# From the Fathers (and others):

A man who is angry, even if he were to raise the dead, is not acceptable to God.

- Abba Agathon

Fasting in respect of food is of no benefit for those who fail to fast with all their senses; for whoever is successfully waging his battle must be temperate in all things.

- Saint Isidore of Pelusium

The intellect does many good and bad things without the body, whereas the body can do neither good nor evil without the intellect. This is because the law of freedom applies to what happens before we act.

- Saint Kosmas Aitolos

Provide yourself with such work for your hands as can be done, if possible, both during the day and at night, so that you are not a burden to anyone, and indeed can give to others, as St. Paul the Apostle advises (cf. I Thess. 2:9; Eph. 4:28). In this manner you will overcome the demon of listlessness and drive away all the desires suggested by the enemy; for the demon of listlessness takes advantage of idleness. 'Every idle man is full of desires' (Prov. 13:4 LXX).

- Evagrius the Solitary

Here on earth life is either kept or lost. Here on earth, by the worship of God and by the fruit of faith, provision is made for eternal salvation. Let no one be kept back either by his sins, or by his years, for coming to obtain salvation. To him who still remains in this world, there is no repentance that is too late.

- Saint Cyprian of Carthage

A humble man who lives a spiritual life, when he reads the Scriptures, will relate everything to himself and not to another.

- Saint Mark the Ascetic

Today people want to be loved and for this reason they are unsuccessful. The correct way is to not be interested in whether or not people love you, but whether or not you love Christ and people. This is the only way that he should be fulfilled.

- Elder Porphyrios

# St. John Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America



~ April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 ~ *Triumphal Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem* 

## ST. JOHN ORTHODOX CHURCH 1663 TUTWILER AVENUE MEMPHIS, TN 38107 (901) 274-4119 www.stjohnmemphis.org

#### His Eminence Metropolitan SABA

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America

#### His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS

Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Miami and the Southeast

V. Rev. Fr. Philip Rogers, Pastor

V. Rev. Fr. Basil Cushman. Associate Pastor

V. Rev Fr. John Troy Mashburn, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

V. Rev. Fr. Donald John Berge, Attached

**GREAT VESPERS** Saturday, 6:00 p.m.

**ORTHROS** Sunday, 9:00 a.m. **DIVINE LITURGY** Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America "...the Disciples were called Christians first in Antioch!" Acts 11:26

# Palm Sunday

**Epistle:** Philippians 4:4-9 **Gospel:** John 12:1-18

The Holy Bread for Eucharist is offered by Anna Pashchinskava.

Welcome to all those visiting St. John Orthodox Church. We are honored by your presence. It is our sincere desire that your participation today in the Divine Liturgy will draw you closer to Christ and His Church.

If you are from a non-Orthodox background, you may see new things such as icons, incense, the sign of the cross, the veneration of saints, and a great deal of standing. These can be perplexing to the uninitiated eye. Rest assured that everything we do has a solid biblical foundation and a long history among Christian people. Please feel free to participate where you feel comfortable and feel equally as free only to observe when you prefer.

The Orthodox Church understands the Eucharist, or Lord's Supper, to be – among other things - the paramount expression of Christian unity. While it is our deepest hope that Christendom will one day fulfill Christ's desire for true unity among all those who claim His name (John 17:21), the unfortunate reality of our day is that the various segments of Christendom are not unified with the historic Orthodox faith. Since participation in the Eucharist expresses a unity with all the dogma and practice of the Orthodox Church, non-Orthodox guests do not receive Holy Communion. The Holy Eucharist is reserved for those members of the Orthodox Church who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting, and recent confession. All visitors and unprepared Orthodox are invited to partake of the blessed bread as they come forward to venerate the cross at the end of the Liturgy. Thank you for your understanding.

