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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in Our Lord!

I hope and pray that this finds everyone fit and well or at least going in the right direction. I also hope and pray that your Lenten journey goes well. If you are experiencing any lows or other challenges, just know that this can be part of the cycle of repentance, transformation and healing that often takes place in Lent. It is not automatically so, but nevertheless not unknown during this time. It is good also to remember that it is common for our enthusiasm for Lent to wane after the first couple of weeks; though it then starts to recover and increase the closer we start to get to Pascha.

Once again, strive for balance, and try very hard not to be overly critical of yourselves or others during the Lenten process and journey, as that is one of the potential pitfalls of the season. If you abstain from meat, etc., but eat your brother or sister through harsh words, judgements, condemnations, etc., you miss the point of Lent, and stand to possibly lose grace through doing so. We're all human, and we all have strengths and weaknesses. We all have hopes and dreams and expectations, some of which are realistic, and some of which are unrealistic. We are meant to walk together towards Heaven, not over each other.

As the ancient Greek philosopher, Philo, said: "Be kind to all whom you meet, for everyone is involved in a great struggle." May abundant mercy and grace be yours, each one and all, in and through Our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Most Holy Theotokos.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Fr. John

**NOTED DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:**

**April 8:** Saturday of Lazarus

**April 9:** Palm Sunday, Easter Bread pickup, luncheon

**April 16:** Great and Holy Pascha (no service)

**April 23:** Memorial service in memory of Dena (10 yrs.) and Eleftherios "Ted" Kofodimos (13 yrs.) will be given by son John Kofodimos, who will also be hosting the coffee hour.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

Sunday school will begin after Father John's sermon and will end in time to bring the children in for communion.

### **EASTER CALENDAR:**

Please consider making a financial donation for the cost of the Easter items (flowers, candles, palm crosses, and extra payroll. We also need dyed Easter eggs, and 7 men to help with the procession, as well.

**PALM SUNDAY LITURGY APRIL 9:** Easter bread pickup day.

**PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON APRIL 9:** It will be held at OPA! in Avon, chaired by the Parish Council

**HOLY UNCTION APRIL 12:** Service at 6:30 PM

**KOUVOUKLION DECORATING OF THE EPTAPHIOS APRIL 14:** Starts at 9:00 AM, and we will also be cleaning the church as well.

**HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 14:** Lamentations and perifora epitafiou at 7:30 PM

**HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 15:** Resurrection services at 11:00 PM followed by a Paschal meal done by Angelus Kocoshis.

### **BIBLE STUDY:**

We have seen that some people are interested in starting a Bible study. Rev. Fr. John is looking into getting *Orthodox Study Bible*. If you have any interest please talk to Elijah McKnight, or email him at [mcknight.elijah@gmail.com](mailto:mcknight.elijah@gmail.com). Please let him know what days and times might work for you so that he may coordinate it.

### **SUMMER PICNIC:**

The Parish Council would like to once again have a summer picnic, since we missed this event last year. We are still hoping that someone might suggest a place to have it held, and possibly sometime in June.

### **STEWARDSHIP FORMS:**

Please remember to fill out the form and mail them to the church for our records so you will be eligible to participate in the Spring General Assembly.

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### **“REMINDER TO GET YOU RESEVATIONS IN”**



### **HOLY APOSTLES ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> FOLLOWING THE SERVICES**

**LOCATION: OPA! (7900 E US HWY 36, AVON 46123)**

This year the luncheon is being dealt with a little differently. We have found that people have different dietary needs, as well as likes and dislikes. Therefore, this year you will be able to order off their full menu, and individually pay your own bill, verses prepaying. The owner Gus felt that would be easier, as well as making sure everyone enjoys what they will be ordering.

If you are interested in seeing their menu, click on this site [http://opaofindy.com/Opa\\_MenuWide.pdf](http://opaofindy.com/Opa_MenuWide.pdf).

It will still be necessary to make your reservation, so that OPA! can have the room set up for us. Please contact Debbie O'Reilley (317-252-4466 or [fox6060@comcast.net](mailto:fox6060@comcast.net)) with your count by **Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**.