

## SPRING (March - May) 2022 ISSUE

**Please remember the following people in your prayers:**

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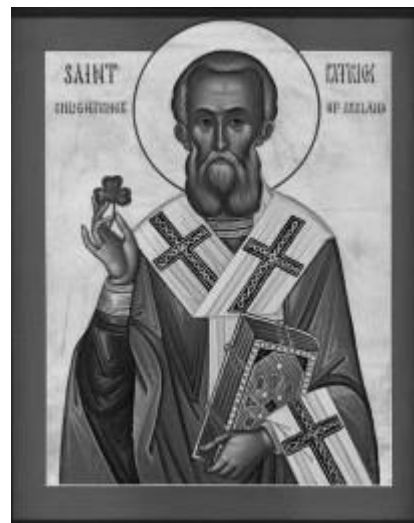


### **FEASTAL HYMNS**

3/17: St Patrick, Enlightener of Ireland

**Troparion of St Patrick** Tone 8 Glorious are You, Christ our God, Who established our Father Patrick as the Enlightener of the Irish and a torch-bearer on earth, and through him guided many to the true Faith. Most Compassionate One, glory to You!

**Kontakion of St Patrick** tone 4 The Master revealed you as a skillful fisher of men; and casting out nets of Gospel preaching, you drew up unbelievers to reverent obedience. The children of idolatrous darkness you made into sons and daughters of Day through holy Baptism. Patrick, intercede for us who honor your memory.



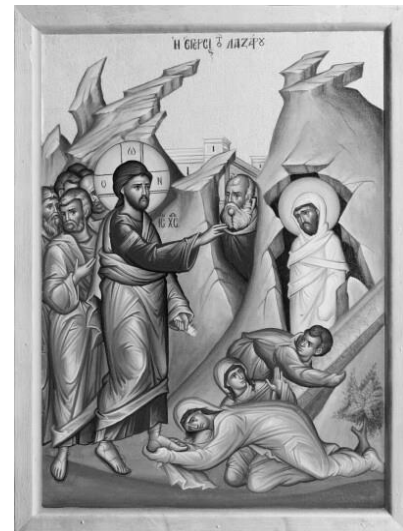


3/25: **Troparion of the Annunciation** Tone 4 This Day is the Source and Crown of our Salvation; the revelation of the Eternal Mystery: the Son of God becomes the Virgin's Son as Gabriel announces the good News of grace. Together with him we cry to the Theotokos: Rejoice, you who are full of grace; the Lord is with you!

**Kontakion of the Akathist to the Theotokos** Tone 8 To you, our leader and defender in battle, we offer hymns of thanks and victory for deliverance from calamity, Theotokos. Since you have invincible might, free me from every danger that I may cry to you: Rejoice, unwedded Bride!

4/16 **Lazarus Troparion** Tone 1 Giving us before Your Passion an assurance of the general resurrection, You raised Lazarus from the dead, Christ, our God. Therefore, like the children, we also carry symbols of victory, and cry to You, the Conqueror of death: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He who comes in the Name of the LORD!

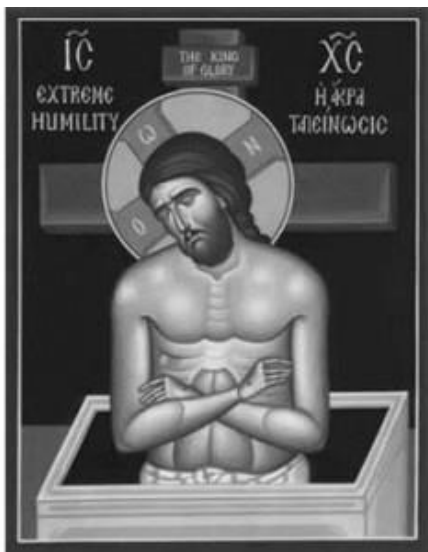
**Kontakion for Lazarus Saturday** Tone 2 Christ, the Joy of all, the Truth, Light, Life and Resurrection of the world, in His love appeared to those on earth becoming the pattern of our resurrection, granting forgiveness to all.





**4/17 Palm Sunday Troparion** Tone 1 Giving us before Your Passion an assurance of the general resurrection, You raised Lazarus from the dead, Christ, our God. Therefore, like the children, we also carry symbols of victory, and cry to You, the Conqueror of death: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He who comes in the Name of the LORD!

**Another Palm Sunday Troparion** Tone 4 Buried with You through baptism, Christ, our God, we have been granted immortal life by Your Resurrection! We sing Your praises, saying: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the LORD.

