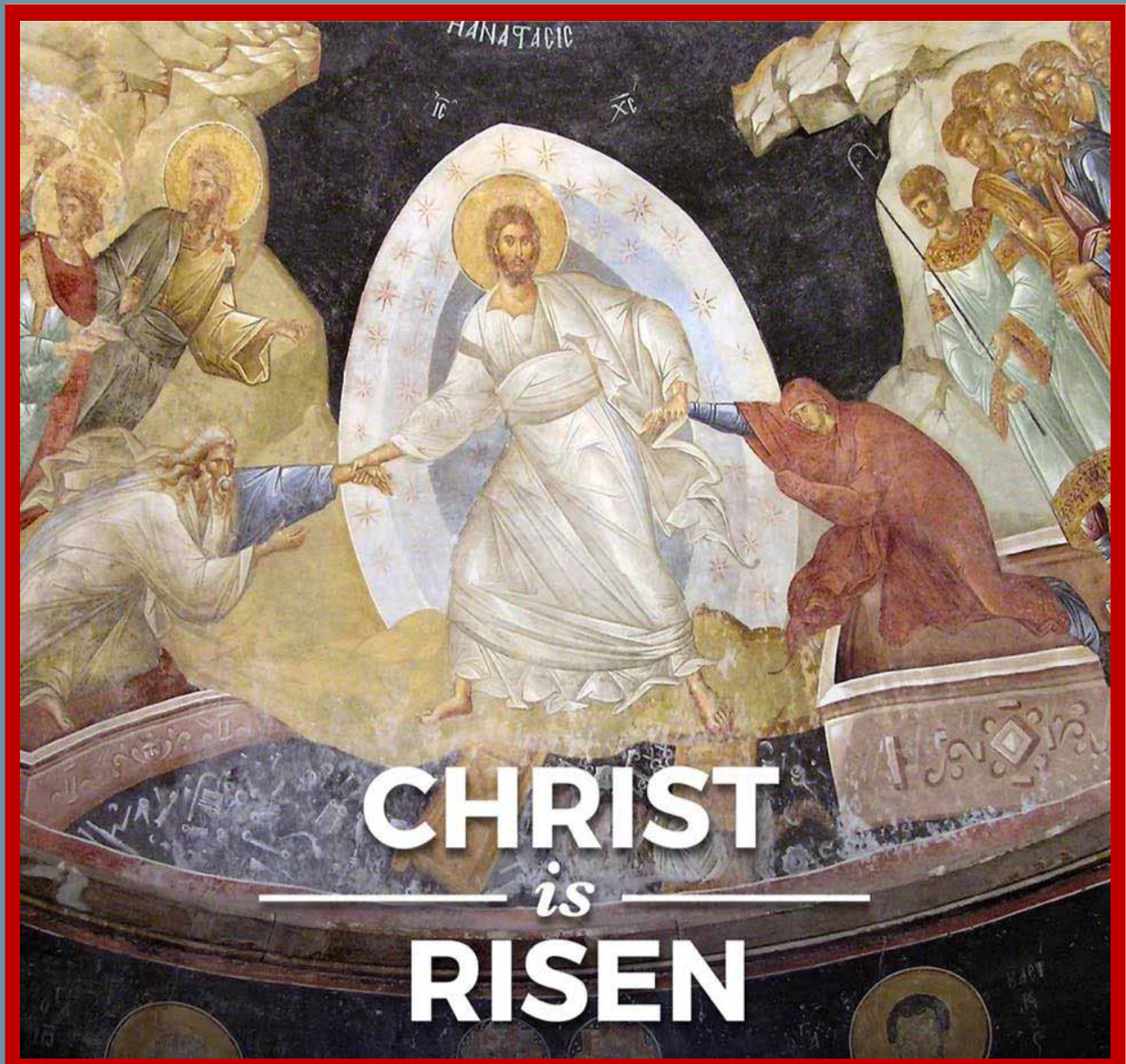


THE GOOD NEWS

Saint Paul's Greek Orthodox Church - Monthly Bulletin

"I am not ashamed of the Good News because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes." (*Romans 1:16*)

May, 2024



PASCHA!

*The Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
is celebrated on Sunday, May 5th*