ST. JOHN CALENDAR

**April 28 – May 5** 

**Upcoming Baptisms & Chrismations** 

on Holy Saturday – May 4:

Brian, Danielle, Luree, John

& River Pfeister

Thomas, Christy & Andrew Potts

Leigh Ann Pompa

Upcoming Baptisms – May 11

@ 4:00pm:

Abigail Verbist

*Upcoming Churching – May 12:* 

Ioana and Julia Rustom

(Great Fast)

- Orthros, 9:00 am Sunday

- Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am

- Palm Sunday Potluck, following Liturgy

- Bridegroom Orthros, 6:00 pm

- First Hour, 6:45 am Monday

> - Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 am - Bridegroom Orthros, 6:00 pm

- Third Hour, 9:00 am **Tuesday** 

- Men's Lunch, 12:00 pm

- Bridegroom Orthros, 6:00 pm

- Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 am Wednesday

- Holy Unction, 6:00 pm - \*No Women's Teaching or Bible Study

- Third Hour, 9:00 am **Thursday** - Vesperal Divine Liturgy, 4:00 pm

- Lenten Meal, following Vesperal Divine Liturgy

- Passion Gospels, 7:00 pm - Royal Hours, 9:00 am

- Bier Decoration & Flower Arranging

- Taking Down Vespers, 3:00 pm

- Vigil Reading Begins

- Lamentation Orthros, 7:00 pm

- Vesperal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am Saturday

- Midnight Office & Paschal Liturgy, 11:00 pm

- Paschal Feast

- NO MORNING SERVICES Sunday

- Agape Vespers, 3:30 pm

- Agape Picnic & Egg Hunt, following Agape Vespers

# Birthdays, Anniversaries, Nameday

**Sunday**, 4/28

None

Friday

Birthday: JonMark Hetrick

Anniversary: Rick & Christi Yadron

Thursday, 5/2

St. Matrona: Lady Hight

Anniversary: Brandon & Caitlyn Maas

**Monday**, 4/29 Friday, 5/3

Birthday: Carla Fahhoum, Wendy

Weatherall

Tuesday, 4/30 None

Wednesday, 5/1

Birthday: Ryan Adams

Prophet Jeremiah: Charlie Harvey,

Clark McGee

Saturday, 5/4

St. Monica: Monica Bennett, Carole

Spearman

### **Commemorations**

April 28: The Nine Martyrs of Kyzikos; Venerable Memnon the wonderworker.

<u>April 29</u>: Apostles Jason and Sosipater of the Seventy; the martyrs of Kerkyra; John, metropolitan of Thebes; New-martyr John; Basil of Ostrog.

<u>April 30</u>: Apostle James, brother of John the Theologian; Donatos, bishop in Epiros; New-martyr Argyris; Bishop Ignatios Brianchaninov.

<u>May 1</u>: Prophet Jeremiah; Venerable-martyrs Euthymios, Ignatios and Akakios of Prodromou skete on Athos; Venerable Nikephoros of Chios and Panaretos of Cyprus; Venerable Paphnoutios of Borovsk.

<u>May 2</u>: Athanasios the Great, patriarch of Alexandria; Martyrs Hesperos, Zoe and their sons Kyriakos and Theodoulos in Attalia; translation of the relics of the holy Passion-bearers Boris and Gleb.

<u>May 3</u>: Martyrs Timothy the Reader and his wife Maura of Egypt; Peter, archbishop of Argolis; Ekumenios, bishop of Trikala; Venerable Luke of Mt. Stirion; repose of Venerable Theodosios of the Kiev Caves, founder of Russian Monasticism.

<u>May 4</u>: Venerable-martyr Palagia of Tarsus; Athanasios, bishop of Corinth; Venerable Nikephoros the Solitary of Athos.

May 5: Great-martyr Irene of Thessalonika; Venerable Euthymios, bishop of Maditos in Thrace.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS				
Sunday	Philippians	4:4-9	John	12:1-18
Monday	Matthew	21:18-43	Matthew	24:3-35
Tuesday	Matthew	22:15-46; 23:1-39	Matthew	24:36-26:2
Wednesday	John	12:17-50	Matthew	26:6-16
Thursday	1 Corinthians	11:23-32	Matthew	26:1-20
Friday	1 Corinthians	5:6-8	Matthew	27:62-66
Saturday	Romans	6:3-11	Matthew	28:1-20
Sunday	Acts	1:1-8	John	1:1-17

# Remember in Your Prayers

Our catechumens: Jeff Bennett; Ben Haag; Thomas & Christy Potts; Andrew Potts; Brian, Danielle, Luree, John, & River Pfeister; Billy & Stacey Murray; Leigh Ann Pompa; John & Lisa Weaver; Hannah Gibson; Richard & Lucas Luper; Michael Pritchett; Taylor Tawbush; Kyle, Jane, Isla & Lachlan Esposito; Michael Youngblood; Ronald Coleman; Brandon Daley; D.J. Hobbs; Alex Fleming; Matthew Shanklin