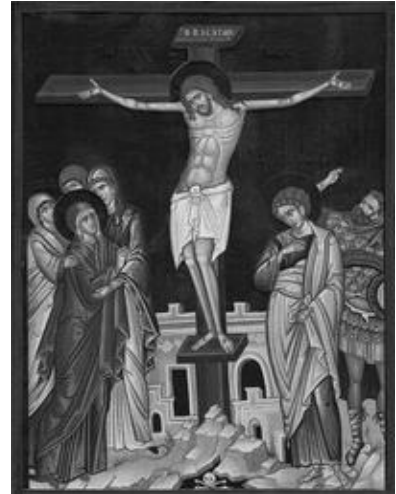


**Palm Sunday Kontakion** Tone 6 Seated in heaven on Your throne and on earth upon a donkey's colt, Christ, our God, You accepted the praise of the angels and the songs of the children who cried out to You: Blessed are You who comes to call back Adam.

**Troparion of the Bridegroom** Tone 8 Behold, the Bridegroom comes in the midst of the night, and blessed is the one whom He finds vigilant, but unworthy is the one whom He shall will find inattentive. Beware then, my soul, lest you be given up to sleep and be handed over to death, and be shut out of the Kingdom. Therefore rouse yourself, crying out: Holy; Holy; Holy are You, our God! Through the Theotokos, save us.

**4/22 Good Friday Troparion** Tone 4 You have redeemed us from the curse of the law by Your precious blood. Nailed to the Cross and pierced with a lance, You have become the Source of immortality for all; our Savior, glory to You!

**Good Friday Kontakion** Tone 8 Come, let us all praise him who was crucified for us; for Mary looked upon him on the Tree and said: 'Though you endure the Cross, yet you are My Son and my God.'

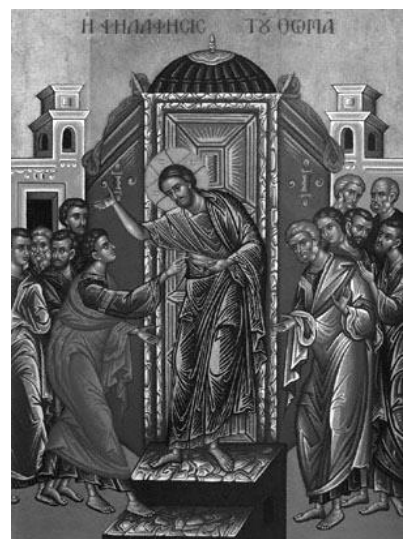


**4/24 Pascha Troparion** Tone 5 Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!  
\*Christos anesti ek nekron, thanato thanaton patisas, keh tis en ti mnimasi zoee, harisamenos.

**Paschal Kontakion** Tone 8 Immortal One, although You went into the grave, You destroyed the power of hell! You rise a mighty Victor, Christ, our God, bringing peace to Your Apostles, joy for the Myrrh-bearing Women, and Resurrection for the fallen.

**5/1 Troparion for Thomas Sunday** Tone 7 Though the Tomb was sealed, You, Christ God, shone as Life from the grave! And while the doors are shut, Resurrection of all, You come to Your disciples, renewing through them the resoluteness of Your Spirit in us according to Your great mercy!

**Thomas Sunday Kontakion** Tone 8 Searching with his right hand, Thomas probes Your life-giving side, Christ God. When You enter while the doors are shut, he cries out to You with the rest of the Apostles: "You are my Lord and my God!"





**5/8 Troparion of the Myrrh-bearers Sunday** Tone 2  
Standing at the grave the angel cries out to the Myrrh-bearing women: "Myrrh is proper for the dead, but Christ shows Himself a stranger to corruption. So now cry out: "The Lord is risen granting the world great mercy!"

## NEWS AND EVENTS:

### Confession:

Lent is the greatest of the four major fast seasons of the Church Year. It is one of the ideal times to schedule the Mystery of Repentance (Confession). Please call Father Demetrius for an appointment. Also, so as to not further tighten the already crowded schedule of Holy Week, try to arrange your appointment so that the sacrament can take place by April 1.

### Pascha:

Please see the calendar for dates and times of services leading up to Pascha. Following liturgy on Lazarus Saturday liturgy (April 16) we will be making palm crosses.

We will be decorating the Epitaphios (Tomb of Christ) on Holy Friday (April 22) at church at 10:00 a.m. If anyone would like to donate money for the flowers or the wreaths, please contact Despina Nicoloudakis.



