

April 2nd, Wednesday
Presanctified Liturgy
Liturgy 9:30am

April 4th, Friday
5th Salutations -with Lenten
Dinner
Liturgy 5:30pm

April 6th, Sunday
St. Mary of Egypt
Orthros 8:30am
Liturgy 9:30am

April 9th, Wednesday
Presanctified Liturgy in
Newburyport
Liturgy 6:00pm

April 12th, Saturday
Lazarus Saturday
Liturgy 9:30am

April 23rd, Wednesday
Liturgy 9:30am

April 27th, Sunday
Thomas Sunday
Orthros 8:00am
Liturgy 9:00am

Bible Study
Tuesday April 1st, 8th & 29th
6:15pm - 7:30pm

Thursday April 3rd
11:15am - 12:30pm

Thursday April 24th 11:15am
Bible Study along with jamming with
Father Chris

Holy Week Schedule

April 13th, Sunday
Palm Sunday
Orthros 8:30am
Liturgy 9:30am

April 13th, Sunday
Bridegroom Service 5:30pm

April 14th, Monday
Bridegroom Service 5:30pm

April 15th, Tuesday
Bridegroom Service 5:30pm

April 16th, Wednesday
Holy Unction 5:30pm

April 17th, Thursday
Saint Basil Vesperal Liturgy 9:30am
12 Gospels Readings 5:30pm

April 18th, Friday
Descent of the Cross 3:00pm
Lamentations 6:00pm

April 19th, Saturday
Saint Basil's Vesperal Liturgy 9:30am
The Canon 11:00pm

April 20th, Sunday
Resurrection Service 12:00am
Agape Vespers 11:00am
**Followed by Easter Egg Hunt*

Hours of Confession
April 11th, Friday 6:00pm – 8:00pm (in Church)

Holy Communion

Holy Communion for the sick will be administered in Ipswich and the surrounding towns on Friday, April 11th. Please contact Father Christopher if anyone in your family is unable to receive Holy Communion in Church.

The Paschal Sermon

If any man be devout and love God, let him enjoy this fair and radiant triumphal feast. If any man be a wise servant, let him rejoicing enter into the joy of his Lord. If any have labored long in fasting, let him now receive his recompense. If any have wrought from the first hour, let him today receive his just reward. If any have come at the third hour, let him with thankfulness keep the feast. If any have arrived at the sixth hour, let him have no misgivings; because he shall in nowise be deprived thereof. If any have delayed until the ninth hour, let him draw near, fearing nothing. If any have tarried even until the eleventh hour, let him, also, be not alarmed at his tardiness; for the Lord, who is jealous of his honor, will accept the last even as the first; He gives rest unto him who comes at the eleventh hour, even as unto him who has wrought from the first hour.

And He shows mercy upon the last, and cares for the first; and to the one He gives, and upon the other He bestows gifts. And He both accepts the deeds, and welcomes the intention, and honors the acts and praises the offering. Wherefore, enter you all into the joy of your Lord; and receive your reward, both the first, and likewise the second. You rich and poor together, hold high festival. You sober and you heedless, honor the day. Rejoice today, both you who have fasted and you who have disregarded the fast. The table is full-laden; feast ye all sumptuously. The calf is fatted; let no one go hungry away.

Enjoy ye all the feast of faith: Receive ye all the riches of loving-kindness. let no one bewail his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one weep for his iniquities, for pardon has shown forth from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Savior's death has set us free. He that was held prisoner of it has annihilated it. By descending into Hell, He made Hell captive. He embittered it when it tasted of His flesh. And Isaiah, foretelling this, did cry: Hell, said he, was embittered, when it encountered Thee in the lower regions. It was embittered, for it was abolished. It was embittered, for it was mocked. It was embittered, for it was slain. It was embittered, for it was overthrown. It was embittered, for it was fettered in chains. It took a body, and met God face to face. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took that which was seen, and fell upon the unseen.

O Death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are overthrown. Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life reigns. Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave. For Christ, being risen from the dead, is become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages. Amen.

St. John Chrysostom

Easter Flowers

*The Melissa Women's Society will once again collect donations to be used toward the Epitafio and Easter flowers, as they have faithfully and lovingly done throughout the years. The requests for donations were mailed to the homes of parishioners. Please make checks out to the **Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church** and return the check in the enclosed envelope. **Your name will be posted in next month's bulletin once your check has been received.** Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please contact Christine Sarantopoulos at 978-356-3894.*

Our parishioners have appreciated the opportunity to donate individual floral arrangements and items during Holy Week. If you're interested in donating one of the specific items listed below, please call Christine Sarantopoulos at 978-356-3894.

Salutations to the Theotokos (Friday nights) arrangements - \$150 each (8 needed)

*Akathist Hymn Arrangement (Friday nights) - **\$150.00 each** (2 needed)*

*Palm Sunday Altar Arrangements - **\$210.00 each** (2 needed)*

*Palm Sunday Calla Lilies - **\$8.00 each** (15 needed)*

*Holy Thursday Wreath - **\$100.00***

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*Basket with Rose Petals - **\$35.00 each** (6 needed)*

*Head Wreaths - **\$35.00 each** (6 needed)*

*Anastasi Flower Arrangements - **\$210** (2 needed)*

*Anastasi Icon - **\$100.00***

*Anastasi Altar Arrangements - **\$125.00 each** (2 needed)*

*Easter Lilies **\$15.00 each** - (12 needed)*