Prayer Requests: Mother Raphaela; Schemamonk Paul; Fr. Don & Martha Berge; Jack Turner & family; Vicky (Maggie Harms's mom); Bill Stanek & family; Ken Alvis (Dianna Hildebrand's brother); Mary Elliott & family; Chris Hodges; Mickey Hodges; St. Nicholas Orthodox Church; St. Paul Orthodox Mission; Samuel Brownlow; Elizabeth Turner (Jack's mother); Aleksandra Klimkowski & family; Shawn McClenny (Miriam Redmond's brother-in-law); Stephen Hill (Nicholas Hill's brother) & family; Xander Moody (David & Rose McGee's nephew) & family; those suffering in the Middle East, most especially the Christians.

**Expecting:** Heather Hetrick, Courtney Hagemeier, Aryanna Smith

Diocesan Seminarian: Caleb McGee



**Holy Week and Pascha Surprise!** – Bishop NICHOLAS will worship with us for Bridegroom Orthros on Tuesday, April 30 at 6pm, and for Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday morning, May 1 at 9am. He will then depart for Jackson and then Tupelo and return for the weekend. He will celebrate Holy Friday, Saturday and Great and Holy Pascha with us, including our Agape Vespers Picnic. Come and celebrate a Joyful Pascha!!

**Decoration of the bier and flower arranging on Holy Friday** – Everyone is encouraged to donate flowers to be used in decorating the bier and nave. Please have your donations to the church Holy Thursday evening, or before Royal Hours on Holy Friday at the latest. See the insert for more details.

\*Reminder: The children of St. John will be decorating the bier following Royal Hours Friday morning.

Parents: If one of your children is 1<sup>st</sup> grade and younger, please stay to assist your child.

**School Excuses** – School excuses for Holy Friday are available in the office for those who are planning on missing school for Holy Friday activities and services. There will also be a link to it on the parish email this week.

**Paschal Vigil** – The sign-up link is online for those wishing to participate in the vigil that is kept in the nave from Taking Down Vespers on Holy Friday until the Paschal Service. You may sign up as individuals, families, or with friends to share the reading.

**Agape Egg Hunt** – There will be an egg hunt immediately following Agape Vespers next Sunday afternoon for children ages 0-3<sup>rd</sup> grade. If your child will be participating, please bring 12 filled plastic eggs and place them in the large bin outside of the parish hall anytime between now and Agape Vespers. Hard boiled eggs will not be hidden.

**Readers Needed for Agape Vespers** – If you know a different language and would like to read the Gospel at Agape Vespers, please let Fr. Philip know!

**Volunteers Needed!** – Holy Week and Pascha are well on their way! We will need many hands Holy Week through Bright Week to assist with setting up for the feasts, decor, clean ups and more! Please see the sign-up link on the weekly emails and review the available slots to see where and when you can be of help. Feel free to click on multiple slots! Thank you!

**Orthodoxy 101** will next meet Tuesday, May 21st at 7pm. The topic will be *Orthodox Eschatology*. All are welcome to attend either in person or via Zoom.

**Parish Pizza Party** – Following Vespers on Wednesday, May 8th, we will have a parish pizza party in the hall. Please RSVP on the email sign up if you plan to attend.

**Photos on Bulletin Board** – Is your family pictured on the bulletin board leading into St. Raphael Hall? If not, please see Mr. Trent Terry! He will take your picture and add you to our photos. There are so many new people and it is great to have a tool to put a name to a face.

# St. John Youth

**Today:** 

Sunday, 4/28 - Palm Sunday - Parish Potluck

This Week:

Holy Friday, 5/3 - Royal Hours, 9am, followed by cleaning/preparing for services

Holy Saturday, 5/4 - Pascha Services

Pascha, 5/5 - Agape Vespers & Picnic, 3:30pm

**Looking Ahead:** 

Thomas Sunday, 5/12 - No Youth Group (Ted Away)

# Women of St. John Calendar

\*Note: No Women's Teaching This Week

**Birthright Donation Drive** – The AWSJ is collecting donations for baby items to be donated to Birthright for our Lenten Service Project. You may leave new or gently used items (0-9 months) in the bin in the Library. See weekly emails & insert for donation list & more details.

