

Holy Trinity - St. John the Theologian Greek Orthodox Church

























PASCHA

Our Lord was crucified, died, and was buried on Friday, before the setting of the sun, which was the first of His "three days" in the grave; observing the mystical Sabbath, that "seventh day" in which it is said that the Lord "rested from all His works" (Gen. 2:2-3), He passed all of Saturday in the grave; and He arose "while it was yet dark, very early in the morning" on Sunday, the third day, which, according to the Hebrew reckoning, began after sunset on Saturday. As we celebrate today this joyous Resurrection, we greet and embrace one another in Christ, thereby demonstrating our Saviour's victory over death and corruption.

IMPORTANT DATES

- April 1 - 5:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy
- April 2 - 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- April 4 - 10 Liturgy (Lazarus Saturday), Pancake Breakfast & Palm Crosses, Hope and Joy
- April 5 - 5:30 pm Bridegroom Service
- April 6 - 5:30 pm Bridegroom Service
- April 7 - 5:30 pm Bridegroom Service
- April 8 - 5:30 pm Unction
- April 9 - 10 am Vespereal Liturgy, 5:30 pm 12 Gospels Service
- April 10 - 9 am Royal Hours, 2 pm Decent from the Cross, 6 pm Lamentations
- April 11 - 10 am Vespereal Liturgy, 11 pm Paschal Vigil
- April 12 - 12 am Pascha, 2 pm Agape Vespers
- April 16 - 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- April 19 - Parish Council Meeting
- April 21 - 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- April 22 - 5:30 pm Paraklesis
- April 29 - 5:30 pm Paraklesis
- April 30 Women's Bible Study

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 8:45 Orthros 10:00 Liturgy Hope and Joy 	30 	31 	1 5:30 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy 	2 Women's Bible Study 4:30 p.m. 	3 	4 8:45 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy (Lazarus Saturday) 11:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast & Palm Crosses 
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Strict Fast 	Fish Allowed 	Dairy Allowed 	Wine and Oil Allowed 			

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Holy week has arrived. We thank all who have worked hard and continue to work hard to prepare the church during the Lenten journey leading up to Pascha. The food, the flowers, the extra services, and more. It takes time, love, and effort and it does not go unnoticed. Thank you.

The parish council met on March 15th. Topics included bathroom renovations, GreekFest, an Easter picnic, replacing the wooden cross on Pear Orchard Rd, and a chanter for Holy Week. The bathroom renovations continue with new sinks, faucets, and countertops now installed. This is a huge improvement and only minor things remain. Painting, changing stations, and other small items. We thank Father Mike for his late hours to make sure everything was ready for installation.

GreekFest planning continues. Thank you to all who have signed up for t-shirts and to volunteer at different stations. If you have not, please sign up for both on the forms in the dining hall. It will be a great event and planning will kick into overdrive this month.

After a number of comments over the years, we discussed replacing the rotten, wooden cross on the Pear Orchard Rd. side of the property. We have ordered the wood and will soon be replacing it with a new, larger cross (if we have not already).

We also discussed the planning of an Easter picnic following Agape Vespers. There will be games, bounce houses, fellowship, and plenty of food! Thank you to those who have signed up to bring dishes for the picnic. If you have not, please see the form in the dining hall if you are willing and able to bring something that day.

Lastly, a byzantine chanter will be coming to our parish for Holy Week. He will arrive on Lazarus Saturday and stay through Pascha services. Please welcome him, as we know everyone will, and come hear him during Holy Week services. See the information about him later in the newsletter.

**Your Servants,
The Parish Council**



A Message from Fr. Mike

As we enter the final stretch of the fast, we will soon make our way through Holy Week. This time can be challenging and exhausting for many different reasons, and it is intentionally so. This is the time when we must find the resolve to put our spiritual lives in a place of priority. Whether this means following the rules of the fast, making time to attend the daily services offered, forgiving others for their offenses, or making amends for our own, we all have our own obstacles to overcome and room for improvement. I hope that we will all make the most of this opportunity for spiritual and emotional growth. As the Church fathers so often teach us, the way that we change our community and our world is not by trying to impose the change that we want to see on others, but by changing ourselves. The transformation that we want to see in the world around us begins within each of us.

