

The Weekly Messenger – April 2, 2023
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Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

Upcoming Events:

April 2nd St. Mary of Egypt

Wednesday, April 5 Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 pm

Saturday April 8th, Lazarus Saturday 10:00 am Liturgy & Sunday School Retreat

April 9th Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy followed by Pancake Breakfast

Monday, April 10th Parish Council Meeting via ZOOM 7:00 pm

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Tuesday April 11th Bridegroom Matins 6:00 pm

Wednesday April 12th Holy Unction 6:00 pm

Thursday April 13th Twelve Gospels 6:00 pm

Friday April 14th Holy Friday 10:00 am Decorate the Epitaphion, 5:00 pm Taking Down from the Cross, 7:00 pm Lamentations

Saturday April 15th 11:00 am Great Saturday Liturgy

Saturday April 15th 11:30 pm Matins, Nocturns Paschal Liturgy

April 16th 1:00 pm Paschal Agape Vespers Baptism Cindy Kamberaj

April 23rd St Thomas Sunday **April 30th** Myrrh-bearing Women

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon, the victims in Ukraine, Thoma, Teuta Doko, Peter Mallios (7 yrs.), Lefteria Dhimitri (9 yrs.), William Satir (18 yrs.), Deacon Stephen Stefani & those servicemen & women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their country.

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Mark, Locum Tenens of the Albanian Archdiocese, Archimandrite Nikodhim Preston, Father Joseph Ciarciaglino, the people in Ukraine, Newborn Paris Max, Elira, Nertil, Sophie Gorre, Paulette Steffa, Andrew Quirias, Reader Chris Manosis, Joyce Robert, Julius, Stephanos Sarris, Virginia Daka, Marie Portway (Nancy Ghicondey's Mother), Evangeline Prifti, and the men and women serving in the Armed Forces. *If you have a name to add to the Commemorations for the departed or the living, please email info@stjcaoc.org*

Please mark your calendars, Friday April 14th 10:00 am We need volunteers to come to church to decorate the Epitaphion. This is the first time we will actually decorate the Epitaphion in 3 years (due to Covid restrictions. Come and bring a friend or two!

Monthly Giving for March: paper napkins.



The Fifth Sunday of Great Lent recalls the memory of Saint Mary of Egypt, the repentant harlot. Mary tells us, first of all, that no amount of sin and wickedness can keep a person from God if he truly repents. Christ himself has come “to call sinners to repentance” and to save them from their sins (Lk 5.32). In addition, Saint Mary tells us that it is never too late in life—or in Lent—to repent. Christ will gladly receive all who come to him even at the eleventh hour of their lives. But their coming must be in serious and sincere repentance.

Coffee Hour Sponsor: The 2023 Sign-up sheet is posted in the side vestibule or sign up on our website: [COFFEE HOUR](#) **We need sponsors in MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST**

April 2nd Marinela & Fred Tsapournas

April 9th Pancake breakfast

April 16th Pascha – no coffee hour

April 23rd Betty Subashi in Memory of Andy 15 years **April 30th** NO SPONSOR

May 7th No Sponsor

May 14th Bendo & Fiss Families

May 21st NO SPONSOR

May 28th NO SPONSOR

Congratulation and Many Years to: **Larry Kosta and Juanny Lugo** were married in a civil ceremony On Saturday, March 4, 2023 in Brigantine. Larry is the son of Linda Kosta and the (late +Philip Kosta) and the brother of Stephanie Kosta. Joining the new family is Gerardo, Juanny's son. All the Kosta and Bowser families and the Highland girls welcome their new aunt and cousin to the USA and to the family.

LAZARUS SATURDAY RETREAT: April 8th Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am followed by the Sunday school retreat. We will have crafts, religious education and of course Meshe making. **We hope you and your children are able to join us!**

Next Sunday April 9th is Palm Sunday: We will celebrate the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am. Palms will be distributed! Our Annual Pancake Breakfast will be served. This will be our first Palm Sunday with Father Kai and his family. It will be wonderful to be together for this Holy Day.

Holy Week & Pascha Please check upcoming events for the dates and times for the Holy Week Services. *As is our tradition we are asking our parishioner to bring 6 eggs for our Paschal service, which begins @ 11:30 pm Saturday, April 15, 2023.* We will process around the block (weather permitting) on Holy Friday and Pascha. You are able to park in the Basilica of Ss Peter & Paul lot for Holy Week and Paschal services.

Red Egg Dye is available at the candle stand. It is \$4.00 per pack.

Welcome to our visitors. Father Kai, the members of our Parish Council and our church community thank you for celebrating the Divine Liturgy with us. We invite you to join us for coffee hour and fellowship in the church hall following the Divine Liturgy.