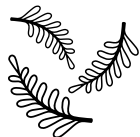
Today

Prosforo is provided by **Toni Bazakos**



Palm Sunday Spaghetti Lunch—Today!

Our choir is hosting the annual Palm Sunday Spaghetti Luncheon today, following Liturgy. Enjoy a delicious meal with the special sauce made by John Legeros and crew. A suggested donation of \$10 per adult and \$6 per child under 10 (credit card, cash, check, or Venmo) is accepted at the door. Proceeds benefit the choir's trip to the Federation Choir Conference in the fall. Come and support our choir.



Welcome Visitors and Guests!

Members of our Missions and Outreach Committee are at the welcome and information table just inside the Great Hall, to the left, after Liturgy this morning to welcome you and answer your questions about St Mary's Greek Orthodox Church and the Orthodox faith. Join us for a cup of coffee and always enjoyable refreshments.

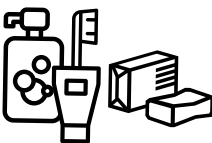


Prayer Ministry

Please remember the sick, the suffering, and those in need, especially:

All victims of wars throughout the world; Our brothers and sisters living through the aftermath of disaster; For the victims of violence; Metro Hope Ministries; Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry; FOCUS Minnesota; Our brothers and sisters serving in the Armed Forces throughout the world especially Jassir; San Miguel Del Lago Orphanage; Mechelle, Elaine, Vonda, Andrew, Susan, Elias, Imogene, George, Becky, Elizabeth, Yvonne, Fran, Kosta, Jim, Kathryn, Tom, Gina M., Elly K., Thomas, Panos, Connie, Evdoxia, Sylvia, Pete, Karen, Steve A., Athena, Betty, Sean, Krisanne, Ann, Mark, Kostantinos & Georgia, Andreas, Jonathan, Jeanette, Mary, Ann, Marilyn, Donna, Dawn, Don, Nancy, Brad, Vangie, Jolene, Mikey, Aphrodite, James, Peter, Lyda, Owen, Michael, Johnny, Jaclyn Jereczek, Dena, Chris, Joy Rose, Nick, John, Demos and Eugenia, Ron, Matt, Laura, Constance, Marina, Dion, Annali, Sofia, Juan Cruz & family, Charlie, Helena, Byrdie, Jennifer, John S., Becky, Noel, Stephen, Alexey, Alexandra, Ray, Christina, Joanne, Charlie, Nuala, Pamela, Avgi, Elena, Speranta, Liz, Efstratia, Jordan, David, Nino, Joe, Donnarae, Samira, Mary K., Monte, Bethany, Mark, Owen, Estelle, Justine, Melissa, Megan, Michael, Robbie, Judi, Evonne, James, Nichole, Constantine, Theodora, Irene Maria, Olivia, Lincoln, Carole, Patty, Karrisra, Corina, George R., Ken, Nancy and Tim, Olga, Peter, Cora and family, Lynn, Sue & Jim, Steve, Sue, Jane, Pat, Dave, Pam, Gilbert, George P., Danielle, Jenny, John L., Presvytera Janis, Sandra, Rick, Nancy, Alex, Eryn, Karen, Linda, Vicki, Bill, Diana, Doria, Mike, Stephanie, Tyler, Ben, Amy, Christy, Karen, Anastasia, Jamie, Alex and Alexander, Toni, Gina, Julie, R.J., Allie, Vickie, Petra, Bob, Joseph, Christopher, Elizabeth, Judi, Bodil, Ole, and others known to you.

Food Shelf Needs for April 20



Hygiene items

(Individually wrapped toothpaste, soap, shampoo, conditioner, razors)

April's recipient is:

Community Emergency Service (CES).

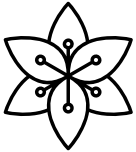
Please do not bring opened packages. They will be discarded.

Announcements



Please Pause on Clothing Donation

Continuing through April, there is a pause on accepting clothing donations to allow FOCUS to sort and hang what they have and to change over to the summer season. However, they do need purses, cosmetic bags, billfolds, backpacks, belts and closed-toed shoes.



Holy Week and Pascha Flowers

Contributions are being accepted for our Holy Week and Pascha flowers and greens. A form was recently sent with the April issue of The Messenger. Additional forms and envelopes are available at the stewardship table in the narthex. Please place the form and your donation in an envelope and drop it in the box on the table in the narthex. Today (Palm Sunday) is the deadline for contributions.



Remember and Commemorate Your Departed Loved Ones with a Memorial Luminary

Once again this year during Holy Friday evening service we will have luminaries (white bags with votive candles) line the walkway as we process with the Kouvouklion. Each luminary will have one name on it, each one is \$5. This is a wonderful way for many prayers to be offered of "Memory Eternal" to our Lord from our parish family. *See Dena Tortorelis after Liturgy today.*



**ST. MARY'S
SUMMER
CAMP**

Camp registration is near capacity.

