

CELEBRATING OUR YOUTH

SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
APRIL 28, 2024



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The Entrance into Jerusalem

Five days before the Passover, our Lord entered the city of Jerusalem sitting on a donkey. The people went out to meet Him as King and Savior, waving palm branches, laying their garments on the ground before Him, and shouting "Hosanna!" - which means "Glory to God!".



Today preschool students made palm leaf crafts and talked about what happened on Palm Sunday

In preparation before entering Holy Week, High School Students have spent the past three Sundays in our Youth Religious Ed class studying and discussing Jesus' final words to his disciples before his arrest, as set forth in the gospel of John chapters 14-17. Today we concluded in chapter 17 with Jesus' timeless prayer for his disciples and all of us who believe in him. We then opened up for group discussion and closed our class with our circle prayer that all the students participate in.



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Goya



This Friday evening several of our Saint Nicholas GOYAns, Religious Education, Greek School and Greek Dance students and parents enjoyed a Lenten dinner together followed by making palm crosses for Palm Sunday. We then went outside to the Alexia Remembrance Garden for a wonderful outdoor activity; "Finding God's Light" led by our very own parishioner, Demetrios Philliou, owner of Adventures with Nature. The youth broke up into groups and under Demetri's supervision worked together and attempted to build and make a fire using the bow-drill method (fire by friction). Fire is the release of stored sunlight in wood. The light and energy is always there but it takes our participation to release and experience it. For fire to be sustained it requires three components; air, fuel, and heat. Remove any of the components and the fire will go out. Our walk of Faith also requires components such as prayer, repentance, and Holy Communion. There are times when God's light and love may feel distant and even extinguished, but that is not the truth. Those are times when we are called to pray more fervently, to seek fellowship and priestly guidance, and to turn to God with all our being. After our Christ-centered activity our youth enjoyed vegan s'mores.



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Afterwards our GOYANs went to Church for an evening compline prayer service followed by an open forum discussion with Father Bill, "Alone with God" session and confession. At the end of the evening our GOYANs made more palms (approximately 700 in total that evening) and enjoyed some gym fun! They slept over in the Fellowship Hall and then attended Divine Liturgy for the Saturday of Lazarus together followed by a bagel breakfast hosted by Religious Education.



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Greek School Olympics



Friday, April 25 th our Greek School held their annual Greek Olympics. All classes from PreK to 6 th Grade participated in a series of athletic competition. The 6 th Grade Class did a presentation on the Ancient Olympic Games. The class discussed the origins of the games, the participants that took part in the games, what sporting events took place and the prizes the contestants won for each event.



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Η ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΑ ΚΑΙ ΤΟ ΑΓΙΟΝ ΠΑΣΧΑ 2024

27 Απριλίου	ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟΝ ΤΟΥ ΛΑΖΑΡΟΥ Ορθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία *	9:00π.μ.
28 Απριλίου	ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΒΑΙΩΝ Ορθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία* Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου	9:00 π.μ. 7:00 μ.μ.
29 Απριλίου	ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ Λειτουργία των Προηγιασμένων Δωρων * Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου	9:00 π.μ. 7:00 μ.μ.
30 Απριλίου	ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΤΡΙΤΗ Λειτουργία των Προηγιασμένων Δωρων * Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου Το Τροπαιριον της Αγίας Κασσιανής	9:00 π.μ. 7:00 μ.μ.
01 Μαΐου	ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ Λειτουργία των Προηγιασμένων Δωρων * Το Μυστηριον του Αγίου Ευχελαίου Απογευματινή Ακολουθία (για τα παιδιά) Βραδινή Ακολουθία	9:00 π.μ. 4:00 μ.μ. 7:00 μ.μ.
02 Μαΐου	ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΠΕΜΠΤΗ Θεία Λειτουργία Αγίου Βασιλείου* Ακολουθία των Αγίων Παθών (Δωδεκα Ευαγγέλια)	8:00 π.μ. 7:00 μ.μ.
03 Μαΐου	ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ Αι Βασιλικαίς Ωραι Ο Εσπερινός της Αποκαθηλώσεως Ο Επιταφίος Θρήνος	10:00 π.μ. 3:30 μ.μ. 7:00 μ.μ.
04 Μαΐου	ΜΕΓΑΛΟ ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟΝ Εσπερινή Λειτουργία Αγίου Βασιλείου* Ο Μέγας Κανών Η ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΙΣ ΤΟΥ ΚΥΡΙΟΥ ΗΜΩΝ ΙΗΣΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥ Θεία Λειτουργία Αγίου Ιωάννου Χρυσόστομου *	9:00 π.μ. 11:00 μ.μ. 12:00π.μ. 1:15 π.μ.
05 Μαΐου	ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΣΧΑ Ο Εσπερινός της Αγάπης	11:30 π.μ.

*Προσφέρεται η Θεία Κοινωνία

HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA (EASTER) 2024

April 27	SATURDAY OF LAZARUS Orthros & Divine Liturgy *	9:00AM
April 28	PALM SUNDAY Orthros & Divine Liturgy * Bridgroom Service	9:00AM 7:00PM
April 29	HOLY MONDAY Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts * Bridgroom Service	9:00AM 7:00PM
April 30	HOLY TUESDAY Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts * Bridgroom Service (Hymn of Saint Kassiani)	9:00AM 7:00PM
May 01	HOLY WEDNESDAY Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts * Sacrament of Holy Unction Afternoon Service (for children) Evening Service	9:00AM 4:00PM 7:00PM
May 02	HOLY THURSDAY Vesperal Liturgy of Saint Basil * Holy Passion of Christ (the 12 Gospels)	8:00AM 7:00PM
May 03	GOOD FRIDAY Reading of the Royal Hours Un-nailing from the Cross & Burial of Christ Lamentation Service	10:00AM 3:30PM 7:00PM
May 04	HOLY SATURDAY Vesperal Liturgy of Saint Basil * The Great Canon THE RESURRECTION SERVICE AT MIDNIGHT Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom *	9:00AM 11:00PM MIDNIGHT 1:15AM
May 05	PASCHA SUNDAY The Vespers of Love Reading of the Gospel in many languages	11:30AM

CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD BY APPOINTMENT

* Holy Communion will be offered