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Council Meeting

April, 10, 11: 45 am

April 2022

Beloved Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

It is a great blessing to talk to all of you as we begin the month of April. On the twenty fourth of this month is when we celebrate Great and Holy Pascha. And the week prior, for the entire week, we will gather as a worshiping community, for all the beautiful and moving services that will take us to the day when we triumphantly say "CHRISTOS ANESTI" or "Christ is Risen".

The Lenten Season is a great opportunity to look "inwardly" to examine our lives and our actions, but even more importantly, Great Lent is also a time to look "upwardly", for guidance, compassion, mercy, and encouragement from Our Lord who freely gave Himself for the failings of all people.

I wanted to encourage all of you to attend as many services as you can, because the blessings that you will come away with when you participate is priceless.

I also wanted to express my thankfulness ahead of time for your participation and convey to all of you a blessed Holy Week.

May Our Lord who forgives all people and who unconditionally loves all people richly bless you.

Your Brother in The Lord,

Fr. Stelios Sitaras



Greek Orthodox

Ladies'

Philotochos Society

Cornelia Chapter

Elizabeth George

President

Meeting

Location TBD

*All ladies are invited.  
Please join the  
philanthropic arm of  
the church*



George Marinos

Chapter

Nick Voris

President

# CALENDAR

## Friday, April 1

6 pm Salutations to the Theotokos

Council: Mary Jo Naschke

## Sunday, April 3

9 am: Orthros  
10 am: Divine Liturgy

Prosforo: Mary Jo Naschke  
Fellowship: Susan Enterline  
Council: Lee Douvry & Homer Rigas

## Wednesday, April 6

6 pm: Presanctified Liturgy

Prosforo: Mary Jo Naschke  
Council: Mary Jo Naschke

## Friday, April 8

6 pm: The Akathist Hymn

Council: Lee Douvry

## Sunday, April 10

9 am: Orthros  
10 am: Divine Liturgy

Prosforo: Katina Karageorgos  
Fellowship: Katina Karageorgos  
Council: Paul Aiello & Stephanie Petas

## Wednesday, April 13

6 pm: Presanctified Liturgy

Prosforo: Tina West  
Council: Tina West

## Saturday, April 16

9 am: Saturday of Lazarus  
Divine Liturgy

Prosforo: Tina West  
Council: Paul Aiello

*Palm Crosses made in community center*

## Holy Week

### Sunday, April 17

*Palm Sunday Morning*

9 am: Matins (Orthros)  
10 am: Divine Liturgy

Prosforo: Mark Enterline  
Fellowship: Palm Sunday Fish Dinner  
Council: Homer Rigas & Tina West

*Palm Sunday Evening*

6 pm: Bridegroom Matins  
Council: Lee Douvry

### Monday, April 18

6 pm: Bridegroom Matins  
Council: Stephanie Petas

### Tuesday, April 19

6 pm: Bridegroom Matins  
Council: Mary Jo Naschke

### Wednesday, April 20

9 am: Presanctified Liturgy

Prosforo: Roxann Kriticos  
Council: Mary Jo Naschke

6 pm: Holy Unction Service

Council: Lee Douvry & Stephanie Petas  
*Submit names of the living to commemorate during the Unction service for health*

### Thursday, April 21

9 am: Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

Prosforo: Roxann Kriticos  
Council: Mary Jo Naschke

6 pm: The Crucifixion Matins  
Reading of the Twelve Gospels

Council: Lee Douvry

## **Holy Week**

### **Friday, April 22**

#### *Holy Friday Morning*

**9 am: The Royal Hours**

**Council: Stephanie Petas**

#### *Holy Friday Afternoon*

**3 pm: Apokathelosis  
Descent from the Cross**

**Council: Paul Aiello**

#### *Holy Friday Evening*

**6 pm: Lamentation Matins**

**Council: All Council**

*Submit names of the deceased loved ones to  
Commemorate during the service*

### **Saturday, April 23**

#### *Holy Saturday Morning*

**9 am: Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil**

**Prosforo: Mary Jo Naschke**

**Council: Homer Rigas**

#### *Holy Saturday Night*

**11:30 pm: Matins and the Resurrection  
Divine Liturgy**

**Prosforo: Mary Jo Naschke**

**Council: All Council**

### **Sunday, April 24**

**11 am: The Agape Vespers**

**Council: Mary Jo Naschke**

### **Friday, April 29**

**9 am: Zodochos Peghe (Lifegiving Fountain)  
Divine Liturgy**

**Prosforo: Elizabeth George**

**Council: Mary Jo Naschke**

## **DATES to REMEMBER**

**Saturday of Lazarus, April 16**

**Please join us to make crosses for Palm Sunday – Community Center following Divine Liturgy**

**Friday, April 22**

**The ladies will be decorating the Epitafio. All are invited to help. We begin following the Royal Hours and will be finished by 1 pm.**

**Saturday, May 21, 1 pm**

**Fisherman's Wharf**

**Reservations required.**

**Luncheon Commemorating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Father Stelios ordination**

**RSVP by May 1**



**Please complete and submit a pledge card for 2022. These must be submitted annually.**

**Easter appeal and Capital Campaign now accepting donations.**