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Services Schedule

9:00 AM Sunday Orthros

10:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy

11:00 AM Sunday School - As announced

12:00 PM Sunday, Fellowship after Divine Liturgy

Bulletin for Sunday, April 13, 2025

Service Schedule

Lenten Prayer of St. Ephrem the Syrian:

O Lord and Master of my life!

*Take from me the spirit of sloth,
faint-heartedness, lust of power, and idle talk.*

*But give rather the spirit of chastity,
humility, patience, and love to Thy servant.*

*Yea, Lord and King! Grant me to see my own errors
and not to judge my brother,
for Thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Mark your calendars and attend services on our journey toward the joyous
Resurrection of our**

Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Lazarus Saturday, April 12: (No services) meet at **2:00pm** to weave Palm Crosses and decorate Church for Palm Sunday

2025 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 13: **9:00am** Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy – Fr. Takahashi

Holy Monday, April 14: **6:00pm** Bridegroom Service – Fr. Hillhouse

Holy Tuesday, April 15: **6:00pm** Bridegroom Service – Fr. Hillhouse

Holy Wednesday, April 16: **6:00pm** Sacrament of Holy Unction and Anointing - Fr. Hillhouse

Holy Thursday, April 17: **10:00am** Vespereal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great - Fr. Hillhouse

Holy Thursday, April 17: **6:00pm** The Twelve Gospels - Fr. Hillhouse

Holy Friday, April 18: **10:00am** Royal Hours - Fr. Hillhouse

Holy Friday, April 18: **3:00pm** Un-nailing from the Cross Service - Fr. Hillhouse

Holy Friday, April 18: **6:00pm** Lamentations and Procession - Fr. Hillhouse

Holy Saturday, April 19: **10:00am** The First Anastasi - Vespereal Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great - Fr. Hillhouse

Holy Saturday, April 19: **11:00pm** Resurrection Canon– Fr. Hillhouse

Holy Saturday, April 19: **12:00am (midnight)** Anastasi Proclamation and Procession followed by Orthros and Divine Liturgy – Fr. Hillhouse

**Following the service, everyone is invited to enjoy the traditional
Avgolemono soup and eggs in the church hall.**

Great and Holy Pascha - Sunday, April 20: **12:00pm (noon)** Agape Vespers - Fr. Takahashi

Sunday, Apr 27: 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy - Thomas Sunday - Fr.

Takahashi

PRAYERS FOR ALL IN NEED

+George Mainis+, Harriet Mainis, Presvytera Naomi (Robin) Takahashi, Father Marin State, Presvytera Vaso Paris, Maura, Vlad Voinea, Fotini Ballas, Bob Rible, Jim Deamant, Yorgos Hadzis, Connie Mellis, Karen Krilanovich, Inna Shkolnik, Sam Khalil, Lesley, Leola, Dawn Sculley, John Demas, Twan, Athena Wolfe, Evangelia, Marie, Adam Nikolopoulos, Bob Roberts, Selah, Stacy, Evangelia, Helene Doss, Panos Kakaris, Helen Sirakides, Cynthia (Anna) Baldwin-Thanos, Jane Demas, Brad Dyer, Angelina, Rob, Everly, Oliver and Elliot Isambert, Laura and Claude Isambert, Maria and Phillip Thomas, John, Muriel

Call the church office (831) 429-6500 to add the name of someone in need of prayers.

Our News

~~ PARKING UPDATE ~~

The driveway is now **open for parking**. The tree is trimmed and safe to approach.

We thank everyone for their patience with this matter.

Prophet Elias Parish Council

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dear Sunday School Families,

Our final Sunday school lesson for the year will be on **Sunday May 4th**. Our students will be participate in a "Jeopardy" review game of all the lessons covered this year. Following our game, I will award each student with a small gift for their Sunday school participation this year.

The topics for the game include:

- The Theotokos is our Guide
- The Psalms and Proverbs
- The Nativity of our Lord and Savior
- The Sermon on the Mount
- Jesus Heals
- The Iconoclast and the Sunday of Orthodoxy
- Lenten Worship

If you still have copies of these lessons, please review them in preparation for our game. I look forward to seeing you all on **May 4th!**

With Love in Christ,
Angela Santiago
Sunday School Teacher

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

We are at the beginning of 2025 and we need to focus our attention on our 2025 Stewardship. The goal for this year is set at \$120,000.00, which is the amount we reached in 2024. The Stewardship Commitment cards have been mailed and/or hand delivered. Please complete yours and return it as soon as you can so we can plan for the year.

Kostas Amberiadis

Stewardship Chairman

THE PHILOPTOCHOS CORNER

Hello everyone!