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday

Morning Prayer 8:30am

Divine Liturgy 9:30am



**Special Services
in May**

*For a listing
of Holy Week Services
please turn to
pp. 4-5*



Monday, May 6th

St. George the Martyr

Morning Prayer 9am

Divine Liturgy 10am



Friday, May 10th

Life-Giving Spring

Morning Prayer 9am

Divine Liturgy 10am



Tuesday, May 21st

**St. Constantine
& St. Helen**

Morning Prayer 9am

Divine Liturgy 10am



Wednesday, May 29th

Mid-Pentecost

Saint Paul's Greek Orthodox Church

4949 Alton Parkway, Irvine, California 92604-8606

Office Hours: 9am-5pm Monday-Friday

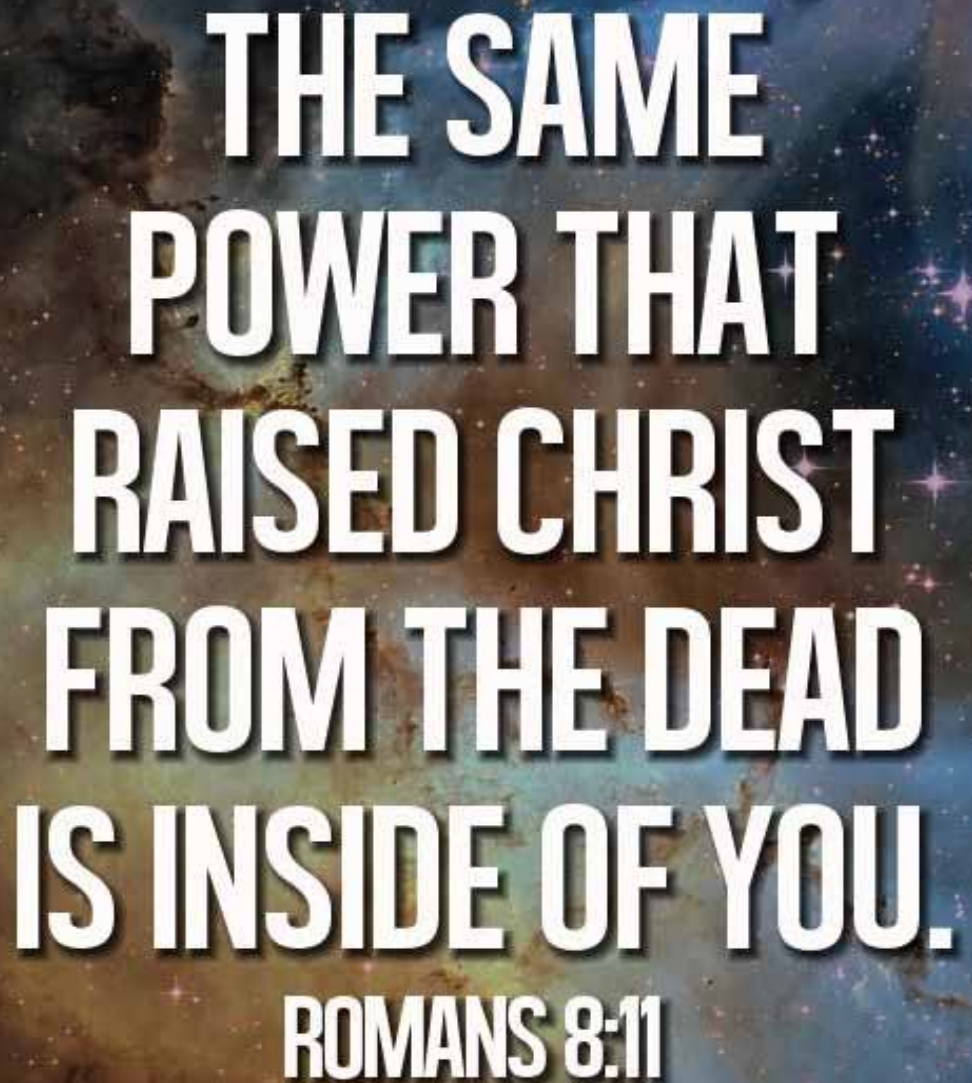
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**THE SAME
POWER THAT
RAISED CHRIST
FROM THE DEAD
IS INSIDE OF YOU.
ROMANS 8:11**

The Icon of the Resurrection: What does it mean?

Icons in the life of the Church are not to be thought of merely as portraits, photos or even necessarily as depictions of historical events. Icons are primarily about meaning.

What does the mosaic of the Resurrection in our Church tell us about the meaning of the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead?

What are its implications for us?

The central figure in this icon is the Risen Lord Jesus wearing a radiant white robe with a blue *mandorla* or aura symbolizing His glory as the Son and Word of the living God.

Reaching down, He is lifting up Adam and Eve—symbolizing us, the entire human race—out of tombs, freeing them from death and raising them up to eternal life with Him. ***This icon is a depiction of our true destiny as human beings. Jesus has rescued us from death!*** This icon provides an image for the most radical reversal one can imagine—the undoing of the kingdom of death. The doors of Hades—the realm of death—have been smashed open and lie in the shape of a cross beneath His feet. It is an action of breathtaking love and mercy. In the darkness beneath the doors of Hades are the locks and chains by which all of humanity had been bound by death prior to the Resurrection of Jesus.

