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SUNDAY BULLETIN**

**Proistamenos  
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**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT – ST. MARY OF EGYPT  
ANNUNCIATION OF THE VIRGIN MARY**



**HYMN OF THE DAY TONE: FIRST (1)**

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, and while the soldiers were guarding Your Sacred Body, You, O Saviour, did rise on the third day and gave Life to the World. Wherefore the Powers of the Heavens cried to You, O Giver of Life; Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ; Glory to Your Kingdom; Glory to Your dispensation, O You Who alone are Merciful.

**Ηχος Α**

Του λιθου σφραγισθεντος υπο των Ιουδαιων, και στρατιωτων φυλασσοντων το αχραντον σου Σωμα, ανεστης τριημερος, Σωτηρ, δωρουμενος τω κοσμω την ζωην. Δια τουτο αι Δυναμεις των ουρανων εβωων σοι, Ζωοδοτα. Δοξα τη Αναστασει σου, Χριστε, δοξα τη βασιλεια σου, δοξα τη οικονομια σου, μονε φιλανθρωπε.

**EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 2:11-18**

BRETHREN, he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have all one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying, "I will proclaim thy name to my brethren, in the midst of the congregation I will praise thee." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I, and the children God has given me. Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage. For surely

it is not with angels that he is concerned but with the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brethren in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make expiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered and been tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.

**GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 1:24-38**

In those days, Elizabeth the wife of Zacharias conceived and for five months she hid herself, saying, "Thus the Lord had done to me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men." In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you! Blessed are you among women!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How shall this be, since I have no husband?" And the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.

And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

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**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

**PTO**

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**CHURCHING TODAY**

Today the son of Andrew and Nina Panayiotou will receive the 40-day blessing. His name will be Emmanuel. May he have many years!

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 27</b>	<b>Religious Education</b>	<b>9:15 a.m.</b>
		<b>Golden Seniors</b>	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 30</b>	<b>JOY</b>	<b>4:00 – 6:00 p.m.</b>
		<b>Jr. GOYA</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 31</b>	<b>SATURDAY OF LAZARUS</b>	
		<b>DIVINE LITURGY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>

**PTO Breakfast following Liturgy  
Palm Making following Liturgy**

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**GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PROGRAM**

Join the PTO to celebrate March 25 after Liturgy today with a brunch, basket fundraiser and chocolate sale. Please support the efforts of our PTO. All funds raised help our Greek Language School and our Sunday School.

After the brunch our Greek School will present the March 25<sup>th</sup> Greek Independence Day Program. All are urged to attend.

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**PARISH ORATORICAL FESTIVAL**

Last Sunday we held our Parish Oratorical Festival with 2 elementary participants and 6 Junior participants. The Junior participants were judged by a panel to see who would go to the District Festival to represent our Parish. Henry Golin was chosen to represent us. Congratulations to all and to henry in particular. We thank Ruby Freeman, our Parish Oratorical Coordinator, for her work and our judges, Leah Platis and Christina Charitis, for their help.

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**ASSEMBLYWOMAN NICOLE MALLIOTAKIS HONORS**

Each year, on the occasion of Greek Independence Dy. Assemblywoman Nicole Malliottakis honors parishioners for their service to our Parish and their support of the various Ministries within and outside the Parish. This year she is honoring John and Christina Charitis. Their award will be presented after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

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**PTO ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY BRUNCH AND FUNDRAISER**

Our PTO is hosting a brunch immediately following the Divine Liturgy in honor of Greek Independence Day and our Greek School Program. They are also having an Easter Basket and Chocolate Fundraiser. Please support them in their efforts.

**SATURDAY OF LAZARUS**

On March 31, after Divine Liturgy (beginning at 9:00 am), join us for breakfast and making of the palm crosses. Children and their parents are encouraged to attend!

**EASTER TSOUREKIA FROM AGIA SKEPI**

It is time to order your Easter Tsourekia (Tsourekia). Please speak with Carol Spithogiannis or Joy Cummings to place your order. Thank you for supporting Agia Skepi.

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**PALM SUNDAY - BLESSING OF THE PALMS**

It is the liturgical practice of the Orthodox Church to bless the palms just before the “ainous” of the Orthros service of the day. We follow this practice in our Parish.

The blessing of the palms will take place at 9:30 a.m. and then everyone who is in Church at that time will receive his/her palm crosses. This allows the congregation to have their palms at the time of the Gospel reading, which commemorates the people of Jesus’ time carrying palms and placing them in the road for Jesus to walk over. Anyone coming into Church after this time will receive his/her palm crosses at the end of Liturgy.

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**HOLY WEEK INFORMATION**

All information about Holy Week has been sent to all Parish homes in a separate letter. Included is the Holy Week Schedule; Holy Week Guidelines; Listing of Holy Week items for donation, and the Offering envelopes.

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**MYROFORES**

Calling all Myrofores!

All 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls are invited to participate in the Holy Friday services, April 6<sup>th</sup>, as Myrofores (myrrh bearing women) this year. There will be rehearsal Holy Friday morning in church. Please reserve your places no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> by calling the Church Office.

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**WE NEED RED EGGS!**

Each year our parishioners have been very kind in donating the red eggs for the Resurrection Liturgy. We need approximately 50 dozen eggs. If you would like to donate red eggs, please bring them to the church no later than the evening of Holy Thursday. Thank you for your generosity.

**NOTE:** We will be wrapping the eggs with white tulle on Good Friday morning at 9:30 a.m. and your help is needed. The eggs are wrapped in memory of Helen Genack who started the custom.

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**GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup>**