• Fr. Mike

Hope and Joy



On Saturday, April 4th (Lazarus Saturday) after the Divine Liturgy, the children will have their next Hope and Joy session. They will learn about service to others as they fold their palm crosses, giving them a sense of how they can also be a part of the life of the church. We will look forward to seeing them there.

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Atlanta



The purpose of the Saint Romanos Music Festival is to give our youth the opportunity to learn and sing Orthodox hymnography.

FESTIVAL DATE:

May 2, 2026

LOCATION:

ZOOM VIRTUAL EVENT

TIME:

1:00 PM

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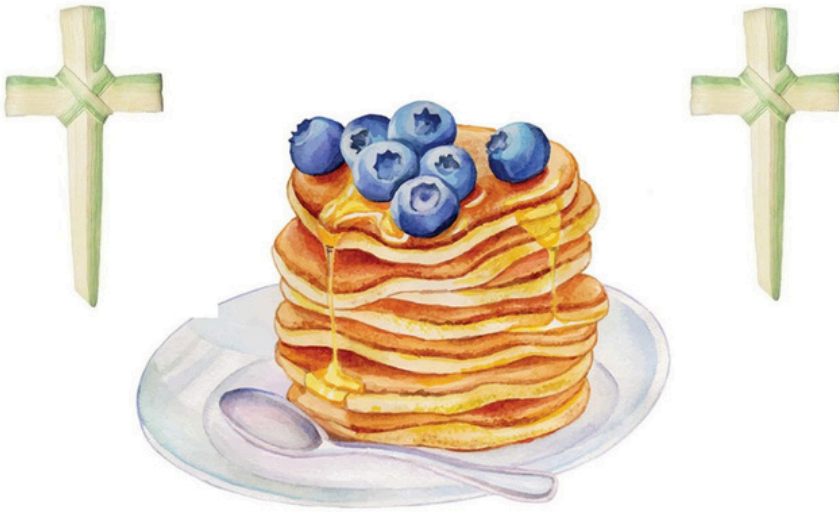
**BYZANTINE CHANT AND
WESTERN VOCAL**

2 DIVISIONS:

**JUNIOR – GRADES 7 THRU 9
SENIOR – GRADES 10 THRU
12**

For detailed information, please contact:

holytrinitychoirorlando@gmail.com or olga3music@gmail.com



Saturday of Lazarus Pancake Breakfast

Please join us for a
Pancake breakfast and Palm Cross Tying

Saturday, April 4, 2026

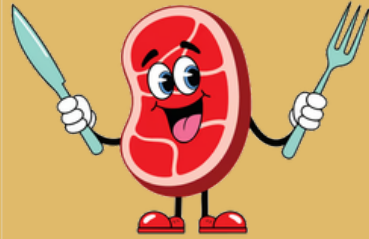
Following Divine Liturgy

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Pascha Picnic



We are pleased to announce our upcoming Easter Picnic, to be held on Sunday, April 12th, immediately following Agape Vespers, which will begin at 2:00 p.m.

This joyful celebration will include food, fellowship, and activities. Families can look forward to a children's zone featuring bouncy houses, an Easter egg hunt, and additional activities designed for our youngest parishioners.

The meat for the picnic has been covered, but to complement the meal, a sign-up sheet will be available in the church hall for those who would like to contribute sides, drinks, desserts, and other items.

We encourage all parishioners to join us as we continue the celebration of Pascha in fellowship and community. Your participation helps make this a meaningful and memorable event for all.

Parish Wish List

As we continue to make improvements to our church, people may want to help support the purchase of specific items. For this reason we have created a wish list which can be viewed on our website at holytrinityjackson.org/wishlist/

There you will see each item with a link provided, which will allow you to specify that particular item.

You can also Text "HTSJT wish" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.

We appreciate your ongoing support as we strive to make our parish the best it can be.



Holy Week Chanter



For our Holy Week services this year we will be joined by a visiting chanter, Andrew

Roushdy. Andrew is a graduate of Hellenic College Holy Cross, where he completed an MDiv and a ThM. He is currently teaching at Marquette University while completing his PhD. We will look forward to seeing everyone at the various services of Holy Week

