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## ARCHANGEL MICHAEL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### Holy Week and Pascha Schedule and Notes

Dear Faithful in the Lord,

Please review the times for the Holy Week and Pascha services. Below is information regarding upcoming events and some needs for our parish. –Fr. Dennis

**Church Cleaning:** In preparation for Holy Week and Pascha we will be cleaning the hanging lamps, oil lamps, brass candle stands the week of March 27-31. To help with these projects, please see or contact Fr. Dennis.

**Lazarus Saturday:** Following the Liturgy, **March 31**, we will make palm crosses. Everyone is invited to participate—*especially the children*.

**Annual Palm Sunday Luncheon:** Following Palm Sunday Services, April 1, we will have our traditional fish dinner. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend with your family. We need volunteers to assist Jake Topakas in preparing the meal: a starch, vegetable, salad, soft drinks and dessert. Remember all items must be Lenten (no meat or dairy products). Suggested donation of \$15 for adults per person and children 12 and under \$5 per person. Please contact Jake at 502-9299.

**Dying Eggs:** We will dye our eggs red on Holy Thursday, **April 5**, following services. We need at least 15 dozen uncooked **BROWN** eggs. You may bring a dozen uncooked eggs during Holy Week before Holy Thursday. Volunteers to dye the eggs red are needed. Please contact Fr. Dennis to volunteer.

**Decorating Kouvouklion (the Tomb of the Lord):** Following the Royal Hours on Holy Friday, **April 6**, we need the ladies of our parish to help decorate the kouvouklion with flowers. The flowers to be ordered will be similar to last year's. Please see or contact Fr. Dennis if you plan to help.

**Myrrh Bearers:** It is a custom at the Holy Friday Lamentation Service to have the young girls of the community to be myrrh bearers during the third stasis of the lamentations. We introduced a few years ago. At a certain point during the Service, **all** the Myrofores (myrrh bearers) will stand together around the Epitaphion. Father will chant "ERANON TON TAPHON" and at that moment all the girls will throw the flowers from their baskets onto the Epitaphion. Normally the girls wear white dresses and shoes. Also, they will need to have a small basket for the rose petals. When we go outside with the kouvouklion (The Lord's Tomb) the girls will continue to throw the flower petals. Please contact Constadina Vasiliades constadina@shaw.ca

**Agape Vespers and Pascha Picnic:** On Pascha, **April 8**, we serve the Agape Vespers and the Gospel is read in many languages. Please let Fr. Dennis know the language you can read (besides Greek or English). The gospel reading for this service has three sections, so we can have more than one person read for each language. Also, following the services we are planning a picnic with lamb, pork and chicken! We ask the faithful to bring in side dishes, soft drinks and desserts. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Contact Jake Topakas or Scott Foster to help.

**Easter Egg Hunt Donations Needed:** We will have an Easter Egg Hunt following the Agape Service on Pascha for our children. We need a volunteer to organize the assembly of the plastic eggs. We are also in need of jelly beans, chocolates, etc.

**Holy Confession:** Please try to schedule your confession before or by Holy Tuesday evening.

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## 2018 Schedule of Services for Holy Week and Pascha

<b>Mar 30:</b>	Little Compline with Canon to St. Lazarus .....	6:00 p.m.
<b>Mar 31:</b>	St. Lazarus Saturday Orthros .....	8:00 a.m.
	Divine Liturgy* <i>The folding of palm crosses after services</i> .....	9:00 a.m.
	Great Vespers for Palm Sunday.....	6:00 p.m.
<b>April 1:</b>	Palm Sunday Orthros.....	9:00 a.m.
	Palm Sunday Liturgy*— <i>Blessing of Palms</i> .....	10:00 a.m.
	Palm Sunday Evening— <i>Bridegroom Matins I</i> .....	6:00 p.m.
<b>April 2:</b>	Holy Monday Presanctified Liturgy* .....	7:00 a.m.
	Holy Monday Evening— <i>Bridegroom Matins II Met. Isaiah to Preside</i> .....	6:00 p.m.
<b>April 3:</b>	Holy Tuesday Presanctified Liturgy* .....	7:00 a.m.
	Holy Tuesday Evening— <i>Bridegroom Matins III</i> .....	6:00 p.m.
<b>April 4:</b>	Holy Wednesday Presanctified Liturgy* .....	7:00 a.m.
	Holy Wednesday Evening— <i>Mystery of Holy Unction</i> .....	6:00 p.m.
<b>April 5</b>	Holy Thursday Matins.....	7:00 a.m.
	Holy Thursday Liturgy*— <i>Mystical Supper</i> .....	9:00 a.m.
	Holy Thursday Evening— <i>The 12 Passion Gospels</i> .....	6:00 p.m.
<b>April 6:</b>	Holy Friday Morning— <i>The Great Hours</i> .....	8:00 a.m.
	Holy Friday Afternoon— <i>Vespers for the Taking Down from the Cross</i> .....	3:00 p.m.
	Holy Friday Evening— <i>Lamentations</i> .....	6:00 p.m.
	<i>The Church is open all day to venerate the Holy Epitafio</i>	
<b>April 7:</b>	Holy Saturday Morning*— <i>1st Announcement of the Resurrection</i> .....	9:00 a.m.
	Vigil .....	11:30 p.m.
<b>April 8:</b>	Paschal Resurrection Orthros & Liturgy* .....	12:00 a.m.
	Pascha Sunday Agape Vespers** .....	12:00 p.m.

**Notes:** \* Holy Communion is offered at these services.

\* **Only Orthodox Christians may receive Holy Communion, Unction and Confession.**

\*\* The Holy Gospel is read in many languages.

\*\*\*Please try to schedule your confession before or by Holy Tuesday evening.

**Please note** that Memorial Services for the departed are not permitted from the Saturday of Lazarus to St. Thomas Sunday (*inclusive*). The Church does this so we may focus our attention completely on the Resurrection of our Lord. It also reminds us that death in and of itself, is not final for the true believer. As followers of the Risen Lord, we too shall rise from the dead to live eternally with our Savior.