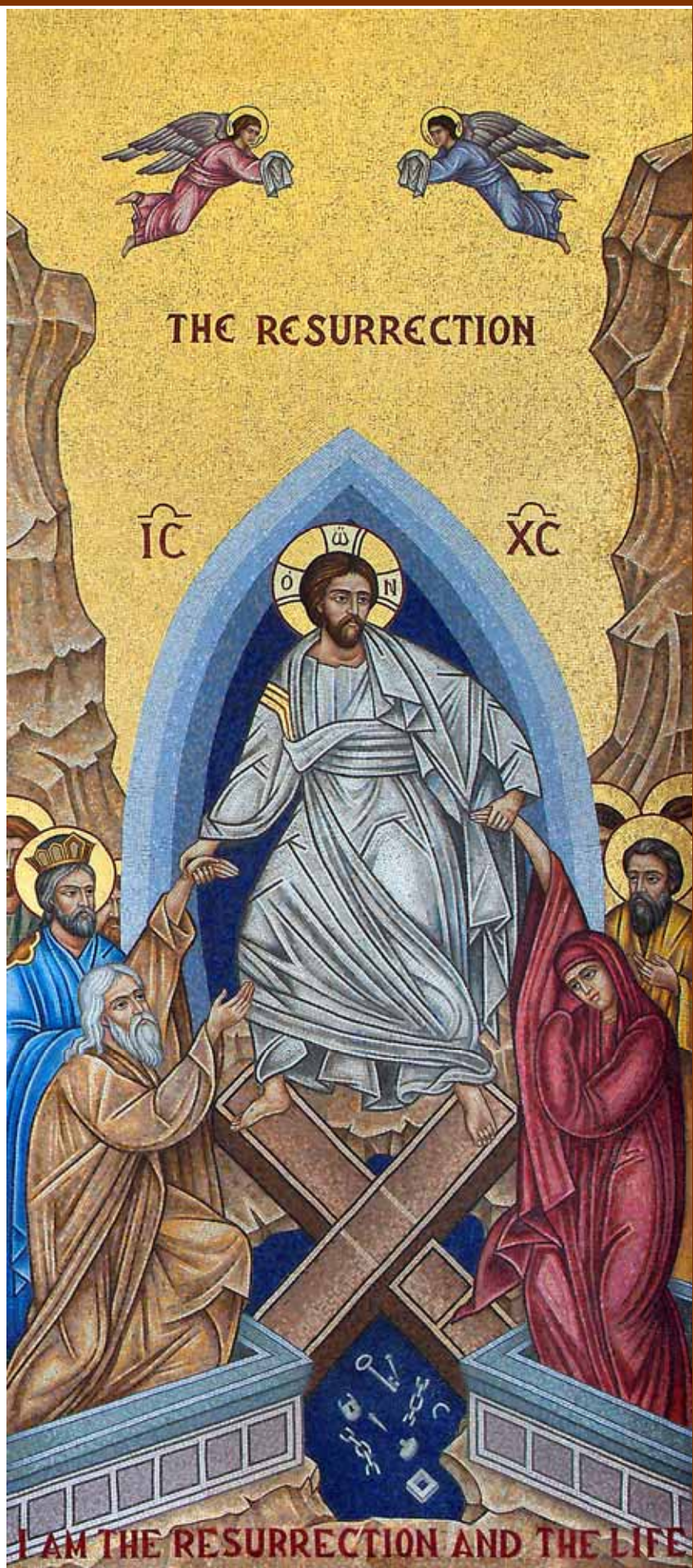
Death is NOT the end!

Next to and behind Adam is David, the prophet and king of ancient Israel, for the Lord Jesus is descended from the royal line of David. Next to and behind Eve stand some of the Apostles who will take the message of Jesus' Resurrection from the dead to the entire world.

And, at the bottom of the icon is written the proclamation that the Lord Jesus made to Martha, the sister of Lazarus, before He raised her dead brother, who had been in the tomb for four days, back to life:

"I AM the Resurrection and the Life."
(John 11:25)

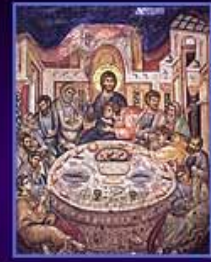
***CHRIST IS RISEN!
TRULY, HE IS RISEN!***





holy week

Journey to the Empty Tomb



The 2024 Schedule of Services/Holy Week and Pascha

The Saturday of Lazarus – April 27th

The Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom 10AM

Epistle: Hebrews 12:28 -13:8

Gospel: John 11:1-45

Palm Sunday – April 28th

The Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom 9:30AM

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9

Gospel: John 11:1-45

The Blessing of Palms 10:30AM

The First Bridegroom Service 7PM

Gospel: Matthew 21: 14-43

Great and Holy Monday – April 29th

The Second Bridegroom Service 7PM

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-23:39

Great and Holy Tuesday – April 30th

The Third Bridegroom Service 7PM

Gospel: John 12:17-50

Great and Holy Wednesday – May 1st

The Sacrament of Anointing 3PM

Epistle: James 5:14-16

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

The Sacrament of Anointing 7PM

Great and Holy Thursday – May 2nd

The Liturgy of St. Basil the Great 10AM

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-32

Gospel: Matthew 26:1-27:2

The Washing of Feet at the Last Supper 11:30AM

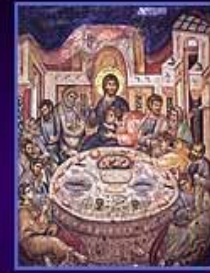
The Service of the Twelve Gospels 7PM

Gospels: Matthew 26:57-27:66; John 13:31-17:26; Mark 15:16-47



holy week

Journey to the Empty Tomb



Great and Holy Friday – May 3rd

The Royal Hours

10AM

Prophecies: Isaiah 50:4-11; Isaiah 53:1-12; Jeremiah 12:1-15

Epistles: Romans 5:6-10; Hebrews 2:11-18; Hebrews 10:19-31

Gospel: Luke 23:32-49; John 19:23-37; Matthew 27:1-56

The Descent from the Cross

3PM

Prophecies: Exodus 33:11-23; Job 42:12-17

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:2

Gospel: Matthew 27:1-61

The Lamentations before the Tomb of Christ 7PM

Prophecy: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Epistles: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8; Galatians 3:13-14

Gospel: Matthew 27:62-66

Great and Holy Saturday – May 4th

The Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

10AM

Prophecies: Genesis 1:1-13; Jonah 1:1-4:11; Daniel 3:1-57

Epistle: Romans 6:3-11

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-20

PASCHA/The Resurrection Service

10PM

Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

The Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

11PM

Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-8

Gospel: John 1:1-17

The Holy Pascha of our Lord – Sunday, May 5th

The Vespers of Love 12 Noon

Gospel: John 20:19-25 (Read in 12 languages to emphasize the universality of the Gospel)