As Pascha approaches, we need volunteers to help us prepare the church for Holy Week.

Saturday, April 12, 2pm: Please note the time change. We will weave palm crosses for Palm Sunday. View to learn how to weave palm cross:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uw3l101dbMo>

Clean the Nave and decorate with palm branches and crosses for Palm Sunday. We need everyone's help.

Thursday, April 17: Bring fresh cut flowers for the Epitaphio (preferably **white, pink or yellow**). Please call Vicky to let her know what you will bring. **831-206-3809**

Friday, April 18: Decorating the Epitaphio. If you can participate Friday morning, we welcome the help.

Saturday, April 19: Decorate and prepare the church (Lavarum, Iconostasis el. al.). Bring bay leaves and flower petals. Bring **red-dyed Eggs**.

Our prosphora class was a great success last Saturday. We now have a new group of Philoptochos members who will be baking the prosphora for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We thank everyone for participating! View the results here:

<https://www.propheteliassc.org/news-events/successful-prosphora-bakers>

Our next Philoptochos meeting will be on **Sunday, April 27**. We will discuss the elections for the Philoptochos board. If you would like to be a member of our board, please let me know. It's a great group and we welcome all.

I look forward to see everyone then!

Kali Anastasi.

Your sister in Christ,

Aphrodite

RECYCLING PROGRAM

Alexa Bolas continues to lead our recycling efforts. Please remember to bring us your recyclable items. Thank you to all who support this important fundraising effort.

Recyclable items which you can bring to church:

- Aluminum cans
- Glass bottles: Including wine + liquor bottles
- Plastic bottles: Including juice

Please do NOT bring us any other types of plastic containers for our recycling fundraising, ONLY plastic bottles please.

Thank you again for supporting St. Katherine Philoptochos philanthropic missions.

Together we are making a difference!

GOT COFFEE?

Everyone is invited to reserve a Sunday by signing the clipboard on the buffet table, which also includes clean up. You can also sign up by email to: info@propheteliassc.org. Blessings to all who volunteer for our Sunday Fellowship. If no one signs up, only coffee will be available.

~~ Lenten Refreshments until Great and Holy Pascha ~~

4-13-25 - Palm Sunday - Potluck

4-20-25 - Avgolemono soup and eggs after the Anastasi (midnight) service

4-20-25 - Great and Holy Pascha Vespers - Coffee

Gospel and Epistle Readings

Matins Gospel Reading

Palm Sunday

The Reading is from Matthew 21:1-11; 15-17

At that time, when Jesus drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and

immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If any one says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee." But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant; and they said to him, "Do you hear what they are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read,

'Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings,
you have brought perfect praise?'"

And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

Epistle Reading

Prokeimenon. 4th Mode. Psalm 117.26,1.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His mercy endures forever.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 4:4-9.

BRETHREN, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if

there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Reading

Palm Sunday

The Reading is from John 12:1-18

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazaros was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazaros was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazaros, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazaros also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazaros out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

Hymns of the Day

Apolytikion for Palm Sunday in the 1st Mode

○ Christ our God before Your Passion You raised Lazarus from the dead to confirm the

O Christ our God, before Your Passion, You raised Lazarus from the dead to confirm the common Resurrection for all. Therefore, we carry the symbols of victory as did the youths, and we cry out to You, the victor over death, "Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. "

