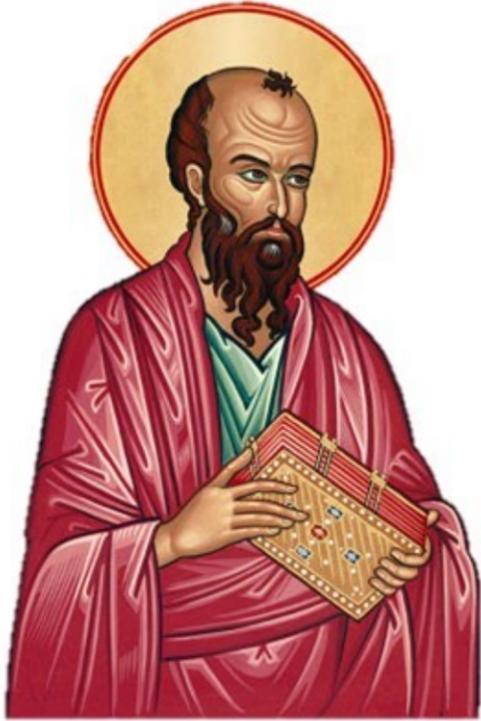


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March-April 2020

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a message from Fr. John Wallace

“Hello, My Name is Sinner”

"Hello, my name is Fr. John and I am a sinner." How many of you have ever attended an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting? If you have, you know that they begin every meeting by introducing themselves and naming their problem with alcohol. It is a very powerful way to combat pride and evasion. It takes real humility to identify yourself and admit your weakness. It takes courage to even attend the meetings in the first place and seek help. The approach has been successful, for those who are willing to seek healing, and has generated similar groups for those who struggle with other addictions like narcotics or gambling.

They share a prayer that goes as follows: "O God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change. The courage to change the things I can. And the wisdom to know the difference." It is called the Serenity prayer. It addresses the fundamental truth that we really only have power and control over ourselves and even that is limited and corrupted. We cannot "change" other people (nor should we try) and knowing this is crucial to our peace of mind and heart. However, we should, of course, help them if they are willing to be helped. Having the courage to change is often a missing ingredient in our on-going struggles with the habits and coping mechanisms we form in this fallen world.

O God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change. The courage to change the things I can. And the wisdom to know the difference

In the Gospel according to St Matthew (9:9-13) we read about the author himself. He clearly named and identified himself just like those in the AA meetings do. He even used his secular name, Matthew, instead of his synagogue name, Levi, so everyone would easily know who he was. Have you ever stopped to think how difficult and embarrassing it would be to stand up in front of people and say your name and admit your failures? And yet that is exactly what Matthew did. He stood up, said his name and what his crimes were. He even wrote it down for all history to know. What were his crimes you ask?

He collected more taxes from the people than they owed to the Romans. And guess what, he kept the difference for himself. He was addicted to greed. He was probably involved with thugs to do his dirty work and he certainly collaborated with the hated Roman authorities who oppressed and abused his own people. He was a traitor. And yet, some-

thing was missing in his life or rather, his heart was still the tiniest bit open to the love and truth of Jesus Christ. When the opportunity presented itself and Jesus told him to "Follow me" he did. He did not offer excuses like saying good-bye to his family or finishing a work project. Granted, this was probably not the first time he had been around Jesus. He was certainly aware of Jesus and probably had heard stories about his teachings and miracles. Nevertheless, he got up and followed Jesus.

Notice also that Jesus did not merely ask Matthew to follow him, he commanded it. I believe Jesus knew the time was ripe for Matthew to repent and join the disciples and Matthew found the courage to do so.

Not only that, he invited his friends, probably more cheats and traitors, to meet Jesus. He even hosted a dinner to bring them all together. And Jesus came. Now the Pharisees criticized Jesus for meeting with such great sinners. They criticized him for going to the AA meeting and breaking the Law. They refused to accept that the spirit of the Law (Love) was greater than the letter of the Law (judgment).

Brothers and sisters, we are all like Matthew and the tax collectors. We are all compromised by this world and our addictions. We all need healing. We all need to admit that and our need for the grace of Jesus Christ for life, healing, and salvation. May we all hear the words of Christ "Follow me" and follow him. "Hello, my name is Fr John and I am a sinner who needs Christ." Amen.

