

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY – FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

RESTORATION OF HOLY ICONS UNDER EMPEROR MICHAEL, HIS MOTHER THEODORA & PATRIARCH METHODIOS

SAINTS TARASIOS, ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE & THEODORE THE FOOL FOR CHRIST
HIEROMARTYRS REGINUS, BISHOP OF SKOPELIOS & MARCELLUS, BISHOP OF APAMIA(CYPRUS)
MARTYRS ALEXANDER & ANTHONY

Sunday February 25, 2018

Guest Homilist: His Eminence Metropolitan Nikitas

Orthros

Tone: Five

Fifth Eothinon: Luke 24:12-35

Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40 (pg. 136)

Gospel: John 1:43-52 (pg. 137)

Epistle Reader: Gus Alex

Prophora: Eleni Zogopoulos & Carolyn Crossley

Coffee Hour Set-Up: Dina Andrews & Maria Smith

In March: Carolyn Crossley & Elaine Wade

Coffee Hour Hostesses: Ellen Papadakis, Maria Santy, Chrysa Servou

Parish Council: Andy Mitrosilis, John Giakouminakis, Vasilios Marutsos

Memorials: Ion-6 mo., Mihnea-1 yr., Petre, Domnica, Victor, Titi, Ion, Constantin, Ana, Floarea, Geta, Maria, Akemi

Organ Selection: Elegy (A. Giamanco)

Altar Boys Team: Four

Next Week's Team: One

Parish Schedule for the Week February 25, 2018

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Sunday, February 25 <i>Sunday of Orthodoxy</i>	Orthros Divine Liturgy & Icon Procession Sunday School Festival Planning Meeting GOBL Home Game (vs. St. Basil)	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 PM 3:00 PM
Monday, February 26	Compline & Confessions	7:00 PM
Tuesday, February 27	YAL Basketball Practice	7:00 PM
Wednesday, February 28	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy & Confessions Parish Council Meeting Boys Basketball Practice	10:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM
Thursday, March 1	Girls Basketball Practice	7:00 PM
Friday, March 2	Pre-sanctified Liturgy & Confessions Greek School SKY Night 2 nd Salutations Service	10:00 AM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM
Saturday, March 3	Greek Language School	9:30 AM

Sponsored Coffee Hour - May their memory be eternal:

Today's coffee hour is sponsored in loving memory of Ion and Mihnea Matei by Elena Matei.

Resurrection Hymn (Tone Five): Τόν συνάναρχον Λόγον

Eternal with the Father and the Spirit is the Word, Who of a Virgin was begotten for our salvation. As the faithful we both praise and worship Him, for in the flesh did He consent to ascend unto the Cross, and death did He endure. And the dead He raised unto life through His all-glorious resurrection.

Apolytikion of Orthodoxy Sunday: (Τὴν Ἀχραντον Εἰκόνα Σοῦ)

Your pure and holy image we honor Gracious Lord, entreating the forgiveness of all our faults, O Christ our God. For of Your own free will You deigned to ascend in the flesh upon the Cross, to deliver Your creation from satan's servitude. Thus with grateful hearts we proclaim to You, You have, O Savior, filled the universe with gladness by Your appearance to redeem human kind. (Τὴν ἄχραντον Εἰκόνα σου προσκυνοῦμεν Ἀγαθέ, αἰτούμενοι συγχώρησιν τῶν πταισμάτων ἡμῶν, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός· βουλήσει γὰρ ἠδδόκησας σαρκὶ ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, ἵνα ῥύσῃ οὐς ἐπλασας ἐκ τῆς δουλείας τοῦ ἐχθροῦ· ὅθεν εὐχαρίστως βοῶμέν σοι Χαράς ἐπλήρωσας τὰ πάντα, ὁ Σωτὴρ ἡμῶν, παραγενόμενος εἰς τὸ σῶσαι τὸν Κόσμον.)

His Eminence Metropolitan Nikitas of the Dardanelles is with us TODAY!

We welcome His Eminence Metropolitan Nikitas, Director of the Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute at Berkeley. His Eminence is here today to celebrate a family baptism. God grant you many years Your Eminence!

As today is all about Icons, a word about etiquette and Icons – Help us preserve our treasured Icons:

During Great Lent church attendance increases; there may even be services that are “standing room only.” If you find yourself standing along the side aisles, please *do not* lean up against any of the wall icons. Thank you!

Sunday of Orthodoxy, 2/25 – Pan-Orthodox Youth Rally, Vespers and Concert at St. Stephen (Alhambra):

All are invited to this annual local gathering of all Orthodox faithful. A youth rally will be held at 3PM. Choir members will also meet at 3PM to rehearse. The Vespers & Icon Procession will be at 4PM, followed by a concert by the POYAC (Pan Orthodox Young Adult Choir), Lenten refreshments and fellowship. (1621 W. Garvey Ave.)

Book your Lenten confession without delay:

Lent and confession go hand in hand. Fr. Michael will hear confessions (by appointment only) after services on Monday evenings, and Wednesday & Friday mornings. To book your appointment please call the church office.

Fasting... YES! Fainting... NO!! Let our Physicians Ministry help protect you from the rigors of the Fast:

Our Saint Katherine's Physicians Ministry has prepared a very helpful pamphlet on safe fasting practices. Please visit the brochure rack and avail yourself of the great information presented in this Safe Fasting publication.

Speakers unite at the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival – Sunday, March 18:

Topic choices will be available today in both the junior & senior high classrooms. Mr. Don Frazier will once again be available to assist speakers with the writing and presentation of speeches. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in this festival. Public speaking skills will be useful throughout your public and professional lives.

SKY Night – Food, spiritual enrichment and activities all in one evening:

The March 2 SKY Night will begin promptly at 6PM with prayer. Then a spaghetti and marinara sauce dinner including salad, water and EVEN COOKIES. Fr. Michael will speak with the Sr. GOYAns in the Fotion Fellowship Hall and then he will meet with the other 3 groups in the church. Sr. GOYA will be going to Laser Tag and Jr. GOYA will be playing winter Olympics at the ice skating rink. JOY and the LL&H will be entertained and educated by *Professor Egghead*. They will see and participate in science experiments. A good night for all.

Ionian Village Announces 2018 “Summer Camp” & “IV Next” Programs – Scholarships Available:

2018 summer camping program (for grades 9-12) offers two sessions: *Summer Travel Camp* (June 15-July 4 & July 15-Aug 3). Program participants will travel across Greece, venerate the relics of saints, walk in the footsteps of the Apostles, and visit significant sites of Greek history and culture; returning home with strengthened faith and a greater appreciation for the Church and Greek culture. New for 2018 is *IV Next* (May 31-June 11) the only travel-based program for young adults (ages 19-28) that has our Greek Orthodox faith as a core tenet of the program. *IV Next* combines professional development, international travel, and the Orthodox Faith into one all-inclusive program. In addition to excursions to the cornerstones of Greek heritage, participants will also engage in discussions about career goals, the financial realities of being a millennial, and how to successfully incorporate our Orthodox Faith into everyday business life. *IV Next* is fully funded by Leadership 100. Apply online at www.ionianvillage.org.

St. Katherine Foundation: Scholarship Applications due: *April 11, 5:00 PM*; Award Ceremony: *May 20, 2018*.