The camp registration window officially closes April 15, 2025. However, as of the end of March, camp registrations spaces are almost filled. All new camper registrations will be added to a Waiting List. We will do our best to accommodate as many as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

Email Questions to: camp@stmaryscamp.com

stmaryscamp.com



Follow us @stmaryscamp on Facebook for updates



Women's Bible Study Invitation

Women's Bible Study, led by Patty Christopulos, will resume studies after Pascha on select Saturdays, 8:30-10:00 a.m., at her home, 5312 Highwood Drive W., Edina, MN. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, April 26 - *Our God-given Identity as Women*

Saturday, May 10 - *The Liturgy after the Liturgy*

Saturday, May 17 - *How to Distinguish and Offer our Spiritual Gifts*

Saturday, May 31 - *How to Make Good Decisions Guided by the Holy Spirit*

WHEN YOU CANNOT

The restoration of
St Charalambos' church in
occupied Cyprus

Curated by Tasoulla Hadjiyanni
Photographs by Antonis Engrafou
Archival footage by David Hands

HGA Gallery, Rapson Hall, Univ. of Minnesota
89 Church Street SE, Minneapolis 55455
March 17 – April 23, 2025

Reception and film screening –
Friday, April 4, 2025 – 5:00-7:00pm

For more information email tasoulla@umn.edu

This is the first church restoration project in any occupied territory. Agios Charalabos was built in Christian pre-occupied Cyprus and is now occupied by a Muslim community. Through decades of debates, requests and collaboration, this Christian church has now been restored in occupied Cyprus. History has been made.

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, April 13: Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

after Liturgy – Palm Sunday Spaghetti Lunch, *Great Hall*

5:00 p.m. – Pan-Orthodox Bridegroom Matins, *St. Herman's Orthodox Church*

6:00 p.m. – Bridegroom Matins, *St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church*

Monday, April 14: Holy Monday

6:00 p.m. – Bridegroom Matins

Tuesday, April 15: Holy Tuesday

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

6:00 p.m. – Bridegroom Matins

Wednesday, April 16: Holy Wednesday

9:00 a.m. – “The Messenger” Mailing, *Fireside Room*

10:00 a.m. – Housekeeping Ministry

3:30 p.m. – Holy Unction

6:00 p.m. – Matins of the Mystical Supper; Holy Unction

Thursday, April 17: Holy Thursday

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy of the Mystical Supper

6:00 p.m. – Service of Holy Passion (The Twelve Gospels)

Friday, April 18: Great and Holy Friday

9:00 a.m. – Royal Hours

Church School Retreat continues until 1:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m. – Vespers of the Descent from the Cross

6:00 p.m. – Lamentations

Saturday, April 19: Holy Saturday

10:00 a.m. – First Resurrection Divine Liturgy

11:30 p.m. – Midnight Office

Sunday, April 20: Great and Holy Pascha

Midnight – Resurrection Service, Matins, Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy – Anastasi Meal and Celebration, *Great Hall*

12:00 noon – Agape Vespers; *Followed by Easter Egg Hunt*



A Note on Saturday Bible Study

Saturday Bible Study is taking a two week Holy Week break. There will not be class until Saturday, April 26 and concluding on May 10. Saturday Bible Study will take a break over the summer and resume in September.

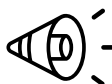
Philoptochos News



Tandem Drive

Collection Ends Today

Our Lenten Tandem drive will end today. Please drop off your donations before you go home. We also accept monetary donations (cash, check or credit card). Information on Tandem is available at the Philoptochos table in the Great Hall this morning. You can also go to wearetandem.org for more information about the wonderful work they are doing.



Attention All Philoptochos Members

This year our Philoptochos chapter is celebrating 80 years of promoting charitable, benevolent and philanthropic work for the Greek Orthodox church. We would like to celebrate past and present members at our May Spring Finale. If you have any stories, pictures, or other memorabilia from the past 80 years, we would love it if you shared them with us. We are also looking for ladies to assist in planning this event. If interested, please contact Erline Holman at 507.259.5443 or yiayiaerline@gmail.com.



Help Prepare our Church for Holy Week and Pascha

Philoptochos is looking for many volunteers to help with preparing our church for Easter. Please stop by our table today to sign up to help on these dates:

Friday, April 18 – Holy Friday: *after Royal Hours, adorn the kouvouklion with flowers*

Friday, April 18 – Holy Friday: *after Lamentations, change purple to white*

Saturday, April 19 – Holy Saturday: *after First Resurrection Liturgy, adorn for Pascha*



Help Make Koulourakia for Pascha Coffee Hour

We are looking for several ladies (or men) to bake about 3-4 dozen koulourakia cookies for Pascha coffee hour on Holy Saturday night and Agape Vespers on Pascha. Please sign up at the Philoptochos table during coffee hour today.