Meet Our New Secretary Richard Myers



Richard was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, grew up in Idaho, lived for ten years in Germany, and a year in Korea. He has managed offices for several organizations including the 76th Army Band, the 3d ID Band and the 8th Army Band. Richard served 14 years active military service in the Army as a Piano player (no he didn't march with a piano) and 3 years in the Idaho Army National Guard. He is an Active Church Musician as Music Director and Organist at St. John's Lutheran Church in Rincon, GA, is the Artistic Director for the Arts at Messiah, a free summer music series held at Messiah Lutheran Church that features rising star pianists, and is sought out as a piano accompanist throughout Savannah. He lives in Pooler with his best friends, Bella and Scamper, both Dachshund mix rescues. He is excited to meet the parish and help the faithful in any way possible.

St. Paul's News

Congratulation

Congratulations to Cimon Asselanis who accepted the open position on the 2020 Parish Council.

Congratulations to Alex Koukoulas on accepting the position as Treasurer to the Parish Council.

Congratulation to Casey & Georgiana Brannan and their newborn son, Christian Alexander, who was churched on February 2, 2020.

Congratulations to Christopher & Courtney Nastasi, and their newborn son, Cole, who was churched on February 23, 2020.

Sympathies

To the family of Marion Stoupenos who passed on January 2, 2020.

To the family of Gabrielle Franklin who passed on January 22, 2020.

To the family of Taso Petakos who passed on February 1, 2020.

May their memories be eternal.

Thank You

Please join me and the Parish Council in giving a great big shout-out and thank you to Jerry, Mary Ann, and Patrick Welsh for all of their efforts in cleaning and organizing the kitchen and storage areas. They have worked very hard and deserve our appreciation. Thank You! Fr. John

Thank you to the Koukoulas, Sideris, Stevens, Chokos and Peters families who have sponsored our Sunday coffee. If you would like to sponsor a coffee, just call the office for more information.

Philoptochos News

Vasilopita Luncheon

A nice time was had by all at our annual Vasilopita Luncheon. Thank you to all who made it possible. From the ladies who came to set up to the parishioners who bought tickets, you are all greatly appreciated. Our bread auction raised \$1,175.00, and was donated to the children at St. Basil's Academy. A big thank you to Tia Halatas, Lynn and Alex Koukoulas and Bonnie Danos for baking the auction items, and to our Auctioneer Billy Norse. Thanks also to the kitchen crew who cooked our delicious meal, Tom Sideris, Tommy Danos, Pete Simon, Jerry and Mary Ann Welsh, Dean and Bonnie Danos and Stamata Karfakis.

Savannah International Food and Wine Tasting
The Food and Wine was very success. Thank you to our many volunteers and the chairpersons

Jamie Newman or Lynn Koukoulas. This year's charities are Camp Aloha, Employability, and SAFE Shelter.

Communication

If you are not a member already, please join our Facebook group. Just search for St. Barbara's Philoptochos Society Savannah, GA in the Facebook search bar! Thank you to Michelle Miltiades who is doing a wonderful job posting inspirational messages and updates to our community.

To stay up-to-date on the latest announcements, ensure you are receiving email from stbarbaraphilosav@gmail.com

Sunday School News

Blessed Lent to you all.

Please mark your calendars:

Sunday of Orthodoxy, March 8. Students need to bring an icon and be a part of the Procession of Icons at the end of liturgy.

Saturday of Lazarus, April 11, at 9 am. We will have a pancake breakfast after the liturgy and will be tying palms as well.

No Classes March 8: Sunday of Orthodoxy
April 12: Palm Sunday
April 19: Easter

Hope/Joy

Our Painting Party was a huge success. The children had a wonderful time. Thank you to all who attended, and a big thank you to The Art Bash Studio for sponsoring this event. Check out the pictures in this issue or on our Sunday school Facebook page.

Mark your calendars: Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday April 18 in the courtyard 11:00 am.

Bookstore News

The bookstore now has books about Lent and Easter week for sale as well as packs of Greek red Easter egg dye.

Sale Item: 2020 Daily Lives, Miracles, and Wisdom of the Saints and Fasting Calendar books reduced from \$25 to \$15.

Come check out the bookstore after church on Sunday and see what all we have available for you to enrich your spiritual life.

Sunday Parking on Anderson St.

