



Holy Apostles  
ORTHODOX CHURCH

*Palm Sunday*

APRIL 5, 2026



## Growing Christ's Church Nourishing a Community of Love

Holy Apostles is a community of love and transformation in Christ. Our mission is to be an extended village, welcoming and encouraging both adults and children to participate in the Orthodox Christian Faith, as we grow together, like the Holy Apostles, to know, love and serve Jesus Christ.

# Holy Apostles Orthodox Church

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## SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

**Orthros** · 8:30 AM

**Divine Liturgy** · 9:30 AM

See online calendar at  
[HolyApostlesGo.org/calendar](http://HolyApostlesGo.org/calendar)  
for all upcoming services and events.

## JURISDICTION

Holy Apostles is a parish under the jurisdiction of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America in full communion with the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople.



## WELCOME VISITORS

Whether you are an Orthodox Christian new to the area or this is your first time visiting an Orthodox Church, we warmly welcome you to Holy Apostles. We are so glad you are here.

Please join us after the service for fellowship and a light coffee hour. We look forward to meeting you! Look for the visitors table and we will make sure to connect with you.

If you have any questions, an usher or greeter would be glad to help.

## HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is offered to baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians who have prepared through fasting and prayer. At the close of the service, please come up to receive antidoron (blessed bread) which is offered to all.

## A GUIDE TO THE SERVICE

The Divine Liturgy begins on page 19 of the hymnal at your seat. This bulletin mostly contains those elements of the service that change each week, including the hymns, readings, and prayers appointed for this Sunday.

## STAY IN TOUCH

Visit our website, [HolyApostlesGO.org](http://HolyApostlesGO.org), for our online calendar, events, news, and ministry information. Follow links to watch our livestream, listen to the parish podcast, read the monthly e-Bulletin and more!

*Holy Apostles is an English-language parish within the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese. Some hymns and refrains are repeated in Greek. You will find the Greek text for most of these in the hymnal, on the page facing the English text.*

## COMMON PHRASES OF WORSHIP IN GREEK

Lord, have mercy  
Κύριε, ἐλέησον  
Kýrie, eléison

To You, O Lord  
Σοί, Κύριε  
Sí, Kýrie

Glory to You, O God  
Δόξα σοι, ὁ Θεός  
Dóksa si, o Theós

Grant this, O Lord  
Παράσχου, Κύριε  
Paráschou, Kýrie

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal  
Ἅγιος ὁ Θεός, Ἅγιος Ἰσχυρός, Ἅγιος Ἀθάνατος  
Ágios o Theós, Ágios Ischyros, Ágios Athánatos

Let us pray to the Lord  
Τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν  
Tu Kyriú deithómen

**Orthros Gospel:** Matthew 21:1-11; 15-17**Mode: 1st (Tone 1)****Saints and Feasts**

Palm Sunday; Monk-Martyrs Claudius, Diodore, Victor, Victorinus, Pappias, Nicephorus, and Serapion; Theodora the Righteous of Thessaloniki; Agathopodes and Theodulos the Martyrs; George the New Martyr

**Apolytikion of Palm Sunday***Hymnal p. 145*

Before Your passion You confirmed the Resurrection of all by raising Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore, like the children of old, we also carry symbols of victory, and to You, the victor over death, do we cry out: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

*The Antiphons***The First Antiphon***Refrain after each verse:*

Through the intercessions of the  
Theotokos, Savior, save us.

**The Second Antiphon***Refrain after each verse:*

Save us, O Son of God, Who sat on a  
donkey's colt. Save us who sing to You,  
Alleluia.

**The Third Antiphon***Refrain after each verse:*

Apolytikion of Palm Sunday  
*See above*

*The Small Entrance*

**Priest:** "Wisdom. Let us be attentive!" (Σοφία, ὀρθοί! | Sofía, orthí!)

**People:** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord, and He revealed Himself to us. Save us, O Son of God, Who sat on a donkey's colt. We sing to You: Alleluia.

