



THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL CHURCH HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2024

Saturday, April 27 SATURDAY OF LAZARUS	9:00 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Challenge Divine Liturgy) Celebrated by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros
Sunday, April 28 PALM SUNDAY	7:15 a.m.-Orthros 8:30 a.m.-1st Divine Liturgy 11:00 a.m.-2nd Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m.-Service of the BRIDEGROOM
Monday, April 29 HOLY MONDAY	8:30 a.m.-Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00 p.m.-Service of the BRIDEGROOM
Tuesday, April 30 HOLY TUESDAY	8:30 a.m.-Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00 p.m.-Service of the BRIDEGROOM
Wednesday, May 1 HOLY WEDNESDAY	8:30 a.m.-Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 3:00 p.m.-The Holy Sacrament of the HOLY UNCTION 7:00 p.m. Holy Unction (While Holy Unction is being distributed, Parts of the Service of the Washing of the Feet will be chanted)
Thursday, May 2 HOLY THURSDAY	5:45a.m.-1st Vesper Liturgy of St. Basil, Institution of The Mystical Supper (Church) 8:30a.m.-2nd Vesper Liturgy of St. Basil, Institution of the Mystical Supper (Church) 6:00p.m.-Service of the HOLY PASSION
Friday, May 3 HOLY FRIDAY	9:00a.m.-Royal Hours 1:00p.m.-Youth Good Friday Retreat 3:00p.m.-Great Vespers of the Descent from the Cross 7:30p.m.-THE SERVICE OF THE LAMENTATIONS
Saturday, May 4 HOLY SATURDAY	8:30a.m.-Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 11:00p.m.-The Service of the Holy Resurrection 1:30a.m.-Traditional Easter Meal (Sponsored by the Archangel Michael Church)
Sunday, May 5 HOLY EASTER	10:30 a.m.-The Agape Service (Easter Egg Hunt and Chocolate Easter Bunnies to be given to all children)

Monday, May 6
Wednesday, May 8
Friday, May 10
Sunday, May 12

ST GEORGE
ST. JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN
THE LIFEGIVING FOUNTAIN
SUNDAY OF THOMAS



ΙΕΡΕΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ ΤΗΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΗΣ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΑΣ

Σάββατο, 27 Απριλίου ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ ΤΟΥ ΛΑΖΑΡΟΥ	9:00π.μ.-Ορθρος 10:00π.μ Θεία Λειτουργία (με τους φίλους μας με ειδικές ανάγκες) Θά χοροστατήσει ο Σεβασμιότατος Αρχιεπίσκοπος κ.κ. Δημήτριος
Κυριακή, 28 Απριλίου Η ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΒΑΪΩΝ	7:15π.μ.-Ορθρος 8:30π.μ.-1ο Θεία Λειτουργία 11:00π.μ-2η Θεία Λειτουργία
Δευτέρα, 29 Απριλίου Η ΑΓΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ	8:30π.μ.-ΠΡΟΗΓΙΑΣΜΕΝΗ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 7:00μ.μ.-Ακολουθία του ΝΥΜΦΙΟΥ
Τρίτη, 30 Απριλίου Η ΑΓΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΤΡΙΤΗ	8:30π.μ.-ΠΡΟΗΓΙΑΣΜΕΝΗ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 7:00μ.μ.-Ακολουθία του ΝΥΜΦΙΟΥ
Τετάρτη, 1 Μαΐου Η ΑΓΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ	8:30π.μ.-ΠΡΟΗΓΙΑΣΜΕΝΗ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ 3:00π.μ.-Ίερόν Μυστήριο του ΑΓΙΟΥ ΕΥΧΕΛΑΙΟΥ 7:00μ.μ.Ή Ακολουθία του Νιπτήρος (Το άγιο εϋχέλαιο θα μοιραστεί κατα της διάρκειας της ακολουθίας)
Πέμπτη, 2 Μαΐου Η ΑΓΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΠΕΜΠΤΗ	5 5:45π.μ-Η Θεία Λειτουργία του Μύστικου Δείπνου (Παρεκκλήσιον) 8:30π.μ.-Η Θεία Λειτουργία του Μύστικου Δείπνου 6:00μ.μ. Ακολουθία των ΑΓΙΩΝ ΠΑΘΩΝ
Παρασκευή, 3 Μαΐου Η ΑΓΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ	9:00π.μ-Οι Βασιλικές Ωρές 1:00π.μ-(Πνευματική Σύναξις για τα νεολαία) 3:00μ.μ.-ΑΠΟΚΑΘΗΛΩΣΙΣ 7:30μ.μ.-ΕΠΙΤΑΦΙΟΣ ΘΡΗΝΟΣ
Σάββατο, 4 Μαΐου ΤΟ ΑΓΙΟΝ ΚΑΙ ΜΕΓΑ ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟΝ	8:30π.μ Η 1η Θεία Λειτουργία του Αγίου Βασιλείου 11:00μ.μ. Μεσονύκτιον της Αναστάσεως 12:00π.μ Η Θεία Λειτουργία της Αναστάσεως 1:30π.μ Παραδοσιακή Μαγειρίτσα δωρεάν της Εκκλησίας Αρχαγγέλου Μιχαήλ
Κυριακή, 5 Μαΐου Η ΑΓΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΣΧΑ	11:00:30 π.μ. ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΑΓΑΠΗΣ (Μετά την ακολουθία τα παιδιά θα ανιχνεύσουν για τα κρυφά αυγά και θα δώσαμε στα παιδιά ένα σοκολατένιο κουνελάκι)

Δευτέρα, 6 Μαΐου
Τετάρτη, 8 Μαΐου
Παρασκευή, 10 Μαΐου
Κυριακή, 12 Μαΐου

Ο ΑΓΙΟΣ ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ
Ο ΑΓΙΟΑ ΙΩΑΝΝΗΣ Ο ΘΕΟΛΟΓΟΣ
ΖΩΟΔΟΧΟΣ ΠΗΓΗ
ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΘΩΜΑ



HOLY WEEK & PASCHA

Youth Events



SATURDAY OF LAZURUS

- ◆ The Challenge Divine Liturgy will be chanted by our Byzantine Youth Choir.
- ◆ The Challenge Liturgy Ministry will sponsor a Luncheon immediately after the Divine Services.
- ◆ Our youth will have the opportunity to bake traditional "Lazarakia" (9:45 am in the Double Classroom)



PALM SUNDAY

- ◆ 1st Liturgy 8:30am. 2nd Liturgy 11am.
- ◆ Our Byzantine Youth Choir and Sunday school students will process with the palms.
- ◆ The Youth Choir will also process and chant "Behold the Bridegroom" at Nymphios Service that evening.



HOLY FRIDAY

- ◆ Our HOPE JOY children will have the opportunity to participate in a Good Friday retreat led by our Priests. Retreat begins at 1pm.
- ◆ Young ladies will have the chance to participate in the evening service as Myrofores.



THE GREAT & HOLY PASCHA

- ◆ Pascha Meal at 1:30am. The entire community is welcomed to join us for the AGAPE meal in Angeliades Fellowship Hall. We will serve avgolemono, cheese, eggs, mageritsa, and tsourekia. Cheeseburgers for altar boys.
- ◆ Agape Vespers at 10:30am followed by Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Preschool PTO

Christ is Risen!



Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. (John 20:6-7)

Dear Archangel Michael Family,

Χριστός Ανέστη! Christ is risen!

When the myrrh-bearing women and the apostles approach the tomb, did Jesus need to remove the stone from the tomb for Him to emerge risen? The answer is no! The proof of this answer is seen in another account of the resurrection. The disciples are gathered in the upper room with the doors and windows shut out of fear. What happens next is wondrous! The risen Lord Jesus appears to them, even though the doors and windows are shut. The sealed tomb was not a hindrance for the Lord to arise.