Cars parked on Anderson Street, in the closed lane, need to be moved by 1:00 pm on Sundays. The permit to close the lane expires at 1:00 pm, and the area has to be open to traffic before the expired time. When parking in this area, please make sure your vehicle is moved by 1:00 pm or the church could be fined.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation on this matter.

Installation of 2020 Parish Council



Vasiloptia Sunday





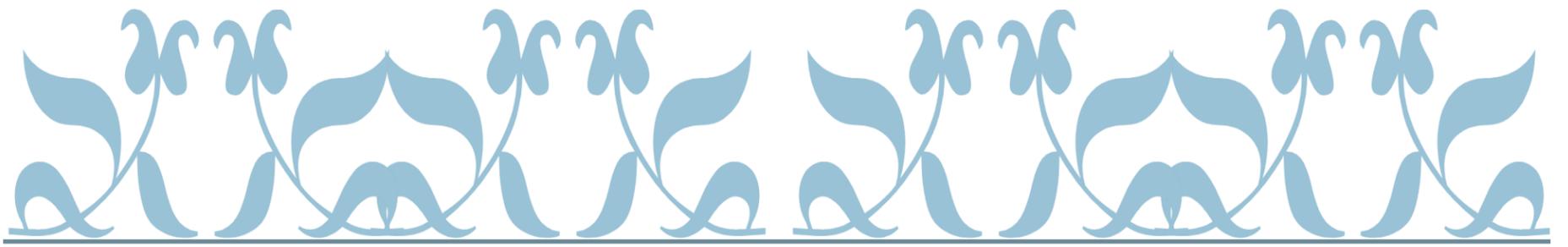


Casey & Georgiana Brannan and their newborn son, Christian Alexander 40 day Blessing

Hope/Joy Art Bash Valentine Event







Lenten and Holy Week Donations

Salutations Service Icons (\$45 each)

- I. March 6
- II. March 13
- III. March 20
- IV. March 27
- V. April 3

Akathist Hymn

3rd Sunday of Lent Icon (\$45)
March 22

Flowers for Holy Cross (\$80)
March 22

Holy Week Icons (\$45 each)
Palm Sunday 4/12
Bridegroom Icon 4/12-14
Resurrection Icon 4/18

Palm Sunday: Cutting and Offering of
Palms

Purple Ribbons for Iconostation
(\$40)

Holy Thursday 4/16 (\$100)
Wreath & Base of cross

Holy Thursday 4-16 (\$100)
Crown of Thorns

Good Friday 4/17)
Epitafios Cross (\$100)
4 Flower girls (\$25 each)
Epitafios Candles/17 (\$60)

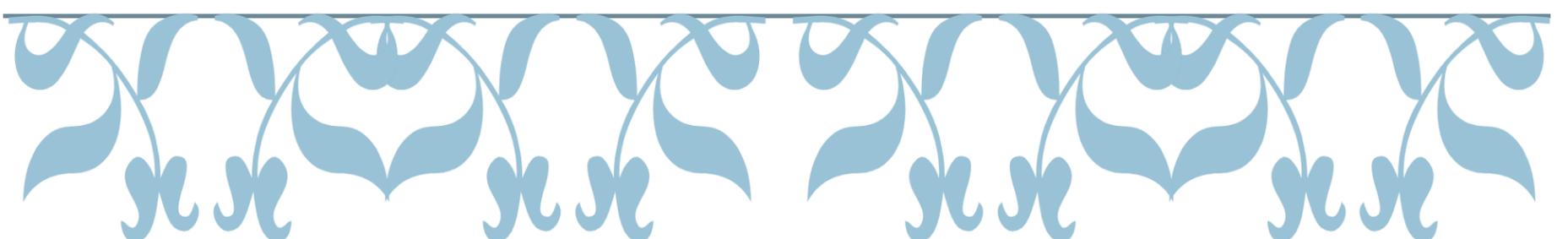
Veneration of the Cross (\$50 each)
Purple Ribbon 3/22
White Ribbon 4/19

Easter Wreath (\$100)
Base of Cross

Saturday Resurrection 4/18
Service (\$100)
Easter Crown (\$100)
Resurrection Banner (\$100)

Royal Gate Ribbons (\$50)

Bay Leaves
Easter Bulletin (\$60)
Easter Eggs





Presanctified Lenten Meals
We are seeking sponsors for Wednesday's Presanctified meals during lent. For more information and to sign up for a week, contact the church office. Dates available are March 4, 11, 18 & April 1, 8. Thank you for your participation.