**5/11 (Sat.) Bridal Shower for Mary Elise O'Brien, 1pm** – Please join us May 11th at Reem Mansour's home for a bridal shower honoring Mary Elise O'Brien. Contact Trish Ratliff if you would like to contribute to the group gift (Venmo @Trisha-Ratliff). The registry can be found at: https://www.zola.com/registry/maryeliseandjoe

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## PLEASE SIGN UP online....



- Paschal Vigil The sign-up link is online for those wishing to participate in the vigil that is kept in the nave from Taking Down Vespers on Holy Friday until the Paschal Service. For those new to the church, the Psalter and Gospels are read continuously in the church. You may sign up as individuals, families, or with friends to share the reading.
- Decorating & Set Up for Paschal Feast on Holy Saturday
- **Kitchen assistance for feast** receiving and putting out food
- **Agape Picnic** Clean up on Pascha afternoon
- **Post-Pascha Clean Up** taking down of bier during Bright Week, putting decorations away, washing and returning vases
- RSVP for Bright Week Wednesday Pizza Party

# **LIBRARY LINES**

The Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday) is a favorite feast for many in our parish. Lazarus Saturday begins our journey to Pascha. We do more than remember and celebrate these events. In one of the great mysteries of the Church (time) we enter into them in a different way than the original participants, because we look forward to Christ's Passion and Resurrection. Read *The Entry of Our to Lord into Jerusalem* (KID CHU ELA) to your children so your family can anticipate and understand the celebration.

St. James (4/30) was the brother of our own St. John. They were in the inner circle of Christ's disciples, and He called them "the sons of thunder." James preached the Gospel in Spain after Pentecost and returned to Jerusalem. The Jews sent men to discredit his message and spread lies about him. History records the names of three of them, and tradition tells us they were later converted. St. James, the first martyred of the Apostles, was beheaded in 44 A.D. Read more about him in *The Disciples of Christ* (KID STS SPR) and *Notes on the Holy Apostles* (REF HAG - - - MAS).

It is not by chance that we honor the Prophet Jeremiah (5/1) so close to Pascha. God called him at age 15 but he refused Him because of his youth and inability to speak well. God touched his mouth and gave him words. He spent the next 23 years warning the Jews about their impending captivity because they had forsaken God and worshipped idols. He was mocked, imprisoned and eventually killed by them. Read more about him in *Christ In His Saints* (HAG- - -REA).

St. Athanasius (5/2) is linked in our minds with the First Ecumenical Council. There he refuted the heresy of Arius. The Council supported his arguments but the Arians persecuted him throughout his life. At one time, he was deposed as a bishop and lived under death threats. He wrote letters in defense of Orthodoxy and commentaries on the Scriptures. St. John Library owns these books by and about him: *Athananius...The Life of Anthony and the Letter to Marcellinus* (HAG ANT ATH), *Christ Is Our Holiness: Be Strong in the Faith* (PAT ATH), *On the Incarnation* (PAT ATH), and *The Road to Pascha* (PAT ATH).

Pelagia of Tarsus (5/4) was the daughter of well-known pagans. Nevertheless, she learned of Christ and vowed to remain faithful to him and preserve her virginity. The heir of Diocletian desired to marry her but she rebuffed his advances. She made a secret journey to Bishop Linus to receive baptism by dressing in fine apparel then changing into simple garb and distributing her jewels on the way home to the poor. She told her servants about her new Lord and upon hearing of this, her suitor realized she was lost to him and took his own life in despair. When she told her mother about her baptism, she tied her up, delivered her to the emperor, and denounced her as a Christian to escape his wrath. Diocletian had her burned in a fiery-hot bull. Her bones were taken outside the city by the pagan. Lions guarded them until Bishop Linus could gather them and give them Christian burial.

# PASCHALTRADITIONS AT ST. JOHN

## **CANDLES (Palm Sunday & Pascha)**

During the services of the Triumphal Entry (Palm Sunday) and Pascha, we have outdoor processions (weather permitting). Traditionally at St. John, we bring our baptismal/Chrismation candle if you have one. For those who do not have one, you are welcome to bring your own white candle decorated with ribbon, flowers, greenery...whatever you feel is festive. Bringing candles is completely voluntary.