Upcoming Events for Church School Families

SATURDAY OF LAZARUS - April 27

Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Family Continental Breakfast & Palm Cross Making

Hands of all ages are needed



Great and Holy Friday - May 3

Holy Friday Retreat

Ages 4 through Grade 6

Middle and High School serve as activity leaders

1:00-3:00 pm Registration is required

for students and teen leaders

<https://stpaulsirvine.org/ChurchSchool>

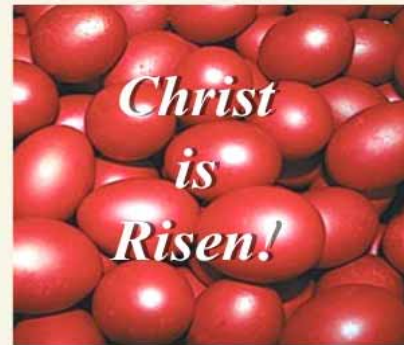
3:00—Descent from the Cross Service

May 5 - Great and Holy Pascha

The Feast of all Feasts!

No Church school classes

“Agape” Vespers of Love at 12:00 noon



Sunday, May 12

**Godparent-Godchild Sunday
at Saint Paul's**

Invite your child's Godparents, or your own sponsor or Godchildren to attend Saint Paul's on this Sunday and receive Holy Communion together. There is no fasting during the week after Pascha. Bring your Paschal or baptismal candle with you to receive Holy Communion. No Church School classes on this day.



GODPARENT AND GODCHILD SUNDAY

Great & Holy Friday @ Church School

Friday, May 3 | 1:00-2:55 pm

Ages 4-Grade 6

Craft | Film | Singing | Activity | Snack

3:00 Descent from the Cross

Teens in Grades 7-12

will serve as

Activity Leaders

Students & Teen Leaders, please register before

April 25 at: www.stpaulsirvine.org/churchschool

Help Needed to Decorate St. Paul's!

Please call the Church Office with questions or to volunteer @ 949-733-2366



Midnight Meze Set-up & Decorating

Friday, May 3rd
10:00 AM - 2:30PM
in the Event Center



Holy Friday & Pascha Decorating

Friday, May 3rd
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
in the Narthex

Saturday, May 4th
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
in the Church

Celebrate the Resurrection!

JOIN FAMILY & FRIENDS AT

MIDNIGHT MEZE

FOLLOWING THE RESURRECTION SERVICE AND PASCHAL LITURGY

in the event center

SOUP & SNACKS PROVIDED BY
THE USHER MINISTRY AND WELCOME TEAM

..... ❖
Smiles Provided by YOU!

2024 Pascha Picnic

**Pascha Sunday,
May 5th @ 1:00 PM**

after Agape Service

at St. Paul's

All family & friends are welcome!

Tables of TEN (w/umbrella) @ \$75/table

Individual seating at available tables @ \$10/seat

Traditional LAMB dinner @ \$27

CHICKEN dinners @ \$22

Children's Dinner of Mac & Cheese

w/2 Roasted Drumsticks @ \$10

BEVERAGES available for purchase too!

OR... bring your own favorites!!

Music | Basketball | Easter Egg Hunt | Fun & Games for ALL

Reservations at Table after Liturgy

beginning Sunday, March 31st

HUNGER STRIKE 2024

In A World Where You Can Be Anything, Be The Light!

Hunger Strike is a 30-hour Lenten retreat for Orthodox teenagers and their friends that changes the way they think and feel about themselves and the world around them and God. Through activities, games, and discussions, it inspires them, enlivens them, and teaches participants about who we are as Orthodox Christians and about the needs and realities of those living in poverty in developing countries and in their own communities. Participants had a real-world experience of carrying water in 5-gallon containers on their heads back to the church from North Lake in Irvine off Barranca, something children in rural Tanzania have to do on a daily basis. Through games and activities, the teens also learned about scarce food availability in developing countries and the essential need to scavenge for wood in rural villages in Tanzania, since fire is important for warmth, food preparation, and light.



The teens had a goal of raising \$10,000 to meet a matching-funds gift from an anonymous parishioner this year. Thanks to the many people who donated, their goal was met, giving much needed funds to repair non-functioning wells and to provide scholarships for students in Tanzania! They also made handmade blankets for FOCUS to give to those living on the streets here in Orange County!



The retreatants also learned wonderful lessons about our Orthodox faith from talks and workshops and were challenged to step out of the darkness of the world, to open their eyes to Christ's light and love in their life, and to BE the light in the world around them. Students learned about living a life of light from **Cherise Matthews** and about the sacrament of Confession with **Fr. Chris Retelas** from St. John's in Anaheim. They learned about the sacrament of Com-

munion from **Fr. Steve** and they made kollyva (the boiled wheat used for memorial services) with **Lydia Pearson**. I'm so grateful to these presenters who joyfully volunteered for the retreat and gave of their time, talent, and treasures to make the retreat so special.