AHEPA Greek Independence Day Luncheon

Mark you calendars for this years March 25, Greek Independence Day Celebration. AHEPA will sponsor a luncheon after church on March 22, 2020 More information to follow.



Hellenic Dance Festival

We need you. We don't know who you are yet, but we need someone who loves Greek dance to help us nurture and lead an HDF dance team. If you are interested, please let the church office know.

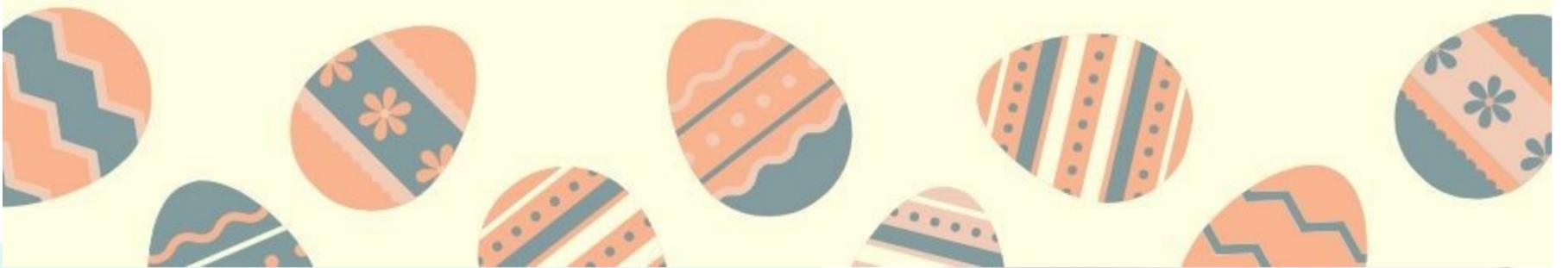
Thank you,
Fr. John



SATURDAY APRIL 18!

Easter Egg Hunt

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for the month of

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Acolytes: Luke Lambros, Landon Lambros, Isaac Morris, and Cameron Vatistas.

Bookstore: Deena Stevens

March 8

Ushers: *Tom Sideris, **Lear Miltiades, Jimmy Anestos, Constantinos Papaconstantiou, Julie Chokos Peters, Pete Simon and Pete Liakakis

Acolytes: Aleksandar Domazet, Stefan Domazet, Niko Nichols, Dalton, and Andrew Elfrink.

Bookstore: Marie Danos

March 15

Ushers: *Leslye Phillips, Joe Haddad **Michael Roach, Cimon Asselanis, Connie Preston, Jerry Welsh Sr., Alex Kouloulas and Pete Liakakis

Acolytes: Luke Lambros, Landon Lambros, Isaac Morris, and Cameron Vatistas.

Bookstore: Anna Gounaris

March 22

Ushers: *Tony Morris, Andy Crawford, Billy Norse, George Polites, John Polites, George Donkar, George Vaveris and Pete Liakakis

Acolytes: Aleksandar Domazet, Stefan Domazet, Niko Nichols, Dalton, and Andrew Elfrink.

Bookstore: Alexis Donkar

March 29

Ushers: **Julie Chokos Peters, Tom Sideris, Lear Miltiades, Jimmy Anestos, Constantinos Papaconstantiou, Pete Simon and Pete Liakakis

Acolytes: Luke Lambros, Landon Lambros, Isaac Morris, and Cameron Vatistas.

Bookstore: Deena Stevens

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Volunteers

for the month of

April

April 5

Ushers: *Leslye Phillips and Joe Haddad, **Michael Roach, Connie Preston, Jerry Welsh Sr., Cimon Asselanis, Alexander Koukoulas, and Pete Liakakis

Acolytes: : Aleksandar Domazet, Stefan Domazet, Niko Nichols, Dalton, and Andrew Elfrink.

Bookstore: Crystal Farmakis

April 12

Ushers: *George Polites, **Andy Crawford, Tony Morris, George Donkar, George Vaveris, John Polites, Billy Norse and Pete Liakakis

Acolytes.: Luke Lambros, Landon Lambros, Isaac Morris, and Cameron Vatistas

Bookstore: Marie Danos

April 19

Ushers: **Lear Miltiades, Constantinos Papaconstantinou, , Pete Simon, Tom Sideris, Julie Chokos Peters, Jimmy Anestos, and Pete Liakakis

Acolytes: .Aleksandar Domazet, Stefan Domazet, Niko Nichols, Dalton, and Andrew Elfrink.

