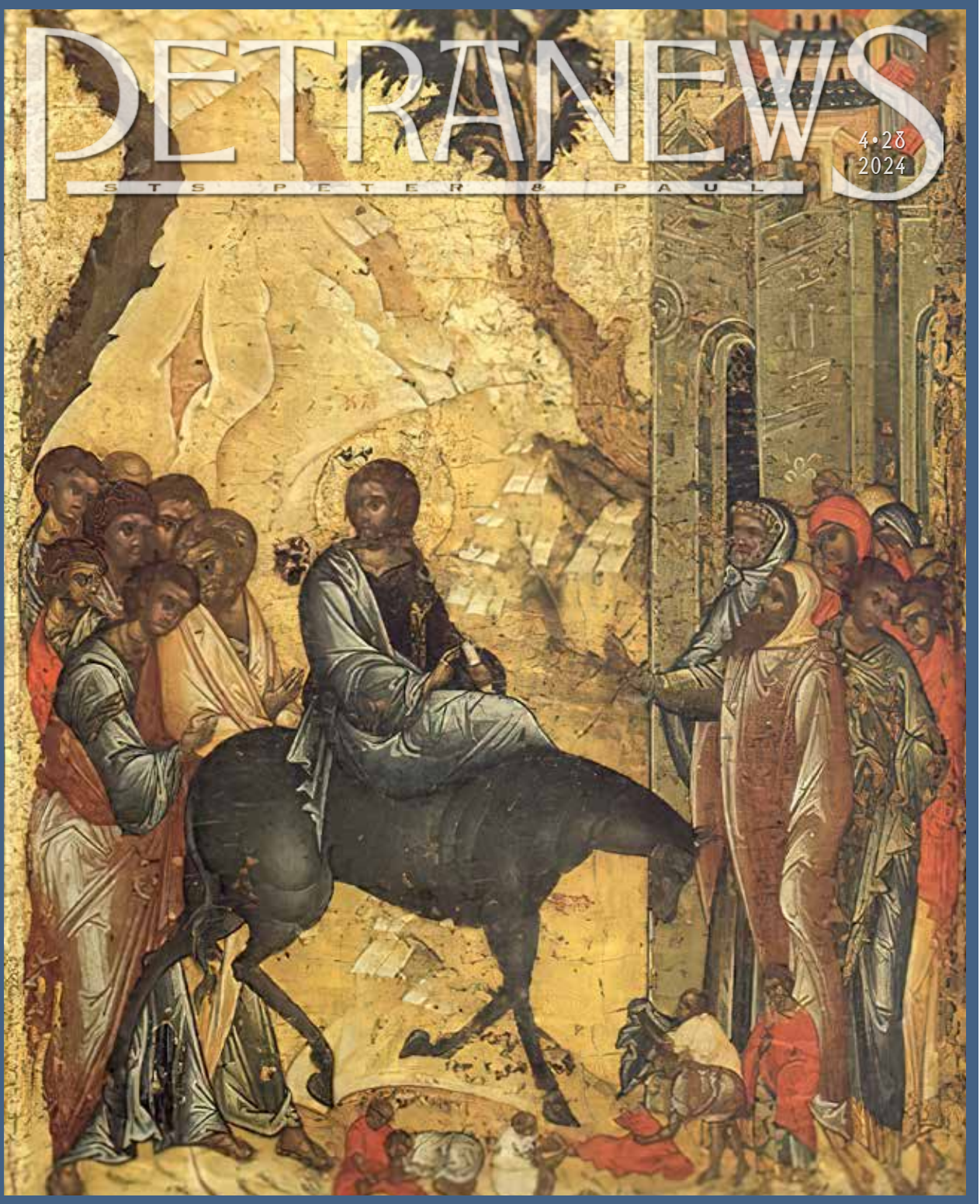


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**This Week's Services**

**Tonight**

Bridegroom Service \_\_\_\_\_ 5:00pm

**Holy Monday, April 29**

Bridegroom Service \_\_\_\_\_ 6:00pm

**Holy Tuesday, April 30**

Presanctified Liturgy \_\_\_\_\_ 8:00am

Bridegroom Service \_\_\_\_\_ 6:00pm

**Holy Wednesday, May 1**

Holy Unction \_\_\_\_\_ 4:00pm

Orthros for Holy Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ 6:00pm  
(with anointing)

**Holy Thursday, May 2**

Liturgy of the Mystical Supper \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30am

12 Passion Gospels \_\_\_\_\_ 6:00pm

**Holy Friday, May 3**

Royal Hours \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30am

Taking Down from the Cross \_\_\_\_\_ 3:00pm

Lamentations \_\_\_\_\_ 6:00pm

**Holy Saturday, May 4**

Liturgy of the Descent into Hades \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30am

Vigil of Great & Holy Pascha \_\_\_\_\_ 11:30pm

Great & Holy Pascha Orthros

& Divine Liturgy \_\_\_\_\_ 12:00am

Followed by the breaking of the fast.

