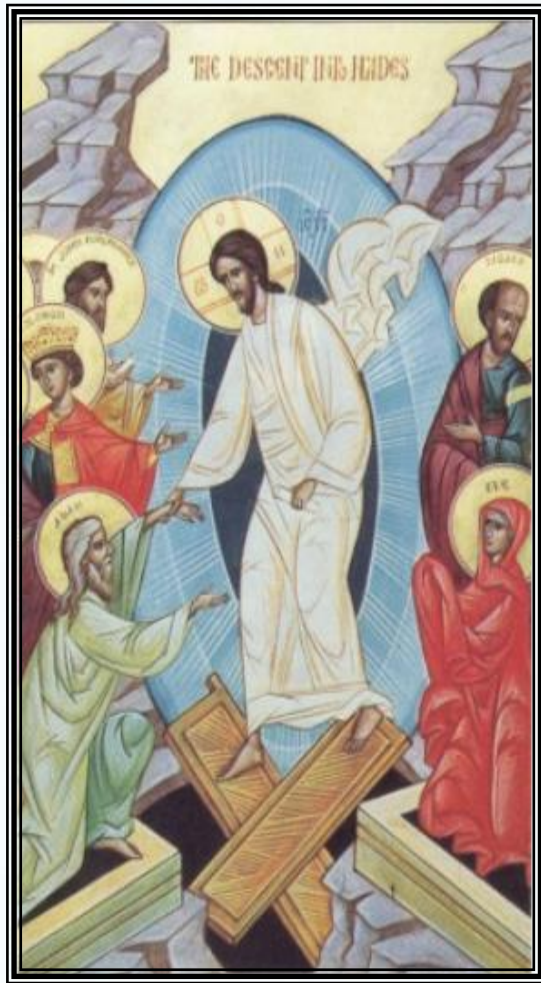


# Glad Tidings-Outreach



Christ Is Risen! Truly He Is Risen!  
Krishti Ungjall! Vertet Ungjall!  
Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!  
Christos Voskrese! Voistinnu Voskrese!  
Hristos a Inviat! Adevarat a Inviat!  
Al Maseh Qam! Huggun Qam!

## ***2016 Great and Holy Passion Week Holy Pascha (Easter) and Bright Week Services***

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**Saturday, April 23rd, Commemoration of the Resurrection of Lazarus**

**Saint of the Day: Holy Glorious Great Martyr, Victory Bearer and Wonderworker George**

**Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 12: 28-13: 8**

**Gospel Lesson: St. John 11: 1-45**

**-9:00 AM – The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**

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**Sunday, April 24th, Palm Sunday – Entry of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ into Jerusalem**

**Saints of the Day: Martyr Sabbas Stratelates (The General) of Rome and 70 Soldiers with him**

**Matins Gospel Lesson: St. Matthew 21: 1-11, 15-17**

**Epistle Lesson: Philippians 4: 4-9**

**Gospel Lesson: St. John 12: 1-18**

**-9:30 AM -- Preparation Prayers followed by General Confession in preparation for Great and Holy Passion Week**

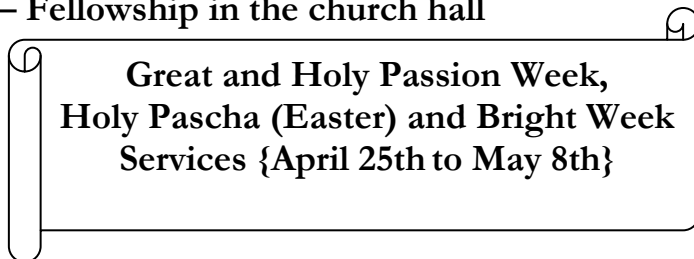
**-10:00 AM – Blessing and distribution of palms followed by The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**

**Homily: Suffering**

**Note: Our Church School teachers and students will hold palms in the center aisle during Gospel reading Great Entrance procession.**

**-11:15 AM – Church School in the church hall**

**– Fellowship in the church hall**



**Great and Holy Tuesday, April 26th,**

**-7:00 PM – The Service of Holy Unction and the anointing of all faithful Orthodox Christians attending the service.**

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Great and Holy Thursday, April 28th, Commemoration of the Last Supper and the Institution of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist

Saints of the Day: Apostles Jason and Sosipater of the Seventy  
Epistle Lesson: I Corinthians 11: 23-32

Gospel Lesson: St. Matthew 26: 2-20, St. John 13: 3-17, St.

Matthew 26: 21-29, St. Luke 22: 43-45, and St. Matthew 26: 40-27:  
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-10:00 AM – The Vespereal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

-7:00 PM – Matins with the reading of the Twelve Passion  
Gospels

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Great and Holy Friday, April 29th, Commemoration of the Passion, Death, and Burial of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

-3:00 PM – Vespers with the Entombment of our Lord

NOTE: The church will remain open for the faithful to pray  
before the Tomb.

-7:00 PM – Lamentations before the Tomb of our Lord

Homily: Behold Thy Son

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Great and Holy Saturday, April 30th,

-7:30 PM – Paschal Resurrection Matins

– The Paschal Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Homily: The Resurrection

– The blessing of the Artos (Bread) and distribution  
of red eggs.

- The blessing of Paschal foods in the church hall  
followed by a Paschal pot luck meal to end the fast  
and celebrate the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord.

NOTE: To prepare yourself to partake of the Holy Eucharist at  
the Paschal Divine Liturgy, you must fast (abstain) from food,  
drink, smoking, etc., from 12:00 Noon, Great and Holy Saturday.

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Holy Pascha (Easter) Sunday, May 1st,

-12:00 Noon – Paschal Vespers

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Easter Flowers and Easter Offering Donation Envelopes are enclosed with this edition of the Glad Tidings-Outreach for your convenience. You may mail or bring your donation envelope to Great and Holy Friday, Great and Holy Saturday or Paschal Vespers Services.

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Sunday, May 8th, Second Sunday of Pascha – Commemoration of St. Thomas, the Doubting Disciple (Tone #1) 2016 Mother's Day

Saint of the Day: Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian

Matins Gospel Lesson: St. Matthew 28: 16-20

Epistle Lesson: Acts of the Holy Apostles 5: 12-20

Gospel Lesson: St. John 20: 19-31

-10:00 AM – The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Homily: Trust in the Lord

-11:15 AM – Church School in the church hall

-Fellowship in the church hall

Memory Eternal – A Memorial Litany for the repose of the souls of the departed Mothers of our church.

Many Years – A Litany for the health of all the living Mothers of our church.

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A Thought:

Having beheld the resurrection of Christ, let us worship the Holy Lord Jesus, the only sinless one. We venerate Thy Cross, O Christ, and we praise and glorify Thy Holy Resurrection. For Thou art our God, and we know no other than Thee. We call on Thy name. Come, all you faithful, let us venerate Christ's Holy Resurrection. For behold through the Cross joy has come into all the world. Let us ever bless the Lord, praising His Resurrection. For by enduring the Cross for us, He has destroyed death by death. (Resurrection Hymn)

**CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, TRAMPLING  
DOWN DEATH BY DEATH, AND UPON THOSE IN  
THE TOMBS BESTOWING LIFE!**

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