**All are welcome and encouraged to participate in these Pascha preparations and celebrations.**



**Philoptochos:**

Our parish Philoptochos continues to support those in our community and church, and to continually seek God's guidance and will

**March 20th is the deadline for membership dues.**

**Philoptochos Easter Lilly Sale**



Plants are \$15.00 each.

To place an order, please complete the form below and give to Presbyteria Despina by April 10.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of plants requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Website, Sermons and YouTube:**

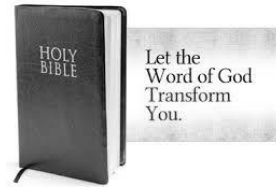
Visit our website **[stmattsgoc.org](http://stmattsgoc.org)** and click on the YouTube logo to be taken to our parish channel where livestreamed services can be viewed.

**St Matthews Online Bookstore:**

St Matthews Bookstore is available online via Amazon. Check out [www.amazon.com/shops/stmattsGOC](http://www.amazon.com/shops/stmattsGOC)

**Scripture Readings:**

Daily Scripture readings are posted daily on our St. Matthew's Facebook Page. Let's read them together.



Father Demetrious is beginning a new Bible study on the **Gospel of Mark**. The studies will continue to be on Wednesday evenings (7pm, via Zoom) until lent (to allow for Wednesday services), at which time the day will be changed.

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES/COMMUNITY OUTREACH:**

*John 13:15 - After Jesus washed the feet of his disciples... "I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done for you..."*



**Parish Council Dates:**

TBA

**Opportunity House Shelter Luncheon Dates:**

February 5    March 5    August 6    November 5

Help and/or donations are greatly appreciated. Contact Tylor Roach for more information.



**Church Cleaning Dates:**

Church cleaning takes place the first Saturday of each month at 10:00am.

March 5                      April 2                      May 7

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Information, articles, and photos for the next issue of "The Evangelist" should be submitted to MaryAnn Columbus by May 15.



## SPRING 2021 CALENDAR

### MARCH

- Sat. 3/5: Church cleaning at 10am; Opportunity House
- Sun. 3/6: Forgiveness Sunday
- Sun. 3/13: Sunday of Orthodoxy
- Thurs. 3/17: St. Patrick's Day and PreSanctified Liturgy, 6:30pm
- Fri. 3/18: Akathist to the Theotokos 7pm
- Sun. 3/20: Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas
- Wed. 3/23: PreSanctified Liturgy 6:30pm
- Fri. 3/25: Annunciation of the Theotokos Liturgy 6:30pm
- Sun. 3/27: Sunday of the Holy Cross
- Wed. 3/30: PreSanctified Liturgy 6:30pm

### APRIL

- Fri. 4/1: Akathist to the Theotokos 7pm
- Sat. 4/2: Church cleaning at 10am
- Sun. 4/3: Sunday of St. John Climacus
- Wed. 4/6: Akathist to the Theotokos 7pm
- Fri. 4/8: Akathist to the Theotokos 7pm
- Sun. 4/10: Sunday of St Mary of Egypt
- Wed. 4/13: PreSanctified Liturgy 6:30pm
- Fri. 4/15: Akathist to the Theotokos 7pm
- Sat., 4/16: Liturgy for Lazarus being raised from death, 9:30am,  
preparing palms afterwards; Palm Sunday Vespers 5pm
- Sun. 4/17: Palm Sunday; Bridegroom 6:30pm
- Mon. 4/18: Bridegroom/Anointing Service 6:30pm
- Tues. 4/19: Bridegroom/Anointing Service 6:30pm
- Wed. 4/20: Bridegroom/Anointing Service 6:30pm
- Thurs. 4/21: "Last Supper" Liturgy 3pm; Passion Vigil 6:30pm
- Fri. 4/22: Decorating the Epitahios (Tomb) 10am;  
Holy Saturday Vespers ("Taking Down from the Cross") 3pm;  
Holy Saturday Matins-Orthros: "Lamentations" 6:30pm
- Sat. 4/23: Holy Saturday service 6:30 pm
- Sun. 4/24: Resurrection Orthros 9am; Liturgy 10am,

### MAY

- Sun. 5/1: Sunday of St. Thomas
- Sun. 5/8: Myrrh-bearers Sunday and Mother's Day
- Sun. 5/15: Sunday of the Paralytic
- Wed. 5/18: Mid-Pentecost Liturgy 6:30pm
- Sun. 5/22: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
- Sun. 5/29: Sunday of the Blind Man