**Apolytikion of Palm Sunday***See above***Another Apolytikion of Palm Sunday***Hymnal p. 149*

In our baptism we were buried with You, O Christ our God, and by Your resurrection You have granted us eternal life. Therefore, we sing Your praises, O Lord: Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Apolytikion of Holy Apostles***Hymnal inside cover*

O holy Apostles, intercede with the merciful God, that He may grant to us forgiveness for our sinful souls.

**Kontakion of Palm Sunday***Hymnal p. 273*

In heaven upon your throne, while on earth riding the colt of a donkey, O Christ our God, you accepted the angels' praise with the songs of the children who cried out to you: Blessed is he who comes for the restoration of Adam.

*The Epistle***Prokeimenon. Tone 4. Psalm 117****Reader:** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**Verse:** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.**St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 4:4-9**

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

*The Holy Gospel***The Reading is from the Gospel of John 12:1-18**

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazaros was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazaros was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazaros, whom he had raised from the dead. So

the chief priests planned to put Lazaros also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazaros out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

*The Liturgy of the Faithful***Megalynarion of Palm Sunday***Hymnal p. 303*

The Lord is God, and has appeared to us. Prepare the feast and come with rejoicing. Let us magnify Christ: bearing palms and branches, let us sing praise to Him: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, our Savior, our Savior.

**Communion Hymn of Palm Sunday***Hymnal p. 317*

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. (3) Alleluia.

Εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου, βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραήλ. (3) Ἀλληλούϊα.  
Evlogiménos o erchómenos en onómati Kiríou, vasiléfs tou Israíl. (3) Allilouíia.

**Post-Communion Hymn***Hymnal p. 145*

Before Your passion You confirmed the Resurrection of all by raising Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore, like the children of old, we also carry symbols of victory, and to You, the victor over death, do we cry out: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

*The Lord's Prayer**Hymnal p. 77***English**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done, on earth  
as it is in heaven.

Give us this day  
our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive  
those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

**Ελληνικά**

Πάτερ ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς  
ἀγιασθήτω τό ὄνομά σου,  
ἐλθέτω ἡ βασιλεία σου,  
γενηθήτω τό θέλημά σου,  
ὡς ἐν οὐρανῷ καί ἐπί τῆς γῆς.

Τόν ἄρτον ἡμῶν τόν ἐπιούσιον  
δος ἡμῖν σήμερον·  
καί ἄφες ἡμῖν τά ὀφειλήματα ἡμῶν,  
ὡς καί ἡμεῖς ἀφιέμεν  
τοῖς ὀφειλέταις ἡμῶν·  
καί μή εἰσενέγκῃς ἡμᾶς εἰς πειρασμόν,  
ἀλλά ῥύσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπό τοῦ πονηροῦ.

**Greek Transliteration**

Páter imón o en tis ouranis,  
agiasthító to ónomá Sou;  
elthéto i vasilía Sou;  
genithító to thélimá Sou,  
os en ouranó ke epi tis ghis.

Ton árton imón ton epioúсион  
dos imín símeron;  
ke áfes imín ta ofelímata imón  
os ke imís afíemen  
tis ofilétes imón;  
ke mi isenégis imás is pirasmón,  
ala ríse imás apó tou poniroú.

*Post Liturgy***Stewardship Prayer***Hymnal p. 362*

Lord Jesus Christ, our God, accept our offerings as You accepted the gifts of Your people throughout the ages. We offer these gifts to Your glory, for the support of the ministries of Your holy Church, for the alleviation of suffering and hunger, and for the proclamation of Your Gospel to the whole world. Grant us Your blessing, Lord our Savior, that we may always be faithful stewards, continuing to share the gifts You have given us, by the power of Your grace, mercy and love. May your name be glorified forever. Amen.

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*Wisdom from the Fathers and Mothers***St. Andrew of Crete***Oration on Palm Sunday (7th-8<sup>th</sup> century)*

Let us run to accompany Him as He hastens toward His passion, and imitate those who met Him then, not by covering His path with garments, olive branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before Him by being humble and by trying to live as He would wish.

