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<u>Church Services:</u> Saturday-6:00 PM Vespers (Confessions available) Sunday-9:15 AM Orthros (Confessions available) 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Coffee Hour following)

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- H & S Archimandrite Charles Aboody Michael & Anne-Marie Coe
- H & S Deacon Joseph Olt Family
- H & S Michael Hajjar, who offers the holy wine for the health & salvation of his family
- H & S Coe Family
- H & S Gualandri Family Michael & Anne-Marie Coe
- H & S Michael Baron Family
- H & S Rachelle de la Cruz Michael & Anne-Marie Coe
- H & S Ronald & Marni Lessa- Michael & Anne-Marie Coe
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- H & S Thomas Baron Family
- H & S Thomas Kalil Family
- H & S Victoria Wadle- Michael & Anne-Marie Coe
- H & S Walter Cheely Michael & Anne-Marie Coe
- H & S Wasserman Family Michael & Anne-Marie Coe
- H & S Eliza Hamilton Family
- H & S Carol Miller Henry & Marianne Murad
- + Anne Gallagher Family
- + Caynaan Saah Family
- + George Tabash Family
- + Laurice Jagganathan Family
- + Reema Samaha Family
- + Sarah Baroody Family

Schedule at a Glance

Sunday, April 9 Palm Sunday

Sunday School/Orthros,

9:15 PM

Divine Liturgy, 10:30

AM

Bridegroom Service

6:00 PM

Monday, April 10 Presanctified Liturgy,

7:30 PM

Tuesday, April 11 Bridegroom Service,

7:30 PM

Wednesday, April Anointing Service, 7:30

12

PM

Thursday, April 13 Service of the Twelve

Gospels, 7:30 PM

Friday, April 14 Vespers & Descent

from the Cross, 3:00

PM

Lamentations Service.

7:30 PM

Saturday, April 15 Divine Liturgy, 10:30

AM

Hajmat, Orthros, & Divine Liturgy for Pascha, 10:00 PM

There will be no services during the daylight hours of Great & Glorious Pascha

A warm welcome to all visitors!

MARKOOK AND ZAATAR (village bread and summer savory flat breads) will be made and sold by the ladies of the Abbas family today. Proceeds go to our church.

USHERS WANTED – We are looking for warm and friendly parishioners to help as ushers for our liturgical services. Duties of an usher include: greeting people as they enter the church for Liturgy; passing out Sunday bulletins; help direct the movement of people for communion, processions and blessing lines; take up offering; help keep order and propriety during services; assist people in need. If you would like to volunteer as an usher, please contact Anson Groves by email ansonmgroves@gmail.com

FASTING GUIDELINES FOR GREAT WEEK

Abstinence of meat (including poultry), meat products, dairy products, fish, olive oil, and wine.

No abstinence of shellfish, fruit, vegetables, vegetable products.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Lenten Charity – Today is the last day for donations for our Lenten Charity.

Great Wednesday (April 12) - Youth will read Epistles during the Anointing Service which follows the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 7:30 pm.

Great Friday (April 14) - Starting at 11:00 am and ending at 3:00 pm the children will gather to decorate the tomb of Christ. Lunch follows and then the children will learn about why we have red eggs for Pascha and help get the eggs ready. They will also help set up the church for the services. Myrrh bearers participate in the Evening service.

THE DEACON HELPER SCHEDULE through April is below:

4/9 John Khoury 4/16 Jack Nicola 4/23 Anthony Sauer 4/30 Joshua Sauer Many extra liturgies take place in April, May, and June. Deacon Helpers for those liturgies will be appointed from among those present. If your son is not able to perform the duties of deacon helper on a particular Sunday, we will choose someone from the Children's Choir to take his place. Questions? sdorham@gmail.com

PASCHA AGAPE MEAL As is past years, our church community will celebrate Pascha, the most joyous and important day of the church year, with a shared agape meal after the 4/15 11 PM Divine Liturgy service. The meal is a wonderful affair--one which brings our community together to celebrate the Risen Christ and show our appreciation for the many gifts God has bestowed on us.

Though the Pascha meal is "potluck," many volunteers (in addition to donations of food) are required to "make it happen." Samira Bailey, the meal organizer, is in need of help in the kitchen (starting around 9:45 PM on 4/15) and with serving and then cleanup after the meal. If you can help out (even for just a short time), please email Samira at sbaileyva@cox.net or stop by the "Pascha Food/Volunteer" Sign Up Table this Sunday (4/9).

If you are able to provide food, please also let us know what you plan to bring. (Food donations should be on a disposable plate or tray, pre-sliced and ready to serve. Rewarming instructions should be taped to the item.) Thank you in advance for your generosity!