**Pascha Sunday, May 5**

Agape Vespers \_\_\_\_\_ 12:00pm

with His Grace Bishop Constantine

Pascha Picnic \_\_\_\_\_ 1:00pm

**Fellowship Hour**

Thanks to our Philoptochos for hosting our annual fish luncheon!

- 5/5: Pascha Picnic
- 5/12: Mother's Day Luncheon
- 5/19: Philoptochos Pizza Fundraiser

**Hymns for Palm Sunday**

**Special Antiphon Verse**

*Save us, O Son of God,  
who didst sit upon the foal, we sing to Thee, Alleluia.*

**Palm Sunday Apolytikion**

*First Mode*

*In confirming the common Resurrection, O Christ God,  
Thou didst raise up Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion.  
Wherefore we also like the children,  
bearing the symbols of victory cry to Thee,  
the Vanquisher of death:  
Hosanna in the highest;  
blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.*

**Another Apolytikion**

*Fourth Mode*

*As by baptism we were buried with Thee, O Christ our God,  
so by Thy Resurrection we were deemed worthy of immortal life;  
and praising Thee, we cry: Hosanna in the highest;  
blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.*

**Kontakion**

*Plagal Second Mode*

*Being borne upon a throne in Heaven,  
and upon a colt on the earth, O Christ God,  
Thou didst accept the praise of the Angels  
and the laudation of the children as they cried to Thee:  
Blessed art Thou Who comest to recall Adam.*

**Hymn to the Theotokos**

*Instead of "It is Truly Right"*

*The Lord is God and He hath appeared to us.  
Establish a celebration and with great delight  
come and let us magnify and praise Christ  
with our palm leaves and branches, crying aloud in hymns:  
"Blessed is He who cometh in the name of the Lord our Saviour."*

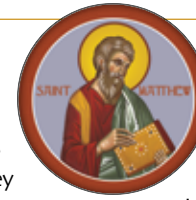
**Communion Hymn**

*Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.*

*Instead of "We have seen the true light..."  
Repeat the Apolytikion "In confirming the common Resurrection..."*

Scripture Readings for Palm Sunday

The Orthros Gospel according to 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 the 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 these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings, you have brought perfect praise?'" And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

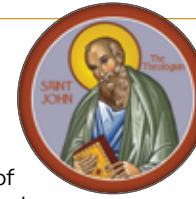
Epistle: St Paul's letter to the Philippians 4:4-9



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.

The Gospel according to John, 12:1-18



Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus 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, Simon's son, 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 Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus 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 Lazarus 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.

## Palm Sunday

Six days before Passover, the Lord Jesus enters the final week on His way to the Cross. Passover was the most important Jewish feast, which points back to the deliverance of the Jews from Egypt. At that time, lambs were sacrificed for the salvation of the Jewish people from captivity, as the angel of God kept their children safe by passing over them and ultimately delivering them from the Egyptians. Since then, once a year, they celebrate the feast of Passover, which in Hebrew is called "Pesach," from where the word Pascha is derived.

On Saturday before Passover, Jesus goes to Bethany, to the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. This family loved the Lord, and they were close friends with Him. The Lord had dined with the sisters before (Luke 10:38-42), and He had raised their brother Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-44) as a foreshadowing to His own Resurrection. Mary and Martha were deeply grateful to the Lord, and they are making Him supper. This meal with friends anticipates the Mystical (Last) Supper, which we commemorate on Holy Thursday.

Lazarus is sitting at the table with Jesus. In this respect, Saint Cyril of Alexandria remarks that "in amazement the Evangelist says that he who had been four days dead [Lazarus] was eating with the Christ, to remind us of His God-befitting power. And he adds that Martha, out of her love towards Christ, served, and ministered at the labors of the table."

With Jesus's disciples present, Mary anoints the feet of the Lord with costly ointment as an act of worship and wipes them with her hair as an act of love. Judas, who will betray the Lord, objects to the use of costly spices — not because he cared about frugality — but because he was stealing from the treasury and desired the money for himself.

The Lord rebukes Judas for his greed and prophesies that Mary's anointing is a preparation for His burial, which was to take place six days later. Judas is not just one person, but represents each and every one of us. When we allow our passions to rule over us, we become spiritually blind, our hearts harden, and we betray the Lord because we love the things of this world more than we love Him.

