

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 30 – Holy Saturday

9:30am Jerusalem Matins with Blessing of Easter Baskets

7:30pm Resurrection Liturgy with Procession +Margaret Lynott

Pot Luck

Readings: Rom 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-20

Sunday, March 31 – Resurrection of Our Lord Pascha

9:30am Resurrection Matins

10:30am Resurrection Liturgy with Procession

Readings: Acts 1:1-8; Jn 1:1-17

Monday, April 1 – Bright Monday

9:00am Third Hour

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

+Deceased members of the Mangone and Scibelli Families

Readings: Acts 1:12-17 & 21-26; Jn 1:18-28

Tuesday, April 2 – Bright Tuesday

9:00am Third Hour

7:00pm Divine Liturgy +Mary Jane Galvin

Readings: Acts 2:14-21; Lk 24:12-35

Wednesday, April 3 – Bright Wednesday

9:00am Third Hour

Readings: Acts 2:22-36; Jn 1:35-51

Thursday, April 4 – Bright Thursday

9:00am Third Hour

Readings: Acts 2:38-43; Jn 3:1-15

Friday, April 5 – Bright Friday

9:00am Third Hour

Readings: Acts 3:1-8; Jn 2:12-22

Saturday, April 6 – Bright Saturday

Death of Methodius Apostle to the Salvs

9:00am Third Hour

5:00pm Divine Liturgy

Living Intention Victor and Michele Greger

Readings: Acts 3:11-16; Jn 3:22-33

Sunday, April 7 – Thomas Sunday

10:00am Third Hour

10:30am Divine Liturgy

+Deceased members of the Wasal and Bryk Families

Readings: Acts 5:12-20; Jn 20:19-31

Our venerable father, **John Climacus**, Hegumen-Abbot, born in Palestine. At the age of 16 he declined a brilliant worldly future and retired to a Monastery on Mt. Sinai, where at the age of 75, chosen Hegumen-Abbot, he wrote the famous "Ladder of Perfection." He died A.D. 605. Venerable **John the Silent**, Bishop of Colonia, in Armenia. Resigned his Bishopric and retired into the Monastery of St. Sabbas, where, concealing the face that he was a Bishop, he did menial work. Called for ordination by St. Sabas, his true state was revealed in confidence. Aged 104, he died A.D. 558.

Venerable father, **Hypatius**, Bishop of Gangra, I Paphlagonia, he attended the Ecumenical Council of Nicea A.D. 25, and defended the Faith. Returning from Nicea, heretics attacked and stoned him to death, during the reign of Constantine, the Great, Emperor.

Our venerable mother, **Mary of Egypt**, lived in infamy at Alexandria for 17 years, was converted at the threshold of the Holy Sepulchre at Jerusalem. She retired into the desert of the River Jordan, did penance for 47 years. She died about A.D. 421.

Our venerable father, **Titus**, wonderworker. **SS. Amphianus and Edesius**, Martyrs, half-brothers. Amphianus, a youth arrested for his Christianity, reproached his idolatrous judge, was partially burned at the stake and thrown into the sea at Caesarea, to die, A.D. 305, in the reign of Maximian, Emperor.

Our venerable father, **Nicetas**, Confessor and Hegumen-Abbot of Medikia of a monastery at the foot of Mt. Olympus in Bithynia, suffered from the sacred images. He died in peace near Constantinople A.D. 824. **St. Theodosia**, Virgin-Martyr of Tyre, was tortured and cast into the sea at Caesarea in Palestine A.D. 308.

Our venerable fathers, **Joseph and George**, Joseph, a writer of Hymns, was zealous against the Iconoclasts in the reign of Emperor Theophilus, A.D. 829-842. George, a hermit of Mt. Olympus in Asia Minor, for his zealous opposition to the Iconoclasts, suffered death, or as others record, was maimed by the order of Emperor Leo the Isaurian about A.D. 730. **St. Platon**, Hegumen-Abbot Studite of a monastery in Asia Minor and later at Constantinople. He reprimanded sin even in the case of the ruling Emperor, Leo the Armenian, was imprisoned, banished and died in his monastery A.D. 813.

Christ is Risen!
Indeed He is Risen!

May you all have a Blessed Pascha ~ Christos Anesti!

++++ *Parish Information and Important Dates* +++++

THANK YOU to all those who worked so hard to make the Lenten and holy Week services so beautiful!! *May God Grant You Many Years!*

BRIGHT WEEK LITURGIES will be celebrated on Monday April 1 and Tuesday, April 2 both at 7:00pm.

ANNUAL LAMB ROAST will be held on Sunday, April 14th from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Tickets may be purchased from SubDeacon Paul in the Parish office between 8:30am to 4:30pm. You may also purchase them through the mail. Tickets are \$30.00. Thank you.

BISHOP'S APPEAL - We have received 48 completed pledges which is a great start!!! Please remember that this is a parishioner obligation and the recommended sacrificial pledge is \$200.00 per household which can be paid in monthly installments until May 31, 2013. God Bless You!

Year of Faith: By Death He trampled Death

Before the Sixth Gospel Reading at Passion Matins on Holy and Great Friday, we sing a hymn that is repeated by the priest in the preparation rite (i.e. Prothesis or Proskomedia) of each Divine Liturgy: "You have redeemed us from the curse of the law with your precious blood; nailed to the cross and pierced with the lance, You have become a fountain of immortality for us; glory to You, our Savior." These words remind us that Christ is our redeemer Who has ransomed us from the captivity of sin and hell.

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. / Surely He has born our griefs and carried our sorrows / like a lamb led to the slaughter, and like a sheep without blemish, that is silent before the shearer, He opened not his mouth. / He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." (Prophecy of Isaiah 53) By his humility, Christ has overcome the pride of Satan and the sins of mankind.

For this reason, we do not cease in giving praise and glory to God for the mighty things He has done. We are, above all, to thank God for the salvation He brings us as well as for those gifts He shares with us in our daily lives.

Because Christ has redeemed *all* humanity from the curse of the law with his precious blood, worship is a corporate rather than private affair. By submitting to God and focusing on Him in worship, we also submit to one another. If we cannot accept the relationship we have with others during our corporate worship, we will never be able to submit to God Who demands so much more than patience.

The Liturgy is not a time for private prayer or devotions, much less for quiet reflection. In the Sermon on the Mount, Christ Himself suggests that quiet, private prayer be accomplished in a quiet, private place – a closet, if need be. Public worship, however, is the work of all God's people who gather in praising God Who has trampled Death by death.



St. Theonas Archbishop of Thessalonica

He was born on the island of Lesvos, Greece. He became a monk on Mt. Athos, first in Pantocratoros Monastery under the Elder James, who struggled in the desert of Athos and in the Monastery of St. John the Baptist in Aetolia. After the martyrdom of his spiritual-guide St. James, and of his companions Deacon James and Monk Dionysius (November 1st, 1520), St. Theonas became Abbot of the Monastery. Later he entered Simonopetra Monastery, Mt. Athos, and finally the small Monastery of the Great Martyr Anastasia in Galatista, Thessalonica. Through his labors and holy life, he restored the Monastery and gathered around him about 150 monks. He was obtained Bishop of Paros and Naxos and later became Archbishop of Thessalonica. He reposed in peace. Today his incorrupt body is to be found in the Monastery of St. Anastasia.