Philoptochos News



Agape Vespers Coffee Hour Help Needed

We are also looking for volunteers to help with coffee hour after the Agape Vespers service on next Sunday afternoon. We need a few people to help plate koulourakia and serve coffee. **If you can help, please sign up at the table this Sunday.**



Philoptochos Board Elections in May

Philoptochos Board elections will be held in May, with up to 19 women able to join the team. This is a two-year term, and women experienced and new to the organization are welcome! The board meets eight times during the year and members serve on two committees. Lisa Gallmeyer, Carol Smith and Paulette Hastings are leading the effort to create a slate of nominees. Please give some prayerful thought to taking on this role, talk with these three (or anyone on the board) to learn more, and become a leader in the philanthropic arm of the church!



Volunteer Opportunities for Festival Baking Start in May

Watch for a Sign Up Genius coming soon or stop by the Philoptochos table on Sundays to sign up.



Philoptochos/Women's Book Club

Mother Theosemni is the next book the women in the Philoptochos Book Club will be reading and discussing. **Copies are available in the bookstore.**

“Watch with all your strength that you do not speak one thing with your mouth and have something else in your heart”

— Saint Isaiah the Anchorite



PRAYER,



FASTING,



AND ALMSGIVING.

St. Mary's Holy Friday Retreat

Walk With Christ to The Cross

Friday, April 18, 2025 10:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.



Taking Down From the Cross Service starts at 1:30 p.m.

Pre-K (4 year old) through 12th grade

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/HolyFriday2025>

Please join us for an engaging day at our Church in which children will learn about Holy Week, the Crucifixion, and Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We will have lessons, crafts, lunch, stations in the church, and gym time (to help get the wiggles out—even the big kids). **Retreat ends at 1:15 p.m. so please be here at that time to check out your child(ren) and accompany them for the Taking Down From the Cross Service.**

Please register early so we can plan accordingly for helpers, supplies, and food ordering/packaging. Adults, we could use additional help with set up/clean up and food prep. To volunteer or with questions, contact [Dena Tortorelis churcheschool@stmarysgoc.org](mailto:Dena.Tortorelis@stmarysgoc.org)



DIVINE LITURGY • PRESENTATION • RECEPTION

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Reception, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Come experience the Ancient Christian Church and learn about the faith.

The Saint Mary's Missions and Outreach Committee is hosting a Bring-A-Friend-To-Liturgy event. This is a great way to introduce our faith to those who are curious and interested. After the Divine Liturgy, one of our priests will speak on the Orthodox Christian Faith followed by a wonderful reception in the Terrace Room. Please extend the invitation to as many as possible. Please RSVP with the church office so that we can plan accordingly.



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ALL ARE INVITED

Fullness of Faith to the Ends of the Earth

Saturday, May 3, 2025

Social with Wine & Appetizers at 6:30pm;
Dinner & Dessert at 7:00pm; Program at 8:00pm

St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church
3450 Irving Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55408



**With OCMC Ambassador,
Terri Leckas and St. Mary's
parishioner, Dr. Steve Rakes**



OCMC Ambassador, Terri Leckas, will share highlights from her trip to Albania and St. Mary's parishioner, Dr. Steve Rakes, will also present from his recent trip to Africa. Both will share stories and recount experiences that have impacted them personally as well how Orthodox Christian Mission Center served as the pathway to take this journey of faith.

For questions please contact Special Events Coordinator, Elaine Drikakis at elained@ocmc.org or Event Chair & Ambassador, Terri Leckas at thereseleckas@gmail.com.



\$15 Per Person
RSVP by April 27, 2025
Sponsorship Opportunities!
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SAINT MARY'S VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL



Just as the early settlers faced challenges on their journey west, Christians also encounter obstacles on the path to our heavenly promised land. At Vacation Church School, kids will learn what spiritual equipment they need, how to be courageous, who helps them along the way, and how to use grit and perseverance to stay on the Christian trail to paradise.

Join us for an unforgettable faith-filled adventure with lessons, crafts, snacks, and fun! Scan the code to register your child today!

For cowpokes 4 years old (and potty trained) through entering 6th grade in the fall
Helpers needed: 7-12th graders (in the fall).

REGISTER HERE



JUNE 16-20, 2025

At Saint Mary's, 8:45 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Quick Links

Stay in Contact



To join our mailing list or update your contact information, scan the code.

Digital Donation



To make a donation or stewardship offering, scan the code.

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, April 14: Holy Monday

Matthew 21:18-43 • Matthew 24:3-35

Tuesday, April 15: Holy Tuesday

Matthew 22:15-46; 23:1-39 • Matthew 24:36-51; 25:1-46; 26:1-2

Wednesday, April 16: Holy Wednesday

John 12:17-50 • Matthew 26:6-16

Thursday, April 17: Holy Thursday

Corinthians 11:23-32 • Matthew 26:1-20; John 13:3-17;
Matthew 26:21-39; Luke 22:43-44; Matthew 26:40-75; 27:1-2

Friday, April 18: Great and Holy Friday

Corinthians 5:6-8 • Matthew 27:62-66

Saturday, April 19: Holy Saturday

Romans 6:3-11 • Matthew 28:1-20

Sunday, April 20: Great and Holy Pascha

Acts 1:1-8 • John 1:1-17



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