



## *The Voice of Holy Apostles* **Greek Orthodox Church of Indianapolis**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! I hope and pray that you all enjoyed and benefited from the Bishop's visit as much as I did. It was wonderful and uplifting. So now you should most definitely know that Holy Apostles has a very real and continuing blessing to be, and to go forward.

So how is Lent for you? Is there any "spring cleaning" taking place, new insights, changes, growth, or renewal? I pray so.

Outwardly, what does or does not take place is really not as important as what is happening inwardly, in our hearts and minds. So let us be attentive to that arena, and know that that is where the most important preparations for Pascha take place. Let us be attentive = conscious awareness = conscious Christianity. Let us be attending church, and be attentive to what we see and hear, inwardly and outwardly. The same applies at home, work, school, shopping, recreation, etc. As Christ is within us, and in our midst, and everywhere, we will encounter and learn from Him, and be blessed, guided, taught, helped and healed by Him.....if we be attentive. Attention, focus, right attitude, right intent.....these are required for a successful Journey.....not only through Lent.....not only to the next Pascha..... but throughout Life.

God bless us each and all in in this holy endeavor!

In Christ,  
Fr. John

### **NOTED DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:**

- April 5:** Palm Sunday
- April 6:** Holy Monday (no service)
- April 7:** Holy Tuesday (no service)
- April 8:** Holy Wednesday (SERVICE) 6:30 PM
- April 9:** Holy Thursday (no service)
- April 10:** Holy Friday Lamentation Service 7:30 PM
- April 11:** Holy Saturday Resurrection Service 11:00 PM
- April 12:** **Great and Holy Pascha** (no service)
- April 19:** A second basket will be passed for our Benevolent Fund.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS:**

- April 5:** Palm Sunday; Crowds Come to See Jesus
- April 12:** NO SUNDAY SCHOOL; Great & Holy Pascha
- April 19:** Sunday of St. Thomas; "Peace be with you"
- April 26:** The Tomb is Empty!

**ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON:** The luncheon will be on Sunday, April 5 following the Divine Liturgy at the Greek Isles located at 906 South Meridian Street. Reservations will have to already have been made.

**EASTER BREAD SALE:**

If you ordered Easter bread, remember the pickup date will be on Palm Sunday, **April 5th** following the Divine Liturgy.

**KOUVOUKLION DECORATING OF THE EPTAPHIOS:**

This is again mentioned to remind you about decorating the Kouvouklion on **Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**, in the church starting at 9:00AM. If you have wire cutters, please bring them. We will also be preparing the candles and cleaning the chapel area. Please contact Chairman Debbie O'Reilley at **317-252-4466** or [fox6060@comcast.net](mailto:fox6060@comcast.net) if you are willing to help.

**HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA SCHEDULE:**

**April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM:** Holy Wednesday - Μεγαλη Τεταρτη; Holy Unction – Ευχαλειον.

**April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM:** Holy Friday - Μεγαλη Παρασκευη; lamentations and perifora epitafiou.

**April 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 PM:** Holy Saturday - Μεγαλο Σαββατο; Resurrection - Αναστασις –Πασχα.

**April 12<sup>th</sup> – The Holy & Great Sunday: Holy Pascha; NO EASTER SERVICE.**

\*\*\* Resurrection liturgy will follow; θα ακολουθηση η λειτουργια της Αναστασεως

**2015 AUDIT COMMITTEE:**

The Parish Council would like to thank John Kofodimas, Helen Kostarides, and Angelo Zarvas for their time and effort on doing the audit on the church's 2014 books. They are pleased to announce that the books are in order for 2014.

**COFFEE HOUR:**

It has been so nice to see so many people voluntarily signing up for the coffee hour, and hope to see it continue throughout the year. It is such a wonderful time for our members to socialize with one another on such a glorious day.

**TELEPHONE DIRECTORY:**

The Parish Council did not receive a response from any stewards regarding a suggestion for the directory's cover, so they will move forward in putting it together. Hopefully, it will be ready sometime after Easter. They will be available at church for pickup, or you can contact Debbie O'Reilley for it to be sent to you. They will only be sent to those who have started their 2015 Stewardship, along with any other mailing or email.

**METROPOLITAN NICHOLAS'S VISIT:**

We had such a wonderful arch-pastoral visit from His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas and Deacon Alex Radulescu, and a lovely turn out from our members. It, too, was an auspicious occasion for Holy Apostles in receiving its long awaited charter.

The teachings His Eminences shared with us helped us learn and understand more about our Orthodox faith. His Eminences warmth, as well as humor, will be fondly remembered, until another visit. His Eminence also stated that he was impressed that those who attended were there prior to the Hierarchal Liturgy beginning, which is usually not customary. Also, stated was that His Eminence felt such kindness and hospitality from those present. Two of His Eminence's upcoming focuses will be on helping to teach those of the faith more about it, and developing a working outreach program in the Metropolis.

There are so many people who helped to make this a pleasant time for all.

- Dr. & Mrs. Emmanuel Kratsios for providing the accommodations, and the lovely flowers for the church.
- Mary Kostarides for supplying the Prosforo.
- Demetrios Geroulis for serving as the acolyte.
- Xanthippi Darzentas and Debbie O'Reilley for sponsoring the coffee hour.
- John Kofodimas for using his talents in filming and photographing the Hierarchical Liturgy.
- George and Allie Chimples for paying for the meals for His Eminence and Deacon Alex at the luncheon.
- Angelus Kocoshis and Debbie O'Reilley for dealing the luncheon at Hellas Café.
- Tom and Alexandra Kocoshis for providing the appetizers at the luncheon, as well as the linens.
- Eglie Stalas and Angelus Kocoshis for the delicious dessert at the luncheon.
- Those of you who attended to make it a memorable time for Holy Apostles.

#### **PARISH NEWS;**

Holy Apostles would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Dr.Emmanuel Kratsios and his family, on the passing of his father. May his memory be eternal.

Please keep Peter Americanos in your prayers that he will soon feel better. Also, keep Basil Basil in your prayers that he will soon completely recover from his accident.

Again, thank you to Steve O'Reilley for his handy work. This time he assembled our new library chart, which we hope will be receiving more donations of Orthodox and religious books for it. We also want to thank George Chimples who will be keeping a list of them so that they may be checked out.

#### **MOMENTS TO RECALL:**

*His Eminence requested this wonderful picture.*



*The charter is finally home at  
Holy Apostles*



*Hierarchical Liturgy*



*His Eminence's Luncheon*