The theme of this year's retreat was about being The Light. Christ's light is never more apparent than in the love of those who volunteer for this retreat. The Hunger Strike Leadership Team is an incredible group of young adults who navigate the retreat with care, fun, enthusiasm, and a lot of love. The retreat couldn't have happened without them. My deepest gratitude to **George & Kana Ala, Maria & Kevin Gallagher, Mark Hampson, Eleni Katelari, Nick Kouracos, Selene Lawrence, Hannah Manneh, Spiro Sun, and Tim Vleisides**. A very special thank you to the many people who jumped in and helped, including **Xanthipe Coroneus, Linda & Alex Gorbenko, Laura and Eleni Leventis, Mitri Manneh, Kassiane Olutade and Georgia Theodorou**.



With love in Christ,
Carolyn Kouracos

MISSION IS POSSIBLE!

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.” (Matthew 20:18-20)

*St. Paul's Orthodox Church, Kobunshwi
Attending Liturgy on March 3, 2024*

On March 3, 2024, I was blessed and privileged to attend Liturgy at St. Paul's Orthodox Church Kobunshwi, Tanzania. This, of course, is the church St. Paul's in Irvine built in 2007 and consecrated in 2008. After 17 years, I was delighted to find the church community thriving and the church building in good condition. The priest, Father Michael, and the congregation welcomed us with an enormous amount of warmth, gratitude and enthusiasm.

During Liturgy, the first thing that stood out to me is that everyone, including the children, sang throughout the service.

March 3rd was the Sunday of the Prodigal Son and Father Mathias, gave an impassioned sermon. It was a blessing to see all the children reverently receive communion and for myself, to partake of the Holy Gifts with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Just after Liturgy, while we were still in the sanctuary, a group of women sang several beautiful hymns in our honor. Afterwards, on the church grounds, the entire congregation celebrated with lively, customary Tanzanian dancing to the beat of drums as my fellow travelers, Alex Haimanis and Father Bob Fox from St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church, distributed candy to the children.

After the celebration, Father Mathias, his wife and children, invited us into their house for a light lunch and refreshments. The priest's house is located on the church grounds and was recently renovated to repair cracks in the walls and concrete, replace broken windows and apply fresh paint inside and out. The renovations were funded by our St. Paul's in Irvine and supervised by Adam Mwesigwa and our water team. Father Mathias and his wife said they were very happy with the renovations and extended their gratitude to us at St. Paul's in Irvine for making the necessary repairs. Overall, it was a pleasure to see both the church and the priest's house in good condition and the community flourishing.



Special thanks to St. Paul's Irvine, Philoptochos for providing the funds each year

for Father Mathias' salary! Their generous donations, not only support Father Mathias and his family, but is key to the long-term viability of our sister parish that connects us with our Orthodox brothers and sisters in Christ in Tanzania.

In the Name of Jesus,



ADULT THEOLOGY COURSE

SAINT PAUL'S
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

very short

A Course in Orthodox Theology

5 WEEKS beginning WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024



Option 1: Zoom Only

5:00 - 6:50 PM (Pacific)

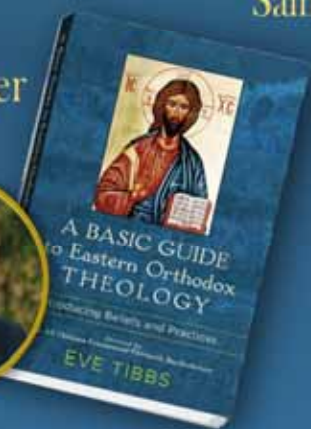
Registration Required

www.OrthodoxYou.com/register

Option 2: In-person Only

7:00 - 9:00 PM (Pacific)

Saint Paul's Library Classroom



This course will be taught by

PARASKEVE (EVE) TIBBS

(PhD Theology), author of *A Basic Guide to Eastern Orthodox Theology: Introducing Beliefs and Practices*.



***The 17th Annual Roman & Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christian
Ecumenical Service of Prayer for Christian Unity***

will be held at

St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church

4949 Alton Parkway, Irvine, CA 92604

on

Friday, May 17, 2024 at 7pm

Homilist: Fr. Eamon O'Gorman

Pastor Emeritus of St. Catherine of Siena Roman Catholic Church

A reception will follow the Service

*Featuring choirs from St. Justin Martyr and St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Churches,
The Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church, St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church,
Holy Forty Martyrs Armenian Orthodox Church & St. Paul's Assyrian Church of the East*

PARISH COUNCIL MINISTRIES

Christ is Risen!

I pray that you and your families have a wonderful Holy Week and Pascha! It is always such a blessing to see our Church family celebrating Jesus Christ's resurrection and we are very thankful for everyone doing their part to make it special. Thank you to our Clergy, Choir, Acolytes, Myrrh Bearers, Ushers, Welcome Teams and Administrative Staff for all of their work during Holy Week. In addition, thank you to those who decorated the Church, organized Hunger Strike and our Church School Good Friday retreat, sponsored and hosted Midnight Meze, and organized and worked at the Pascha Picnic.

It is inspiring to see all of us working together as one community, one family in Christ!

We also want to welcome all of the catechumens who were received sacramentally into the life of our Church through baptism and/or chrismation and offer congratulations to them and to their sponsors. Welcome home!

Please mark your calendars for our next General Assembly, which will take place after Liturgy on Sunday, June 2nd. All parishioners in good standing are encouraged to attend and hear about our Parish, receive updates on our finances and obtain highlights from a number of our ministries. The meeting will be held in the Parish Hall and light refreshments will be provided.