The next day, a great crowd who had come to celebrate Passover in Jerusalem heard that Jesus was on the way there from Bethany, which was less than two miles away. They take branches of palm trees and meet Him, shouting with praise: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." Saint John Chrysostom says that the words show us the divinity of Christ. Hosanna means "save us." And



salvation comes, it is not brought. The former befits a lord, the latter a servant. Christ does not come in the name of a servant, but in the name of the Lord.

Jesus, riding on a donkey, fulfills the prophecy made five hundred years earlier by the Prophet Zechariah: "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" (Zechariah 9:9). The great King had come, not on a horse and a chariot to defeat worldly enemies, but in humility and service to the spiritually lost, the sick, and the poor. He hid his Divine glory to defeat not earthly powers but a much greater adversary, indeed the greatest enemy: He came to trample down upon death by His death.

The Messiah is ready to enter Jerusalem, the city of the King. Spreading people's outer garments and branches on the pathway was customary to greet a royal figure entering the city. But this was no ordinary King, but the King of Israel and the King of the Universe, the creator and ruler of all, the Angel of Great Counsel who brings His peace to the world. The branches of the palm trees symbolize Christ's victory over the evil one and death.

However, according to their own Messianic ideas, the religious establishment of Israel at that time wanted a Messiah who would liberate them from the Romans. Because of this, many of the people who now exclaim "Hosanna!" would be calling for Him to be crucified six days later.

This reminds us to ground our faith in a proper understanding of Christ's love and character. The Lord's work is not meant to fulfill our selfish expectations, because we would then be worshiping a god of our imagination. In turn, this may easily become a temptation for us to blame God for not doing what we want Him to do. If we do not understand who Christ is and how He loves us, we might find ourselves looking for Him to act how we want when difficult situations arise. And we might even be tempted to turn away from Christ.

However, the Lord loves us so much more than our limited comprehension allows. His purposes are beyond our understanding, and they are always intended for our salvation. Let us remember that when good or bad things happen to us, it is allowed by God for our spiritual benefit. On Palm Sunday, the Blessed Lord comes as a humble King, and the entrance of Christ into Jerusalem is a symbol of His entrance into our hearts. Christ is the King Who reigns even now in the midst of our sufferings and failures. Salvation has come to us if we trust our King as our only hope.

The Lord Jesus is always with us. He has entered the Temple, He established the Church, and ministers at the altar of our hearts. Let us remember Mary and Martha's joy and gratefulness to the Lord, who brought the Resurrection to their own home, as He does with us. Let us also remember Judas' betrayal, for we too can allow our passions to overcome us if we do not trust in the Lord completely. This is why we fast on Wednesdays throughout the year, because we remember the betrayal of Judas, and we soberly contemplate our own faithfulness to the Lord.

Trusting in Christ and accepting His grace, we follow His example of how to struggle, to love, and to forgive. We learn humility from the great King who rode on a donkey and participated in the crowd's joy, knowing they would crucify Him six days later. Christ is full of compassion and love. His love does not falter or waver. His love is steadfast no matter what is done to Him. He is always with us as we continue our journey through Holy Week to Great and Holy Pascha.

As Christ enters Jerusalem, let Him enter our hearts. Let us receive Him with joy. Let us walk with Him on the way of suffering towards the Crucifixion. Let us lay down our own struggles, temptations, and sins at the foot of the Cross to die with Christ. And may we be resurrected with Him in a new life — a life of faith, peace, and love.

## Events & Announcements

### Holy Friday Myrrhbearers

All girls in our parish are encouraged to join the procession of Myrrhbearers during the Holy Friday evening service around the flower covered Kouvouklion. If your daughter is interested in participating, we ask that she wears a white dress, or white skirt and blouse. If any family has a white dress that their daughter has outgrown, please bring it to Church for anyone who may need one. Please check your email for more information or contact Sheila Zissimos at sjz3dd@msn.com.



### Flowers for Holy Friday

**Evening of May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

On the evening of Holy Friday, the Church commemorates the burial of Christ with the heartfelt service of Lamentations. This year, everyone is invited to participate in the "funeral" of our Lord by bringing flowers (potted or cut) to place around His tomb. This is a beautiful offering that not only commemorates His burial but will also beautify the Church for His glorious Resurrection on Pascha!



### Holy Friday Activities

**Decorating of the Kouvouklion**  
Following Royal Hours – 9:30am

Young and old are encouraged to join in this day of preparation. We will be decorating the kouvouklion with flowers, preparing the candles for the Lamentations and Pascha services, eggs for the children's Easter Egg Hunt, and cleaning the Church. We thank you for your participation.



### Ride to Church Services

Our ride ministry currently has a few people providing rides for upcoming services. They are coming from Boulder and Longmont. If you live in those areas and would like a ride, please contact Dana Gall at danagall92@gmail.com.