Why is the open tomb emphasized so much in the gospel stories of the resurrection? The purpose of the open tomb is that the disciples could enter and see for themselves and believe that Jesus was resurrected from the dead. What evidence of the resurrection did Peter find? He found the linen cloths laying there, and the handkerchief that covered His head folded together in a place by itself. If thieves had taken the body, would they have taken the time to unwrap a very sticky funeral shroud from the body and then fold and place the head covering elsewhere?

As we celebrate Pascha, the Orthodox Christian is invited by the resurrection to journey into the tomb of the heart. To enter this tomb, one must be willing to open the doors to the heart. The heart is at the center of the spiritual life. Jesus says, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." When a person makes this journey into their heart, what do they discover? Is their heart stuck to the mindset of the world, which is the funeral shroud? Or, is the heart set free of the darkness of the passions (vices) and is carried out of the dark tomb into the light of the resurrection? With an open and pure heart, one may see God. "A coal engenders a flame, a flame lights a candle, so will God, who from our baptism dwells in our heart and kindles our mind to contemplation." (St. Hesychios) The greatest effect of singing "Christ is Risen" on Pascha is that the heart becomes full of the light of Jesus Christ and is overwhelmed with the love of God.

On behalf of the Archangel Michael Church, thank you for the gift of faith that comes forth from your heart through your worship and dedication to this vibrant Christian community. May your Pascha be filled with great opportunities to spend with your family and may the risen Lord Jesus Christ bestow upon you the abundance of His love!

Χριστός Ανέστη! Christ is Risen!

In Christ's Ministry,


Rev. John K. Lardas

Truly He is Risen!



Come Celebrate with our Parish **THE RESURRECTION OF LAZARUS**

His Eminence Archbishop **ELPIDOPHOROS** of America will serve Matins & Challenge Liturgy

Our Challenge Liturgy Group will offer light refreshments following the Divine Liturgy. All are welcomed to join us in welcoming our Archbishop for worship and fellowship with the Challenge Liturgy Family at the Archangel Michael Church.



SATURDAY
APR 27

Festal Matins **9 AM**
Challenge Liturgy **10 AM**

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April 11, 2024

St. Antipas

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros
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Your Eminence,

As we near Holy Week, I thank Your Eminence for leading us in worship on the Saturday of Lazarus. This is a particularly special day for our community because our Challenge Clientele attend.

The Challenge Divine Liturgy was founded in April 1990. The program reaches out to Orthodox Christians with intellectual and developmental disabilities, welcoming them into the full life of the parish. The program has grown from a local parish program into a regional multi-parish one, serving over fifty families from nine neighboring Queens/Long Island parishes. Complimentary transportation is provided for those with no means of getting to the Archangel Michael Church.

The Challenge Divine Liturgy is the catapult that sparked the idea of hosting the Tim Tebow Foundation Night to Shine, which was held at the Archangel Michael Church this past February. This glorified prom ministered to over 110 honorees that night. It was an event that changed the lives of many who participated.

Attached with this letter is a heartfelt and deeply prayed-upon letter from Fifi Eliades and her daughter Marissa. Fifi's daughter, Samantha, is featured in the advertising flyer with Your Eminence for the Saturday of Lazarus. She unexpectedly fell asleep in the Lord this past Fall. As a result of her untimely death, which is currently under investigation by the State of New York for negligence and abuse, Fifi and Marissa are seeking Your Eminence's prayers and blessing to pursue Project Sam. They are on a crusade to make impactful changes in legislation that will support the right of each person in group homes to worship according to their faith. Many of our Greek Orthodox individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities are lost in group homes, forever cut off from their church.

Awaiting with joy, Your Eminence's pastoral visit, I remain....

Respectfully Yours,

Rev. John K. Lardas

Protopresbyter