Bookstore: CLOSED

April 26

Ushers: *Leslye Phillips and Joe Haddad, **Michael Roach, Connie Preston, Jerry Welsh Sr., Cimon Asselanis, Alexander Koukoulas, and Pete Liakakis

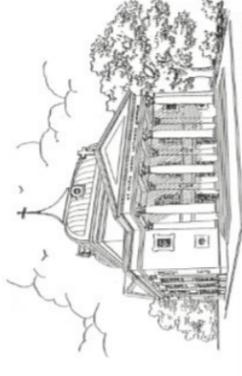
Acolytes: Luke Lambros, Landon Lambros, Isaac Morris, and Cameron Vatistas

Bookstore: Mary Rose Davis

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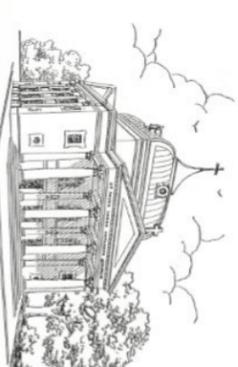
March 2020



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Forgiveness Sunday Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am <i>Philoptochos Tray</i> <i>40 day Memorial Gabrielle Franklin</i> Vespers 5 pm	2-Great Lent Begins 3	10- Parish Council Meeting 6 pm	4- Presanctified Liturgy 6pm Lenten Meal 7:30 pm	5	6- Salutations to the Theotokos 6 pm	7 - Third Saturday of Souls Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am Vespers w/ Icon Procession 4 pm Reception 5 pm
8-Sunday of Orthodoxy Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am <i>Procession of Icons</i> <i>with Sunday School</i>	9 10- Parish Council Meeting 6 pm	11- Presanctified Liturgy 6 pm Lenten Meal-7:30 pm	11- Presanctified Liturgy 6 pm Lenten Meal-7:30 pm	12	13- Salutations to the Theotokos 6 pm	14 Brunswick Service 10 am
15-Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am	16 17-St Patrick's Day Parade-10 am	18- Presanctified Liturgy 6 pm Lenten Meal-7:30 pm	18- Presanctified Liturgy 6 pm Lenten Meal-7:30 pm	19	20- Salutations to the Theotokos 6 pm	21
22-Sunday of Holy Cross Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am Greek Indep, Day Luncheon	23 24	25-Annunciation Greek Independence Day Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am	25-Annunciation Greek Independence Day Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am	26	27- Salutations to the Theotokos 6 pm	28
29-Sunday of St. John Climacus Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am Greek Fest Meeting 12 pm Oratorical Fest. 11:30 am	30 31					

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April 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am <i>Philoptochos Tray</i>	6	7 Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm	8- Presanctified Liturgy 6 pm Lenten Meal-7:30 pm	9	10 Akathist Hymn 6 pm	4 Brunswick Service 10 am
12 Palm Sunday Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am Luncheon Bridegroom 6 pm	13 Holy Monday Bridegroom 6 pm	14 - Holy Tuesday Bridegroom 6 pm	15-Holy Wednesday Holy Unction - 6 pm	16-Holy Thursday Vesperal Liturgy 9 am Passion Service - 6 pm	17-Holy Friday Royal Hours-9 am Decension - 3 pm Lamentations- 7 pm	18-Holy Saturday Vesperal Liturgy 9 am Egg Hunt - 11 am Orthros-11:30 pm
19 Great and Holy Pascha Resurrection 12 am Divine Liturgy 1 am Agape Vespers 11 am	20 Bright Week	21	22	23	24	25
26 Thomas Sunday Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am	27	28	29	30		

Fr. John on Vacation

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Easter Lilies

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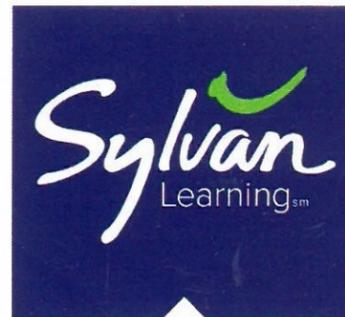


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