Cherish the Resurrection of Christ, following His triumph over death. Praise God and His Church, and celebrate the joy of Easter!
Epistle Reading

St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 6:3-11 - Brethren, all who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death. We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. We know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For he who has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him. For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. The death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:1-20 - Holy Saturday - After the sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the sepulcher. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. Lo, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Hail!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sum of money to the soldiers and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So they took the money and did as they were directed; and this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age. Amen."

Holy Communion – Parishioners are reminded that routing procedures have been designed to avoid confusion and improve the traffic flow during Holy Communion. Please follow the direction of ushers, who will direct parishioners ONE PEW AT A TIME from the outer aisles to receive Communion. Parishioners will return to their seats down the center aisle.

Prosphoro – If you can make prosphoro for Divine Liturgy, please call Mrs. Niki Papasavva at 703-764-9746.

Catechetical (Sunday) School – Children who have attended Catechetical School music are invited to sit in the front right center pews near the chanter during the Easter Sunday Agape Service as we sing the Resurrection hymn. There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday. Please bring back your mission donation boxes when we reconvene on April 22nd.
Calling All Parishioners - In order to accommodate more participation in cooking and baking for the festival, we would like to try a day shift and a late afternoon/evening shift. Please contact Andrea Ballard 703-250-5419, andreaballard@verizon.net or Elvira Garnett 703-425-3675, villa@hotmail.com with your shift preference and we will contact you. Schedules will also be available on the Church website and in the Sunday Bulletin.

OCMC Benefit Banquet on Saturday, April 28 in Founder’s Hall; Fr. Martin Ritsi, OCMC Executive Director is the featured speaker. Tickets $60 each; under 18: $30 and under 6 free. Contact Gregory McKinney at dintym@hotmail.com or Skip Mersereau at 301-229-0878, jwmster@gmail.com for additional information.

St. Katherine Summer Camp for 3 - 5 year-olds will be held July 9 - August 17, Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. featuring wild adventure, fun activities, lively music and dance. Space is Limited, register by April 30. Contact M. Papathanassiou at director@gopaideia.org or 703-671-7715.

The Daughters of Penelope will hold their 4th Annual Tea on Sunday, April 29 at 2:00 p.m. at the Meletis Charuhas Center. Please contact Elvira Garnett 703-425-3675, Kathy Cavallo 703-978-1539 or Jane Moore 540-371-8108. $35 payable to DOP Helle Chapter #283. Reservations taken until Sunday, April 15th. No tickets sold at the door. Raffle tickets will be sold after all Liturgies on Sunday, April 22nd.

Stewardship 2012 - Stewardship is a spiritual expression of faith whose primary purpose is to promote spiritual growth – a growth in Grace and a more fully developed faith leading ultimately to our salvation. It includes the act of supporting our Church and its ministries through the fair and equitable sharing of our time, talents and treasures. It is an acknowledgement that all things come from God, who provides for us. We contribute to our Church through stewardship in recognition of God’s many blessings and graciousness. If you haven’t already made your stewardship pledge for 2012, please do so using the form below and simply give it to any usher or drop it in the collection plate.
Offertory Prayer – O God, as you welcomed the gifts of Abel, the sacrifices of Noah and Abraham, the incense of Aaron and Zachariah, do welcome also, from the hands of us sinners, these offerings, so that in clear conscience we may always offer to you gifts and the resources of our labor, for your glorification, for the alleviation of sufferings and hunger, for the ministry to your people, by the grace, mercy and philanthropy of your only begotten Son with whom You are blessed from ages to ages. Amen.

Προσευχή Προσφοράς – Ω Θεέ, όπως δέχθηκες τα δώρα του Άβελ, τις θυσίες του Νώε και του Αβραάμ, το θυμίαμα του Ααρών και του Ζαχαρία, ας δεχθείς από τα αμαρτωλά μας χέρια και τις προσφορές αυτές έτσι, ώστε πάντοτε να μπορούμε να σου προσφέρουμε δώρα και τους κόπους της εργασίας μας γιά την δόξα Σου, προς ελάφρυνση των δοκιμασιών και της πείνας, προς διακονία του λαού Σου, προς συγχώρηση των αμαρτιών και εξιλασμό του λαού σου, με την χάρη, το έλεος και φιλανθρωπία του μονογενούς Σου Υιού. Ευλογημένο να είναι το όνομά Σου εις τον αιώνα. Αμήν.

Church Services
EASTER Sunday, April 15  
ΤΟ ΑΓΙΟΝ ΠΑΣΧΑ  
Vespers of Love (Agape Service) – Ο Εσπερινός της Αγάπης, 11:00 a.m.  
Easter Egg Hunt following services

Friday, April 20  
Lifegiving Fountain – Της Ζωοδόχου Πηγής  
Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 22  
Thomas Sunday – Κυριακή του Θωμά  
1st Divine Liturgy 8:00 a.m.  
Orthros 9:30 a.m., 2nd Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 25  
Mark the Evangelist – Αγ. Μάρκου του Ευαγγελιστού  
Orthros 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 29  
Holy Myrrhbearers – Των Μυροφόρων  
1st Divine Liturgy 8:00 a.m.  
Orthros 9:30 a.m., 2nd Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.