

EASTER SCHEDULE 2016

LAZARUS SATURDAY	APRIL 23	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Orthros Divine Liturgy
PALM SUNDAY	APRIL 24	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Orthros 1 st Divine Liturgy 2 nd Divine Liturgy
		7:30 p.m.	Nymphios Service
HOLY MONDAY	APRIL 25	7:30 p.m.	Nymphios Service
HOLY TUESDAY	APRIL 26	7:30 p.m.	Nymphios Service
HOLY WEDNESDAY	APRIL 27	9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts Holy Unction
		7:30 p.m.	Holy Unction
HOLY THURSDAY	APRIL 28	9:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Divine Liturgy The Twelve Gospels
HOLY FRIDAY	APRIL 29	9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Royal Hours The Deposition of the Lord from the Cross The Lamentations
HOLY SATURDAY	APRIL 30	9:00 a.m. 11:00 p.m.	Divine Liturgy The Resurrection
PASCHA SUNDAY	MAY 1	2:00 p.m.	AGAPE VESPERS

AGAPE FAMILY PICNIC at 3:00 p.m. on the Lawn, following the Agape Vesper Service

Confessions will be heard by appointment only. Please call the Church Office at 818-886-4040 to make your appointment. **Confessions will not be heard after APRIL 21, 2016.**

*"The Day of resurrection! O people let us be radiant.
It is Pascha, the Lord's Passover; for Christ God has carried us over from death to life,
from earth to heaven, as we sing a victory hymn.
(Hymn from the Paschal Canon – by St. John of Damascus)*

Dearly beloved in the Lord:

One feast of our church that is set apart from all other celebrations is Pascha (Easter). The hymnology of the church states Pascha is *the Feast of feasts and the Festival of festivals*, i.e. the greatest feast of the ecclesiastical year. The Feast of Pascha is distinguished from all other celebrations in that it commemorates the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The word Pascha is derived from the Hebrew "Pesach" meaning Passover. In Greek, Pascha means passing through. The Israelites celebrate Passover in remembrance of their Exodus from Egypt and passing through the Red Sea. When Christians use the word Pascha, it means the joyous celebration of our Lord's Resurrection, passing from death to everlasting life.

In the Old Testament, we see how Moses led the devout people of God out of bondage in Egypt, through the Red Sea, to the Promised Land of Israel. This event was actually a prophecy of the Lord's Resurrection. In the Resurrection of Jesus Christ we see our Lord guiding us from death to life and from earth to heaven. After Moses and the Israelites passed through the Red Sea, they gathered to *sing to the Lord our God, for He has been glorified*. Today, the faithful gather in churches to sing a new triumphant hymn to the Lord, *Christ is Risen from the dead...*


This triumphal hymn, *Christ is Risen*, announces the Resurrection of Christ. In reality, the Resurrection is the greatest miracle of God. It is His victory, the victory of life over death. During the Divine Liturgy of Pascha, until the feast of Christ's Ascension into heaven, we sing this beautiful hymn with all our hearts.

Christ is Risen, is the salutation, *Truly He is Risen*, is the response. This greeting is both a confession and affirmation of faith. The Apostle Paul also reminds us in his Epistle to the Romans, *if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved*.

Enclosed in this mailing are two offering envelopes: one to make a special donation to our beloved Saint Nicholas Church and the other to contribute towards the many needed flowers which adorn our church and the Epitaphios for Holy Week.

The greatest gift for the ordained clergyman is to celebrate the Divine Services on Pascha. Bringing both the Divine Light and Body and Blood of Christ to the faithful people of God is a blessing beyond measure. With great anticipation and love for our Risen Savior, I am grateful and humbled to celebrate these precious services here in Northridge.

A blessed Pascha to you all,



Rev. Fr. Michael Prevas
PASTOR

DONATIONS FOR LENT AND HOLY WEEK

LENT

Carnations for Sunday of the Holy Cross	\$375.00
Flowers for Salutations to the Theotokos, 5 @	\$200.00 each

PALM SUNDAY

Flowers for Palm Sunday 2 @	\$150.00 each
One case of bay leaves & 1000 palms	\$600.00
Incense for Holy Week	\$100.00

HOLY WEEK

Flowers for Nymphion 2 @	\$125.00 each
Flowers for Resurrection service 4 @	\$150.00 each
Cross atop the Epitaphio	\$250.00
Floral Wreath for the Crucifix	\$175.00
12 Candles - Service of 12 Gospels	\$25.00 each
6 Candles for the Epitaphio	\$25.00 each
2 Vigil Lights for Crucifix-Holy Thursday	\$75.00 each
2 Vigil Lights for Epitaphio-Holy Friday	\$75.00 each
6 Altar Candles	\$25.00 each
4 Pascal Candles	\$100.00 each
Rose Petals for Epitaphio Service	\$50.00
Rose Petals for Holy Saturday morning	\$300.00
Rose Water for Epitaphio	\$25.00
White Linen Sheet for Good Friday	\$35.00
Oil, Cotton Balls, Q-tips,	\$50.00
One case Sacramental Wine	\$150.00
Flowers for Holy Sepulcher, 5@	\$1000.00 each
Easter Lilies for Solea	\$400.00
Ten Cases of Eggs for the Resurrection Service	\$300.00
Ribbon & Net for Eggs	\$50.00

****Please call the Church Office at 886-4040 for your donation.**

These donations will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis.