

SATURDAY 8 APRIL (LAZARUS SATURDAY)

- **Divine Liturgy : 7.00-10.00am**

Lazarus was raised from the dead by our Lord. The Church names this day the "Saturday of Lazarus" in remembrance of the resurrection of Lazarus and its promise of universal resurrection for all men.

- **Great Vespers (Palm Sunday Vespers) : 5.00pm**

SUNDAY 9 APRIL (PALM SUNDAY)

- **Divine Liturgy : 7.30 – 11.00am**

Jesus enters Jerusalem as King and the people lay palm branches along the road to greet Him.

We receive palm branches on this day to acknowledge that we accept Jesus as our King.

- **Evening Service of the Bridegroom (TOY NYMΦΙΟΥ) : 7.00pm - presided by His Grace Bishop Ezekiel of Dervis.**

Christ, the Bridegroom (O NYMΦΙΟΣ); the blessed Joseph; the Barren Fig Tree.

MONDAY 10 APRIL (HOLY WEEK BEGINS)

- **Pre-sanctified Divine Liturgy : 8.00 – 9.30am**

In this ancient and inspired service, we receive Holy Communion which was consecrated at the Divine Liturgy on the previous Sunday

- **Evening Service of the Bridegroom (TOY NYMΦΙΟΥ) : 7.00pm – Parable of the Ten Virgins.**

TUESDAY 11 APRIL

- **Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy : 8.00 – 9.30am**

- **Evening Service of the Bridegroom (TOY NYMΦΙΟΥ) : 7.00pm**

We remember the sinful woman who anointed Christ, in anticipation of His death.

*Her repentance and love for Christ are the theme of the **Hymn of Cassiane**, chanted this night.*

WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL (Christ's betrayal by Judas Iscariot)

- **Pre-sanctified Divine Liturgy : 8.00 – 9.30am**

- **The Sacrament of Holy Unction : 6.00pm**

The priest anoints us with Holy Oil (Ευχέλαιον) so that we may be spiritually and physically healed.

- **Followed by Matins of Holy Thursday.**

THURSDAY 13 APRIL (The Mystic Supper)

- **Divine Liturgy : 6.00am, followed by Holy Communion**

- **The Service of the Passion of our Lord : 7.00pm**

The Twelve Readings from the Gospels during which the Crucifix is carried to the front of the altar by the priest.

These selected narratives from the four Gospels, relate to the events of Christ's Holy Passion (ΠΑΘΟΣ) and His last instructions to the twelve disciples.

FRIDAY 14 APRIL (HOLY FRIDAY) (Christ's Crucifixion, Death and Burial)

- **The Service of the Great Hours : 8.00 – 10.00am**

- **Followed by the final preparation of the Epitaphion (Bier) in the church hall upstairs behind the church, by women of the Church.**

- **Great Vespers and the Taking down of the Body of Christ from the Cross (ΑΠΟΚΑΘΗΛΩΣΙΣ) : 3.00pm**

The priest takes down Christ's Body from the Cross, wraps it in a white cloth (shroud) and then places it in the Altar, as a symbol of His Burial by Joseph of Arimathea.

- **The Service of Lamentations (ΕΥΚΩΜΙΑ) : 7.00pm**

The mourning of Christ's undeserved death to save us from our sins, followed by the procession of the Epitaphion (Bier) symbolizing our Lord's Burial.

SATURDAY 15 APRIL (Christ's descent to Hades, and His Holy Resurrection)

- **Divine Liturgy and Service of the Pre-Announcement of the Resurrection : 6.00am, followed by Holy Communion.**

- **Service and Divine Liturgy of the Resurrection : 11.00pm - officiated by His Grace Bishop Iakovos of Militoupolis**

At midnight, in the darkened church, the faithful receive Holy Light (ΑΓΙΟ ΦΩΣ) from the priest. The congregation hears the good news of Christ's triumph; His victory over death, from the Gospel. The joyous hymn of Christ's Resurrection is triumphantly chanted –

"Christ is Arisen!" (ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!) The Divine Liturgy of the Resurrection follows, where we are invited to take part in the feast of

the Resurrection and to receive Holy Communion, ending with receiving the blessing together with the traditional red egg from the priest.

SUNDAY 16 APRIL (HOLY PASCHA)

- **Great Paschal Vespers of Agape : 11.00am**

At our Archdiocese Church of St. Eustathios, South Melbourne, headed by His Grace Bishop Ezekiel, and participated by the

clergy of Melbourne. (Bible passage is read in many languages representing the universality of our Lord's Resurrection.)

MONDAY 17 APRIL: Divine Liturgy : 7.00 – 9.30am

TUESDAY 18 APRIL: Divine Liturgy : 7.00 – 9.30am - Commemorating Saints Raphael, Nicholas and Irene

FRIDAY 21 APRIL: Divine Liturgy : 7.00 – 9.30am - Commemorating Miracle of the Life-Giving Spring

PLEASE NOTE: HOLY COMMUNION

When coming for Holy Communion—be modestly dressed, be present at the Service, don't wear lipstick as this sticks to the Holy Spoon and also stains the Communion cloth. Ensure you prepare yourselves spiritually with prayer, fasting and confession.