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*Welcoming the King Into Your Life***Eva Konstantakos for Diakonia**

Palm Sunday celebrates Christ's entry into Jerusalem as King—not a king of worldly power, but of peace and humility. Riding on a donkey, He fulfills the prophecy: "Behold, your king is coming to you; humble and mounted on a donkey" (Zechariah 9:9, RSV). The crowds welcomed Him with joy, shouting "Hosanna!" Yet days later, many turned away. This day asks: Will we welcome Christ into our lives and keep Him there?

Lent leads us to this moment of decision. Christ does not come to rule by force but to transform hearts. St. Andrew of Crete wrote, "Let us spread before His feet, not garments or lifeless branches, but ourselves, clothed in His grace." Welcoming Christ means more than waving palms—it means following Him beyond the celebration, even to the Cross.

Palm Sunday is a call to humility and courage. Will we remain faithful when the path becomes difficult? Will we choose love over pride, peace over power?

Unless otherwise specified, events take place at Holy Apostles. For more information, please see website calendar and events page: [holypostlesgo.org/calendar](http://holypostlesgo.org/calendar)

### **Feast of Palm Sunday Salmon Luncheon**

Today

Celebrate the triumphant entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem. Right after Divine Liturgy the Salmon Luncheon follows, donations gratefully appreciated.

### **Bridegroom Services**

Sunday, Apr 5; Monday, Apr 6; Tuesday, Apr 7 • 6:30–7:30 PM

We enter Holy Week with the Bridegroom Services, solemn calls to spiritual watchfulness for the coming of Christ.

### **Holy Unction**

Wednesday, Apr 8 • 6:30–7:45 PM

Holy Wednesday, the sacred anointing of Holy Unction is offered for the healing of soul and body.

### **Liturgy of the Mystical Supper and Foot-washing Service**

Thursday, Apr 9 • 9:30–11:15 AM

This Holy Thursday, we commemorate the Mystical Supper, where Christ first offered His Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist.

### **Service of the Twelve Passion Gospels**

Thursday, Apr 9 • 6:00–8:00 PM

On Holy Thursday evening, journey with Christ to the Cross through the solemn reading of the twelve Gospel accounts of His Passion.

### **Royal Hours**

Friday, Apr 10 • 9:00–10:15 AM

This Holy Friday morning, stand at the foot of the Cross and witness Christ's sacrifice through the solemn Royal Hours service. Decoration of the Kouvouklion follows.

### **Taking Christ Down**

Friday, Apr 10 • 3:00–3:45 PM

This Holy Friday, witness the solemn removal of Christ's body from the Cross, mirroring the actions of Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus.

### **Lamentations**

Friday, Apr 10 • 6:30–8:30 PM

Commemorate Christ's burial on Holy Friday evening with moving hymns of lamentation and a candlelight procession.

### **Holy Saturday Divine Liturgy**

Saturday, Apr 11 • 9:30–11:15 AM

Witness the first proclamation of the Resurrection as the church transitions from the sorrow of the Passion to the joy of Pascha.

### **Resurrection Service of Great and Holy Pascha**

Saturday, Apr 11 – Sunday, Apr 12 • 11:30 PM–2:00 AM

Receive the unwaning light and glorify Christ, risen from the dead, at the joyous midnight celebration of Great and Holy Pascha.

### **Feast After the Midnight Resurrection Service — BYOB: Bring Your Own Basket!**

Following the midnight Resurrection service, we will continue our tradition of enjoying a Pascha basket celebration together. Because our kitchen remains unavailable due to ongoing construction, the parish will not be able to provide food this year. Please bring your own Pascha basket with whatever you would like to enjoy as you break the fast.

### **Agape Vespers**

Sunday, Apr 12 • 1:00–2:00 PM

The Gospel is read in many languages.

### **Pascha Feast — Canceled This Year**

Due to the construction at Holy Apostles, we will not be hosting the traditional lamb feast on Pascha afternoon following Agape Vespers. We encourage you to join us for Agape Vespers and then enjoy the rest of the day celebrating with your families and friends.

Have you filled out your 2026 Stewardship form? Please do!



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