Please find the agenda below:

- Opening prayer
- The election of a Chairman
- The appointment of a Parliamentarian
- The approval of the November 19, 2023 General Assembly minutes
- Pastor's Report
- President's Report
- St. Paul's Endowment Fund update
- Treasurer's Report (2023 final and 2024 year-to-date)
- Stewardship Report
- Old Business
- New Business
 - Approval of San Diego Clergy Laity Delegates
 - Approval of Board of Elections Chair
- Adjourn
- Closing prayer

And finally, as a reminder, our Irvine Greek Fest will occur soon, on Pentecost weekend, June 21st, 22nd and 23rd. Thank you to our Chairman, **Andrew Markis**, and his Committee as they have been planning all of the details for months. Please mark your calendars and find ways to help support our Irvine Greek Fest since it is not only a major fundraiser for our Church, but more importantly a way for us to work together to demonstrate our faith, love and culture with the local community.



Thank you for your continued love and support of St. Paul's!

In His Service,

George A. Theodorou

President, Parish Council

STEWARDSHIP—GIVING TO CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH

Christ is Risen!



On Pascha night, when we celebrate with overwhelming joy our Risen Savior, (“Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!”), we are reminded in the Gospel reading at the Liturgy that night (*John 1:1-17*) of the eternal majesty of our Lord Jesus Christ. John’s magnificent description of Jesus, is designed to tell both believers and non-believers that Christ is the eternal Word of God, and the one through whom the universe was created. Jesus is the only One who can reveal the eternal life and light of God that shines bright in our dark and secular world. The world was seemingly consumed by darkness when Jesus was crucified, but He arose and conquered the darkness. His salvation conquers the spiritual darkness and enlightens the heart of every man and woman who trusts in Him.

Jesus is the Light and we are to reflect Him. Stewardship is all about radiating His light and truth in word and deed with our time, treasures and talents. Our mission is to be light-bearers of Christ so that others may see the truth of the Gospel and be freed from the darkness of deception and despair that can so often seem overwhelming in this world.

As we rejoice again today for Christ having conquered death, may we also reflect on how we are united with the Lord through St. Paul’s, our parish home. The gifts we receive from the Liturgy and Eucharist each Sunday, call on us to support our church’s missions and ministries. ***We give glory to God when we make it our purpose to use our gifts to help support St. Paul’s so that together, we can reach***

out to care for those in need and who are lost. Let us continue to commit and invest with the gifts the Lord has blessed us with in participation with His Church and in his love and care for others.



Truly, He is Risen!

Your servant and His,

Lou Machos

St. Paul’s Stewardship Committee

LOVE THE LORD
YOUR GOD WITH
ALL YOUR HEART



PARISH ORGANIATIONS, ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

ST. PAUL'S TRIP AT 11 AM TO DOCENT-GUIDED TOUR OF SHERMAN GARDENS IN CORONA DEL MAR WITH LUNCH THERE AT THE DELIGHTFUL 608 DAHLIA RESTAURANT UNDER CHEF JESSICA ROY ON THURSDAY, MAY 16TH!



St. Paul's Ambassadors invite all our parishioners and friends of all ages from all our sister parishes to join us on Thursday, May 16th at 11 am at St. Paul's for our trip to our docent-guided tour of Sherman Gardens at 2647 East Pacific Coast Highway, Corona Del Mar, CA 92625; phone: 949-673-2261; <https://thesherman.org/>. The ticket cost is \$5 per person. We plan to have lunch right there at Sherman Gardens at the delightful 608 Dahlia Restaurant under

Chef Jessica Roy. **R.S.V.P. to Dean Langis at 949-733-2366 or at dlangis@stpaulsirvine.org so that I may give a headcount for our docent-guided tour.** Thank you. Please come and bring a friend for a great day!



FREE CLASSIC FILM MATINÉE "PENNY SERENADE" WITH IRENE DUNNE AND CARY GRANT ON THE BIG SCREEN AT ST. PAUL'S ON THURSDAY, MAY 30TH AT 11 AM WITH LUNCH TO FOLLOW AT THE LOVELY FRENCH BUFFET- STYLE MOULIN CAFÉ!



Please join us for the classic 1941 film "Penny Serenade" directed by George Stevens and "starring Irene Dunne and Cary Grant as a loving couple who must overcome adversity to keep their marriage and raise a child." This beautiful film will be shown on the big screen at St. Paul's in the Parish Center; if you cannot come in person, you may also watch this classic film online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pCzZ40PiOow>.

Then after the film we plan to go for our French luncheon at the superb Moulin Café at 1000 Bristol Street North, Newport Beach, CA 92660; 949-474-0920. We can all meet there for lunch and order whatever we wish from the inexpensive buffet-style deli so that we can each pay our own bill separately. If for any reason you cannot get there

*For we are his workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus
for good works.*

Ephesians 2:10

CHURCH MUSIC MINISTRY



The Divine Liturgy: Think again

I talk to a lot of people about Orthodox worship, both at St. Paul's and at Fuller Seminary where I teach Theology. I think many people, including many Orthodox, tend to think about the Divine Liturgy from the "bottom"—from an earthly and practical perspective—from where we sit or stand, from whom or what may be distracting us, whether it's too long, too formal, too ancient, not apparently practical to everyday life. The Divine Liturgy is certainly not entertaining in the way that contemporary Christian worship is entertaining and we don't usually "see" spiritual growth as an objective "return on investment" for those two hours spent.