### Pascha Picnic

The Parish Council would like to invite all parishioners to the Pascha Picnic on Sunday, May 5 following the Agape Vespers at 12pm. This year we are honored to host His Grace Bishop Constantine! Scan the QR code to sign up for a food item to share. We need several volunteers willing to help with cleaning up after the picnic. If you can offer any assistance with this, we would greatly appreciate it. Please see Nick Karis if you have any questions. Thank you!



### Spring General Assembly

**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

Our Spring General Assembly is coming up. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for our bi-annual meeting following the Divine Liturgy. We will discuss several items related to the church, including an overview of our budget and ministries. Please see any member of the Parish Council if you have any questions.



### Mother's Day Luncheon

**Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

The men of Sts. Peter & Paul invite everyone to honor the mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers of our parish! Please join us for our annual luncheon following the Divine Liturgy. We look forward to celebrating with all of you!



### Parking

We anticipate a large turn-out for Pascha this year and strongly encourage arriving early for services and car pooling whenever possible. There will be parking attendants to help guide you. Check your email for further instructions and map.



### Quiet Room Registry

Our Quiet Room will be undergoing a transformation! At the request of several parents, a registry has been established so that we may redecorate the room. If you are interested in contributing towards new furniture items for the Quiet Room, please scan the QR code to access the registry. As items are received, they will be added to the room. Many of the larger items will be moved out this week, so please be patient with us as we piece together this project. Thank you!



### Bible Study

Bible Study will take a break during Holy Week and Bright Week. The class will resume on Wednesday, May 15 beginning at 9:30am. We look forward to seeing you all then!



### Sunday School

Sunday School classes are cancelled today, as well as next Sunday for Pascha. The last day of classes will take place on Sunday, May 12. Mark your calendars for our end-of-year celebration that will take place on Sunday, May 19.



### 2025 Parish Directory

Work has begun on the new directory and with everyone's help it could be done as soon as 2026! We're encouraging everyone to provide your own family or personal photo to include in the 'Family Album' section of the Directory. And with members of families coming together for Pascha, now's a great time to take a new one. If you'd like tips on taking photos that will work best in the directory or would like to schedule a time to have one taken for you, contact Rick Leonidas; 720-314-5217, rick@salmonroe.com



## Philoptochos

### April Monthly Service Project

**Project Mexico**

This is the last full week of the service project to donate and we still need significant funds. Roughly \$500 of the \$4,000 needed was raised at the luncheon, for which we are grateful. You can make donations via the Philoptochos link on the website or contact Steve Dzilvelis directly.



### Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon

Philoptochos is hosting Palm Sunday's fellowship to raise money for those most in need during this Holy Week. Lunch will include salmon with a rice pilaf, vegetables, salad, and dessert with a suggested donation of \$15 to help those in our community.



### Bookstore

Please check out the front glass case for newly-arrived Pascha items. There are children's books, icons, Ukrainian decorated eggs and, of course, Easter egg dye. Please see Olga if you have any questions.



For those of us who would like to better understand the meaning of Lent, here are a couple of short paperback gems available in our bookstore:

**Meditations for Great Lent** – shows us how to make our fast acceptable: to fast not only from food but also from sin.

**Great Lent, Journey to Pascha** – examines the meaning of Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts and other aspects of Lenten worship.

### Cookie Box Pick-Up

Pascha Cookie Boxes are ready for pick-up today! If you ordered a box, please come by the fellowship hall after the Divine Liturgy to grab it. Thank you to all those that supported this fundraiser!



**Extra boxes available, \$15-\$25**

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### About Our Parish

We welcome visitors worshipping with us today. Our diverse church family encompasses Greek, Arab, Romanian, Serbian and Russian Orthodox Christians as well as many converts to the Orthodox Christian Faith.

The foundation of the Orthodox Church are the teachings and Holy Tradition of Jesus Christ. We follow the first Christians who began to worship Jesus Christ after the Crucifixion and Resurrection.



### Holy Communion

Holy Communion is reserved only for baptized and/or chrismated Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared by prayer, fasting, and confession.

The Orthodox Church understands the reception of Holy Communion to be the highest expression of our faith. Both Orthodox and non-Orthodox alike are invited to receive the 'antidoro' (blessed bread) at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

*If you are new to our Parish or just visiting, please join us for our fellowship hour following this morning's service.*

### Priest

Fr Gabriel McHugh

### Church Office

Shanyn Bateh, Manager

### Choir Director

Presbytera  
Kedrann Dotson

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### Recurring Services

Saturday Vespers - 5pm • Sunday Divine Liturgy - 9:30am (Orthros - 8:30am)  
Visit our website for a complete calendar of upcoming services and events.

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