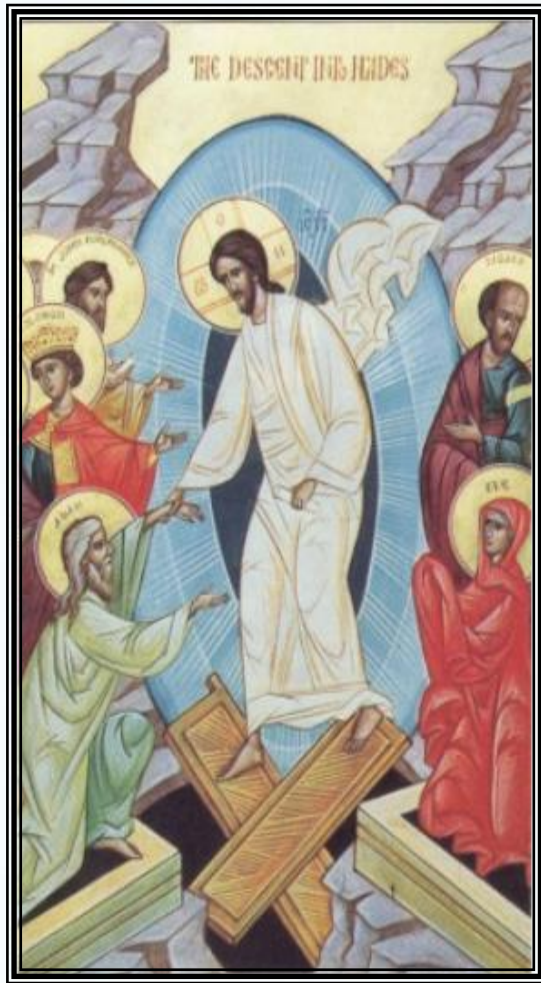


# Glad Tidings-Outreach



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!

## ***2017 Great and Holy Passion Week Holy Pascha (Easter) and Bright Week Services***

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**Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, Commemoration of the Resurrection of Lazarus**

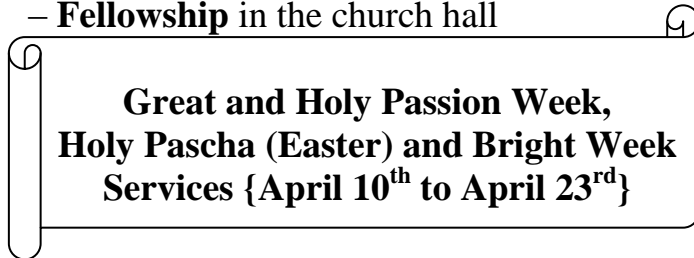
Saints of the Day: Holy Apostles of the Seventy and those with them  
Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 12: 28-13: 8  
Gospel Lesson: St. John 11: 1-45  
**-9:00 AM – The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**

**Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday–Entry of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ into Jerusalem**

Saint of the Day: Martyr Euphrosyne of Caesarea  
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**: The journey...

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

**-11:00 AM – Church School** in the church hall  
– **Fellowship** in the church hall



**Great and Holy Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Great and Holy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, Commemoration of the Last Supper and the Institution of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist**

Saint of the Day: Hieromartyr Artemon, Presbyter, of Laodicea in Syria  
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, & St. Matthew 26: 40-27: 2  
**-10:00 AM – The Vespereal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great**

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

**Great and Holy Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 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: Noble Joseph...**

**Great and Holy Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>,**

**-7:30 PM – Paschal Resurrection Matins**  
– **The Paschal Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**  
**Homily: Our Lord's 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.**

**Holy Pascha (Easter) Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>,**

**-12:00 Noon – Paschal Vespers**

**Bright Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>,**

**-6:30 PM-A monthly Parish Council Meeting in the church hall.**

**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 Service.**

**Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pascha – Commemoration of St. Thomas, the Doubting Disciple (Tone #1)**

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

Wonderworker George

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:** To see is to believe...

**-11:00 AM – Church School** in the church hall

**Memory Eternal** – A Memorial Litany for the repose of the soul of Ethel E. George (40<sup>th</sup> Day) offered by the George, Yusikones, and Collins Families, and for the repose of the soul of Susan Labas (One Year) offered by Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Fenwick and Family.

**Many Years** – A Litany for the health of Elias T. Verdy celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**-Fellowship** in the church hall is in memory of Ethel E. George hosted by the George, Yusikones, and Collins Families, and in memory of Susan Labas hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Fenwick and Family, and for the health of Elias T. Verdy hosted by his children Karen Kisty, Lynn Redonnet, and Brian Verdy.

**Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pascha – Commemoration of the Myrrhbearing Women (Tone #2)**

Saint of the Day: Holy Apostle James, brother of St. John the Theologian

Matins Gospel Lesson: St. Mark 16:9-20

Epistle Lesson: Acts of the Holy Apostles 6:1-7

Gospel Lesson: St. Mark 15: 43-16:8

**-10:00 AM – The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom served by Fr. Mark Doku**

**-11:00 AM – Church School** in the church hall

**-Fellowship** in the church

**A Thought:**

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