# HOLY FRIDAY CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES (following Royal Hours at 9:00 am)

Following Royal Hours on Holy Friday, children, CGS and above, of the parish gather to assist in the preparation for the upcoming service which includes decorating the bier.

#### **DECORATED BASKETS for Paschal Feast**

It has been our tradition at St. John to bring foods that we have been fasting from in a basket decorated with flowers. When you come to the services on Saturday night you will put your basket on the steps of the solea or the floor in front. After the liturgy, you pick up your basket and take it to the fellowship hall and place it on one of the food tables. The decorated baskets are a beautiful addition during liturgy and in the fellowship hall where we celebrate the feast.

Additionally, you may bring a decorated basket to take home after the feast is over to share with your family.

#### **AGAPE PICNIC**

The parish gathers for our annual BBQ picnic following Agape Vespers on Sunday afternoon. The picnic is catered by Corky's BBQ which is supplemented by desserts provided by the parishioners. This is a **B**ring **Y**our **O**wn **B**everage & Lawn Chair event and a wonderful way to spend Pascha in fellowship, fun, and food. The musicians amongst us normally join together for an impromptu concert, so bring your guitar, ukulele, mandolin, etc. if you'd like to join in.

#### **EGG HUNT**

Our annual egg hunt is for children in the 3rd grade and under. They should bring a dozen plastic candy-filled eggs *per child* and a basket(s) for hunting the eggs! Please put eggs in the labeled box in the parish hall before Vespers. **NO HARD-BOILED EGGS**, they will not be hidden.

#### **BRIGHT WEEK PIZZA PARTY**

Each year we enjoy pizza in the parish hall during Bright Week. This year, we will celebrate on Wednesday after Vespers. Join us!

9-Please feel welcome to participate as much or as little as you would like. জ

# CALENDAR & INFO FOR HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA HOLY WEEK

#### **HOLY SUNDAY, MONDAY and TUESDAY**

BRIDEGROOM ORTHROS (1  $\frac{1}{4}$  hours), 6:00 pm – Services are so called from the haunting theme song which begins:

Behold, the Bridegroom comes at midnight And happy is that servant whom he shall find watching, But behold, unworthy is that servant whom he shall find heedless... (cf Matt. 25:1 ff, Luke 12:35 ff)

Our Lord is the Bridegroom whom His beloved bride, His people, were not ready to receive. At these services we read the scathing prophesies addressed these three days to the leaders of Israel (Matthew 21:18-23:39). Will we be ready when He comes again?

## **HOLY MONDAY and WEDNESDAY**

Presanctified Liturgy (1 ½ hours), 9:00 am

## **HOLY WEDNESDAY**

**Holy Unction (1 ¾ hours), 6:00 pm** – We bless oil and members are anointed with it for healing, for Our Lord's death and Resurrection are for this as well: "By His stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). At this service the choir sings the first part, but the second half is mostly readings.

Things to know: We prepare for Holy Unction, one of the Holy Mysteries, just as we should for receiving the Eucharist. We need to have fasted and to have kept a confessional practice, which should have included a confession during Great Lent. The Holy Mystery of Unction will be given to those prepared on the night of Holy Wednesday, as is our tradition.

# **HOLY THURSDAY**

Vesperal Divine Liturgy (2 hrs), 4:00 pm – We serve the Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil celebrating the Mystical Supper at which Our Lord washed His disciples' feet and instituted the Eucharist.

A Lenten meal will be served following the liturgy and before Orthros begins.

**Passion Gospels (2 ¾ hrs), 7:00 pm** – Orthros of Holy Friday. During it we read twelve Gospel readings of Our Lord's crucifixion, interspersed with some of the most beautiful hymns of the whole year. In the middle of this service a large Cross is placed in the center of the Church for veneration.

### **HOLY FRIDAY**

Royal Hours of Holy Friday (1  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours), 9:00 am – We again contemplate the crucifixion, reading sections from the Gospel readings from the previous service.

*Epitaphios Canopy decoration* – Children, kindergarten and older, stay after the service to decorate the bier flowers in preparation for the Taking Down.

What you can offer: Donate flowers to be used for the bier – These should be brought Thursday night or Friday before Royal Hours and left in the hall. Monetary donations to offset the cost are also accepted.