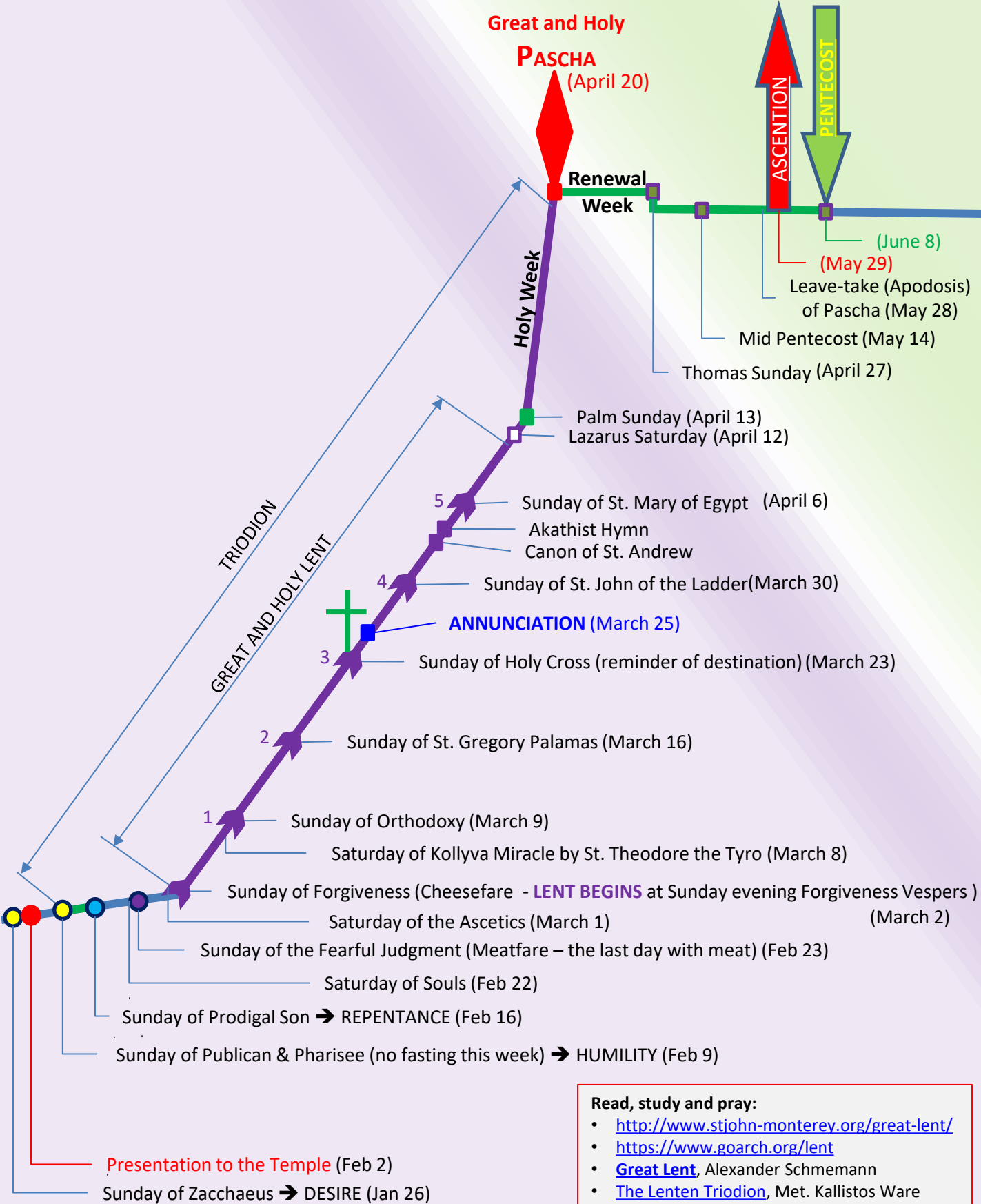
Apolytikion for Palm Sunday in the 4th Mode

O Christ, Our God, we have been Buried with You through Baptism, and by Your Resurrection made worthy of Life immortal. Praising You, we cry out, "Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."

Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal 2nd Mode

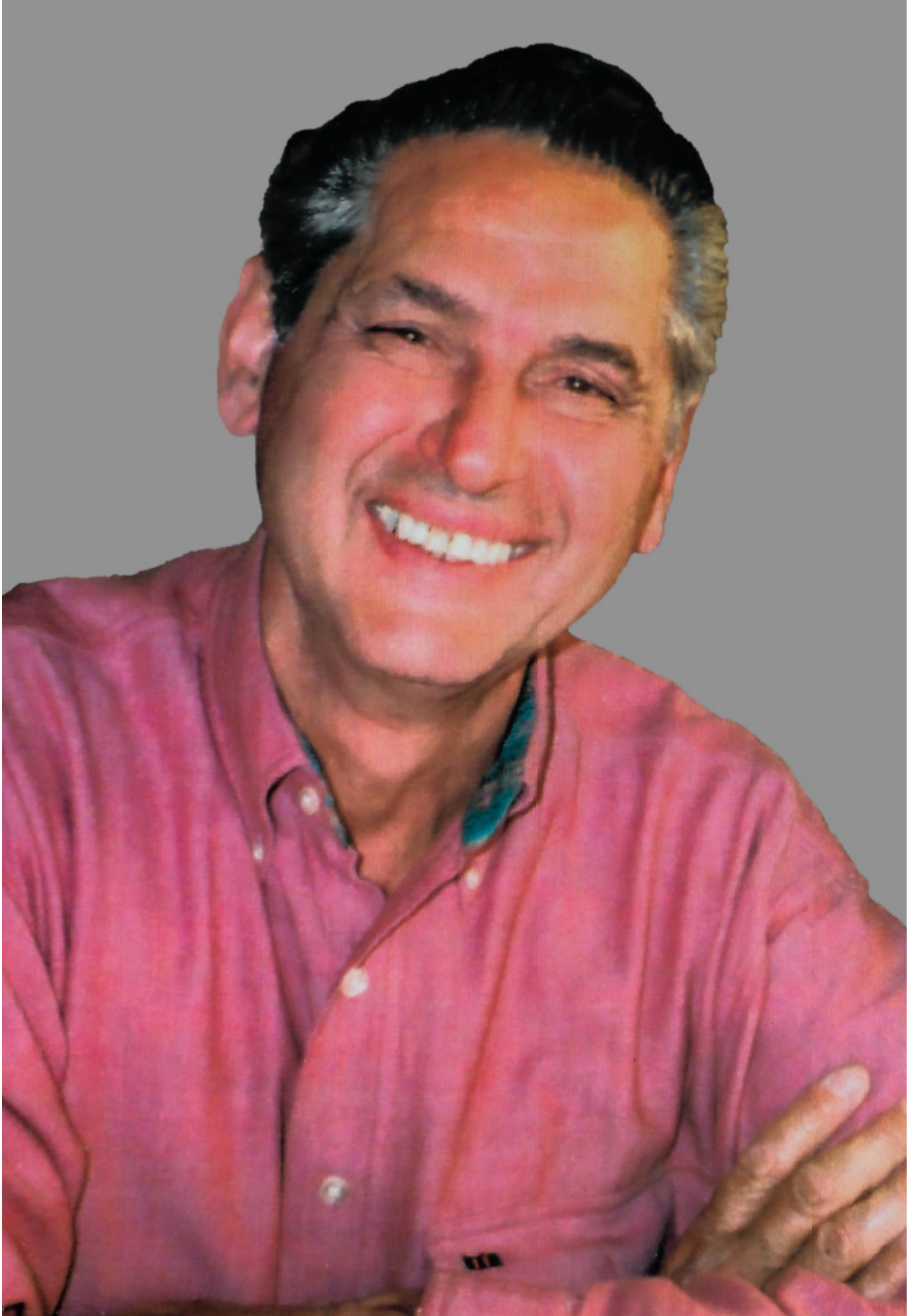
In Heaven, He is seated upon a Throne and on earth He rides upon a foal. O Christ our God, accept the praise of the Angels and the hymn of the Children who cry out to You, "Blessed are You who comes to recall Adam."

The Orthodox Paschal Season - a Time for Transformation



Read, study and pray:

- <http://www.stjohn-monterey.org/great-lent/>
- <https://www.goarch.org/lent>
- **Great Lent**, Alexander Schmemmann
- **The Lenten Triodion**, Met. Kallistos Ware



ADULT THEOLOGY COURSE

very short
A [^]BASIC COURSE
in *Orthodox Theology*

5 WEEKS beginning WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025

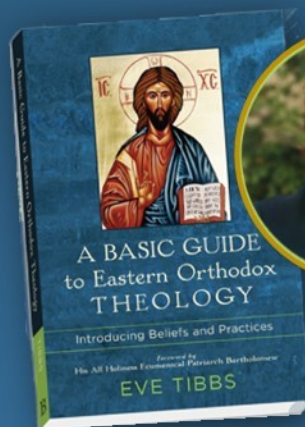
ZOOM ONLY: 5:00 - 6:50 PM (Pacific time)



REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED: [HTTPS://ORTHODOXY.COM/REGISTER](https://orthodoxy.com/register)



METROPOLIS OF
SAN FRANCISCO



This short course will be taught by **PARASKEVE (EVE) TIBBS** (PhD Theology) the Ministry Lead for Christian Education in the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco, and author of *A Basic Guide to Eastern Orthodox Theology: Introducing Beliefs and Practices*.

“Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” Matthew 9:38

GROWING **ORTHODOXY** 2025 *Evangelism Conference*

Monday, June 9 – Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Join us for the **2025 Growing Orthodoxy Evangelism Conference**, a three-day gathering dedicated to equipping Orthodox Christians with practical tools for sharing the faith. This conference will feature inspiring speakers, interactive workshops, and meaningful discussions on evangelism.



Keynote Speaker
Rev. Father
Adam Roberts



**For details on registration and accommodations,
please visit: groworthodoxy.org/2025**

GREEK FOOD FAIRE

Pop-Up 2025

Authentic Greek Food & Live Music

Friday, May 16 5 pm -10 pm

Saturday, May 17 Noon - 8 pm

Join us!

Prophet Elias Greek Orthodox Church
Downtown Santa Cruz

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See you at our September Greek Festival!