If your thoughts about the Divine Liturgy lean in that direction, you're probably not alone. But the next time you come to the Liturgy, I encourage you to think again, or at least a little differently. Try thinking about your participation in the Divine Liturgy from the "top" where Christ is the Risen King, instead of from the bottom where all of your earthly concerns lie. Consider that when you enter our church under the beautiful dome in which Christ is

enthroned, that you are entering into the worship of Christ that is always taking place in heaven and on earth. Try to imagine yourself "up there" with the happy folks pictured at Christ's right hand who are grateful for the life He has given them, and are delighted to be in His loving presence.

If you also try to sing along with the choir, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Savaoth" and "Alleluia" (etc.) you will be joining your voice with the heavenly choir of angels. Whether or not you hear them praising Christ in reality they are indeed singing those exact words at exactly the same time we are! This is what the Prophet Isaiah saw and heard in his vision of heavenly worship. (see Isaiah 6.3)

We have a great privilege at every Liturgy to lift our eyes, our hearts, and our voices to the heavens, as Christ Himself comes to earth to meet us. Thinking about the Divine Liturgy in this way has changed my own perspective on Orthodox worship dramatically. Thank you for letting me share it with you!
In the service of Christ, *Eve*

PHILOPTOCHOS MEANS "LOVE FOR THE POOR"

Kalo Pascha!



Philoptochos has been busy during this season with our annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale and **Families Forward Food Drive**. Thank you to everyone who purchased our delicious pastries for Pascha and who donated canned and boxed goods to help those who struggle to have food for their families. As part of our Lenten Project, we were so happy to see so many of our Parish families and their children participate!! The bins were overflowing with your generous contributions. Our future *Philoptochos* members, **Helena and Loula Boucher and Edie Lou and Louis Whitman**, were busy getting donations for the cause!! Thank you everyone for your support of *Philoptochos* and our charities.

St. Paul's
Philoptochos

was well represented at the recent **Metropolis Agape Luncheon**, benefitting the **Kids 'n' Cancer** ministry, on April 14th. Our Chapter presented a check for **\$8,000** to Metropolis *Philoptochos* President, **Jeannie Ranglas** with His Eminence, **Metropolitan Gerasimos**, participating in the event. *Philoptochos* members attending



were **Kia Davis, Kiki Davis, Rama Debbaneh, Nada Gerig, Barbara House, Hresula Hudoff, Diana Jianas, Melinda Kartsonis, Denise Lekas, Priscilla Tedesco, and Evanthia Rigas**.



Kids 'n' Cancer sponsors an all-expenses paid week of camp for children afflicted with cancer, as well as their families. Situated in 4 cities throughout the Metropolis, **Camp Agape** is a place where these children get a respite from their fight against cancer and enjoy time with other campers. Wonderful friendships and camaraderie between families take place and provide invaluable relationships. Sports activities, crafts, dances, great food and music are part of the week's festivities. We were fortunate to hear the testimonials of two families who participate in Camp Agape annually and were particularly moved by the personal journey one young camper revealed about why she is still with us. It was an amazing story of God's hand in allowing this young girl's tumors and Stage IV cancer diagnosis to be completely resolved. God is great and heals! We pray for these children and their families and will continue to raise funds for this amazing ministry.



Our Membership Drive is ongoing...Please remember to sign up online, or in person at Church at the Membership table after liturgy, to **renew** your 2024 membership. **Never been a member??** Now is the time to join and be a part of *Philoptochos*. We are working hard to help those in need so they can thrive-join us to help make a difference in others' lives!

We are 223 members strong as of 4/17/24!!

In His Service,

St. Paul's Philoptochos Stewardship 2024

*Thank you for supporting our philanthropy and outreach to those in need.
If you are not already a Member/Associate for 2024, please join us!*

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St. Paul's 2024 Scholarship Opportunities



Congratulations to our Saint Paul's Greek Orthodox Church **Class of 2024 High School graduating Seniors!** We are very proud of you and your wonderful achievements. May God's love and His blessings and guidance be with you always! **Scholarship** applications are open to **Class of 2024 High School** graduating seniors, as well as **post High School students** applying to **Orthodox Ministry** or **Educational** opportunities.

Father George S. Stephanides Scholarship

Reverend Father George S. Stephanides (1933-1996) was the founding pastor of Saint Paul's Greek Orthodox Church. He celebrated the first Liturgy at Mission Viejo High School on June 11, 1978 and in the new Saint Paul's sanctuary on May 17, 1992. A beloved husband, father, grandfather, and Godfather, Father George joyfully served in the priesthood for 36 years, and faithfully and lovingly guided Saint Paul's parish for 18 years preaching the Word of God.

Connie Pastis Scholarship

Constantine N. Pastis (1938-2001) was a devoted member of Saint Paul's Greek Orthodox Church for 25 years and founder on the first Building Fund drive. Connie served honorably in the United States Army Reserves for six years and loved our country. A beloved husband, father, grandfather, and Godfather, Connie was a good and faithful man who loved Jesus Christ and Saint Paul's and placed God and family as his priorities. He blessed our church family with his gift of bringing people together with his warm and welcoming words and his loving hospitality helped make our parish, newcomers, and visitors a family in Christ.