**Taking Down Vespers, 3:00 pm** – Great Vespers of Holy Saturday. The *Epitaphios*, a fabric with an image of the Lord taken down from the cross, representing the burial cloth of the Lord, is carried in procession and laid in the bier, which is covered with flowers. In some traditions, the bier represents His Tomb. In others, it represents the "Unction Stone" on which He was laid and wrapped in the clean linens and spices before He was placed in the tomb.

Vigil – We will begin reading for the vigil following Taking Down Vespers until Midnight office. There is an online sign up in the weekly emails for those interested.

Lamentation Orthros (2 ½), 7:00 pm – Orthros of Holy Saturday. The *Epitaphios* is carried in procession around the Church. The many readings and hymns of the Holy Friday services present us with the many different facets of the awesome and compelling mystery of our Lord's Passion. It is at this service that the *Epitaphios* is taken from the bier to the altar, symbolizing Christ's body being placed in the tomb, which will also be the place of Resurrection.

# **HOLY SATURDAY**

Vesperal Divine Liturgy (2 ½ hours), 10:00 am – Initiation of new members and Divine Liturgy. This is the 'Blessed Sabbath' on which God rested — in the Tomb, the real meaning of Genesis 2:2. It is the most appropriate time for Baptism, as those baptized are 'buried' with Christ to share His Resurrection (Romans 6:3-4). Lent has its origin as the last intensive preparation for those who would be baptized this day. Today we read from the 15 Old Testament readings appointed that illuminate Baptism, including the Creation from Genesis, and the Exodus, and we read the first Resurrectional Gospel from Matthew 28.

\*\*What follows is a quote from Fr. Alexander Schmemann's Journal regarding this service:

I am writing before leaving for my most beloved of all loved services: the Baptismal, Paschal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, when "Life sleeps and Hades shudders...." I write just to say it again. It is the day of my conversion – not of unbelief to belief, not of "out of the Church" to "Church." No; an internal conversion of faith, within the Church, to what constitutes the treasure of the heart – in spite of my sins, laziness, indifference, in

spite of a continuous almost conscious falling away from that treasure, in spite of negligence, in the literal sense of the word. I don't know how, I don't know why – truly only by God's mercy – but Holy Saturday remains the center, the light, sign, symbol, and gift of everything. "Christ – the new Pascha..." And to that New Pascha, something in me says with joy and faith: "Amen."

PASCHAL SERVICE (2 ½ - 3 hours), 11:00 pm – This is THE service of the year for Orthodox, and no one wants to miss it. At midnight all lights in the Church are put out. This is the darkness and silence of the Tomb. Finally, the bishop or priest comes out of the altar with a candle. Everyone comes forward and lights a candle from this light. Carrying the candles, we make an outdoor procession to the front door of the Church. There we hear the greeting 'Christ is Risen!' for the first time and reply, 'Indeed He is Risen!' We will greet each other this way for forty days. We go into the Temple, now brightly lighted, and sing the joyous Paschal Orthros and the Divine Liturgy and receive the Body and Blood of the Risen Lord. After this service we go to the Parish Hall and find the tables sagging with every kind of good food, and we celebrate together until quite late.

## What to Bring:

- If you have children: pillow, blanket
- Pascha basket (see Paschal traditions) and/or dish(es) to share for Paschal feast
- Candle for procession (see Paschal traditions)

## PASCHA, May 5

**Sunday Morning,** there is NO MORNING SERVICE (the midnight service was the Sunday Liturgy).

**Agape Vespers, 3:30 pm** – We gather for the joyous Paschal Agape Vespers (the Gospel is read in many languages) and more feasting.

**Agape Picnic** – Following Agape Vespers, the parish gathers for our annual BBQ picnic catered by Corky's BBQ and supplemented with desserts provided by parishioners. This is a **Bring Your Own Beverage & Lawn Chair** event and a wonderful way to spend Pascha in fellowship, fun, and food. The musicians amongst us provide entertainment by joining together for an impromptu outdoor concert. There is a suggested donation of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children to assist in covering the cost of catering.

**Agape Egg Hunt** – We have an egg hunt for children 3rd grade and under. *What to Bring:* 

- Lawn Chairs
- Beverages of your choice (alcoholic and/or non-alcoholic)
- Instrument if you want to join in
- If you have children: basket, 1 dozen filled plastic eggs to hide -Hard boiled eggs will not be hidden