

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Dear Parishioners:

As we wait for the most joyous day of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, I greet you and your families, wishing that the Resurrected Christ brings peace, joy, happiness and God's blessing to your homes.

Because Christ has risen from the dead as He foretold, we are given hope, purpose, fortitude, and conviction.

St. Paul says it best when he writes:

If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied (I Cor. 15:17-19).

Fr. Anthony Coniaris writes, "At Easter we celebrate the solution of the greatest problem man faces: death. If there is no resurrection, says St. Paul, our faith is empty. If there is no resurrection, love stops with death. God's love cannot reach beyond the grave. If there is no resurrection, there is no justice. The books will never be balanced. Truth, virtue, goodness will remain crucified, forever." But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead. Therefore our faith is not futile. Love, goodness, kindness, gentleness, they all live beyond the grave. What we do in this life matters. With that understanding and hope then we are able to make sense of life. We are able to persevere in doing good, in serving our neighbor. We do not succumb to fear that would focus all our energies on our own survival, but through faith are able to reach out to those in need around us, and to be Christ's hands and feet in this world.

Christ is risen because of all and opened Paradise which is prepared for all of us. Christ is risen because of all and for all! Let's glorify His glorious Resurrection and sing with the

Orthodox universe: *"Your Resurrection, O Christ our Savior, the Angels in heaven sing. Enable us on earth to glorify You in purity of heart."*

All of you, dear brothers and sisters, we greet on this Glorious Feast with the traditional greeting,

Christ is Risen!

Indeed He is Risen!

In humble prayer, yours in the Resurrected Lord,

Rev.Father Sasa Turkic

**AGAPE FELLOWSHIP EASTER PICNIC
SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2014**

Church begins at 11:30a.m. and Picnic to follow Services



Our Church Community will gather together at:

**St. Athanasios Church
Picnic Area
220 East 20th Avenue
Gulf Shores**

Please RSVP at the candle desk or sign up in the Church Hall if you plan on coming. Everyone is welcome to attend with all family members and friends. Please make every effort to attend this Parish Yearly Celebration.

There will be a signing sheet for those who want to add to the festivities by providing salads, your favorite ethnic dishes, beverages, sodas (diet and regular). The Church will provide roasted lamb.

COME AND GREET THE RISEN LORD!!!





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SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2014

Sunday, April 6, 2014

Divine Liturgy
10:00 a.m.

Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

APRIL 13th PALM SUNDAY

Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Bridegroom Service 6:00 p.m.



APRIL 14th: THE MATINS OF HOLY AND GREAT MONDAY

Bridegroom Service 6:00 p.m.



APRIL 15th: THE MATINS OF HOLY AND GREAT TUESDAY

Bridegroom Service & Hymn of Kassiane 6:00 p.m.



APRIL 16th: THE MATINS OF HOLY AND GREAT WEDNESDAY

The Scaraments of Holy Unction 6:00 p.m.



APRIL 17th: THE HOLY AND GREAT THURSDAY

The Vespers, and the Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great
10:00 a.m.



APRIL 17th: THE SERVICE OF THE HOLY PASSION OF
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

The reading of the 12 Gospel Excerpts 6:00 p.m.



APRIL 18th: HOLY AND GREAT FRIDAY

Apokathelosis (Removal from the Cross) &
Lamentations (Procession of Epitaphion) 6:00 p.m.



APRIL 19th: HOLY AND GREAT SATURDAY

The Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great 10:00 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt after Liturgy
The Orthros of Resurrection and Pascha 11:30 p.m.
The Holy Resurrection Liturgy (Midnight) 12:00 a.m.

Sunday April 27, 2014

Divine Liturgy
10:00 a.m.

Sunday of Thomas

Χριστοζ Ανεστη! Αληθωζ Ανεστη!
Christos Anesti! Aleithos Anesti!
ÕÐÑĤĪñ Āĭñēðāñā! ĀĪÑĤĪÑĪó Āĭñēðāñā!
Khristos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!
Hristos a ĭnviat! Adevārat a ĭnviat!



Indicating
Strict Fast

Special Church Services in April

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Presanctified Liturgy
6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 12, 2014

Saturday of Lazarus
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 20, 2014

Agape Service
10:00 a.m.

MAKING PALMS

On Saturday, April 12, 2014

After Church on Saturday we will be
making the Crosses for Palm Sunday.



It is a wonderful experience
and fellowship
Please try and stay after services.



Saturday, April 19
After Liturgy

*“He was wounded for our transgressions, he was
bruised for our iniquities; upon Him was the
chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes
we were healed. All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord
has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”*

Isaiah 53:5-6

If you have an emergency or need to speak with Fr. Sasa, you may contact him at
Cell Phone: (251) 233-3128 or E-mail: frsasa@stathanasios.al.goarch.org

**REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN
ASLEEP IN THE LORD WITH SPECIAL
PRAYERS ON HOLY FRIDAY**

On Holy Friday Evening the Priest will pray for all those fallen asleep in the Lord. You are requested to list the first Christian name of each person whom you wish to pray for on the list below. Please give this to the Priest in time for the service on Friday Evening.

Καταγραψατε τα ονοματα των κεκοιμημενων εν Κυριω συγγεννων και γνωστων σας εις τον καταλογον αυτον και στείλετε η δωσετε τον εις τον Ιερεα δια να μνημονευση αυτα εις την ακολουθιαν του Επιταφίου της Μεγαλης Παρασκευης.



Υπερ αναπαυσεωζ εν
Κυριω των ψυχων των
Κεκοιμημενων δουλων
του θεου....

For the restful sleep in Our Lord of the servants of God, asleep in the hope of Resurrection, and for their salvation, we pray for...

...και υπερ του
συγχωρηθηναι αυτοιζ
παν πλημμελημα
εκουσιον και ακουσιον.
Αμην.

Grant, O Lord, that they be forgiven for all sins, both voluntary and involuntary. We pray that they be granted the joy shared in the Resurrection of Christ, our true God. Amen

Please return this to Chapel before Holy and Good Friday Evening

Karyn and Mike Suskind and Melba Latkanich

**Invites everyone to join us
for a**

**Palm Sunday
Gumbo Luncheon**



**After
Divine Liturgy Sunday
April 13, 2014**