Stephen C. Oller Scholarship

Stephen C. Oller (1948-2017) was a devoted member of Saint Paul's Greek Orthodox Church for 30 years and a dedicated Parish Council member for many years. Steve was a righteous man of strong faith who loved Jesus Christ and Saint Paul's. A beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and Godfather, he placed God and family as priority. A Veteran of the United States Army, Steve was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service in Vietnam. He was a gifted artist and a wonderful Art Teacher and Educator. Steve loved to serve our Church and believed in always helping and encouraging others and to give glory to God.

Tykye G. Camaras Scholarship

Tykye G. Camaras (1929-2019) was a dedicated founding member of Saint Paul's Greek Orthodox Church. He was an active member of our parish and served on both the Parish Council and Foundation Board for many years. In 1994, he received the Medal of St. Paul from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. He was a long-time member of Leadership 100 and an Archon of Ecumenical Patriarchate (1995-2019). A veteran of the United States Army, Tykye served admirably in the Korean War, earning a Korean Service Medal with a Bronze Star and a United Nations Service Medal. In 2006 he was the recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. A beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and Godfather, Tykye was a faithful, generous, and caring man who loved the Orthodox Church, St. Paul's Family, and his Greek heritage.

St. Paul's Endowment Fund Scholarship

The St. Paul's Endowment Fund is intended to provide perpetual financial support for St. Paul's programs, ministries, services and facilities. The Fund is administered by St. Paul's Foundation which is composed of long-time parishioners that have actively participated in the development of St. Paul's with a dedication of their time, talent and capital contributions. This scholarship is intended to recognize that the future of St. Paul's lies in the hands of the next generation of parishioners, and is intended to support in the development and education of the youth in our parish.

Scholarship applications are available in the Church Office and online at www.stpaulsirvine.org/scholarships. Completed applications must be returned to the Church Office by **May 15, 2024**. Scholarships will be announced on **Sunday, June 2, 2024**.

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May

In the Year of our Lord 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April 28 Palm Sunday Morning Prayer, 8:30 am Divine Liturgy, 9:30am Philoptochos Bake Sale Choir Palm Sunday Luncheon Bridegroom	April 29 Praying the Psalms 9 am via Zoom Bridegroom	April 30 Praying the Psalms 9 am via Zoom Bridegroom	1 Praying the Psalms 9 am via Zoom Service of Anointing 3pm Service of	2 ✠ Praying the Psalms 9 am via Zoom St. Basil Liturgy 10 am The 12 Gospels	3 ✠ Praying the Psalms 9 am via Zoom Royal Hours 10 am The Unnailing 3 pm The Lamentations	4 ✠ St. Basil Liturgy 10 am Canon 9 pm Chrismations 9:30 pm Resurrection &
5 ✠ PASCHA! Agape Vespers 12 Noon Followed by the Easter Picnic 1 pm	6 ✠ Praying the Psalms 9 am via Zoom St. George the Martyr Morning Prayer, 9 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am Church Office Closed	7 Praying the Psalms 9 am via Zoom Choir, 7 pm Catholic/Orthodox Book Club, 7 pm	8 Praying the Psalms 9 am via Zoom Orthodox Christianity 101 CELEBRATION, 7 pm	9 Praying the Psalms 9 am via Zoom Orthodox Koinonia Bible Study on Psalms & Proverbs, 7:30 pm	10 ✠ Praying the Psalms 9 am via Zoom The Life-Giving Spring Morning Prayer, 9 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am	11
12 ✠ Thomas Sunday Godparent Sunday Mothers Day Morning Prayer, 8:30 am Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am	13 Praying the Psalms 9 am via Zoom Women's Study Fellowship, 11 am Bible Study on 1 John, 7:30 pm via Zoom	14 Praying the Psalms 9 am via Zoom Parish Council, 6 pm Choir, 7 pm	15 Praying the Psalms 9 am via Zoom A Short Course in Orthodox Theology, - zoom only 5 pm - in person only 7 pm	16 Praying the Psalms 9 am via Zoom Women's Bible Study, 10 am Ambassadors Tour of Sherman Gardens with Lunch, 11 am Men's Fellowship, 7:30 pm Orthodox Koinonia	17 Praying the Psalms 9 am via Zoom	18
19 ✠ The Myrrh-bearing Women Morning Prayer, 8:30 am Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am Church School, 11 am	20 Praying the Psalms 9 am via Zoom Bible Study on 1 John, 7:30 pm via Zoom	21 ✠ Praying the Psalms 9 am via Zoom Saints Constantine and Helen Morning Prayer, 9 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am Choir, 7 pm	22 Praying the Psalms 9 am via Zoom A Short Course in Orthodox Theology, - zoom only 5 pm - in person only 7 pm	23 Praying the Psalms 9 am via Zoom Women's Bible Study, 10 am Orthodox Koinonia Bible Study on Psalms & Proverbs, 7:30 pm	24 Praying the Psalms 9 am via Zoom	25
26 ✠ The Sunday of the Paralytic Morning Prayer, 8:30 am Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am Church School, 11 am	27 Praying the Psalms 9 am via Zoom Memorial Day Church Office Closed	28 Praying the Psalms 9 am via Zoom Women's Study Fellowship, 11 am Choir, 7 pm	29 ✠ Praying the Psalms 9 am via Zoom Mid-Pentecost Morning Prayer, 9 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am A Short Course in Orthodox Theology, - zoom only 5 pm	30 Praying the Psalms 9 am via Zoom Free Classic Film Matinée "Penny Serenade" with Lunch to follow at Moulin Café, 11 am Orthodox Koinonia Bible Study on Psalms		



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