



**Holy Apostles  
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**April 6-8, 2018: Great and Holy Pascha**

***“Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem! For the glory of the Lord  
has risen upon you. Rejoice and be glad, O Zion, and you,  
O Pure Theotokos, exalt in the Resurrection of Him who  
you bore”***

My Beloved in the Lord,

Χριστός Ανέστη! Christ is Risen! Today, we have received new life as we receive the light of life. Today, all of creation rejoices as it is resplendently renewed by its Creator. Today, the darkness that came over Adam when he was exiled from Paradise is overcome by the Light of the New Adam. The darkness which had plagued a bewildered humanity is pierced with the Light of Christ which indeed dispels all darkness. Our journey from the darkness of our exile to the Light of our Lord once again opens the door of Paradise to us. This journey, which started more than forty days ago on Clean Monday, found us sojourning the dark depths of our souls as we sought to prepare ourselves for this very moment of transformation in which our inner darkness would turn into the radiant light of Christ's Resurrection. It was necessary to traverse this darkness since our fallen state necessitates us to actively seek the True Light in our pursuit of coming closer to our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ. This traversing brings us to the precipice of today's feast which is the feast of feasts - Holy Pascha. The Holy Passion of our Lord and the physical Resurrection of Christ liberated our bodies and our souls from the curse of death. Through His Passion the human race is able to receive a transformed body at the end of times and through His Resurrection, humanity is enabled to have a bodily resurrection as well where the body and the soul are once again united in God's everlasting Kingdom. Yet the restoration of our fallen image and distorted likeness would not have been possible without Christ's Passion. By rising from the dead on the ...

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**EPISTLE READING :**  
**Acts of the Apostles 1:1-8**



In the first book, O Theophilos, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the

apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "it is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

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**GOSPEL READING :**  
**The Gospel According to John 1:1-17**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him,

and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received... (Continued on the back)

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Epitaphio/Altar Fund Committee Members are decorating our Church for these beautiful and inspiring services through Easter. Decorating our Church helps us feel our Lord's Passion and rejoice for His Resurrection. All donations are greatly

appreciated and are TAX DEDUCTIBLE too! Make checks payable to "HAGOC" and specify on the memo line "Epitaphio Flowers". Contact Mariana Korulaki at (571) 432-7678.

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### **GREEK EASTER RED COLOR EGG DYE PACKS for sale.**

You can purchase them at the Epitaphio Committee collections table in the Church hall. Questions: (571) 432-7678

### **We are pursuing land in Ashburn!**

**What?** 7.5 acres off Claiborne Parkway, next to Belmont Country Club and the Whole Foods retail shopping area, Visible from Rte 7.

**When?** Our LOI has been accepted and we are currently in a 90 day study period to evaluate the land's potential for our needs. If all goes well, we hope to have a contract signed in June.

**Why?** To build a permanent Orthodox community in Loudoun for our children and generations to come, We've outgrown this temporary facility, Prime real estate is scarce as data centers are taking over, Great price per acre, We need a location for event based income such as festivals

### **How can I get involved?**

1. Become a member of our parish! Complete a pledge card and become a Steward. Be a part of your future and your children's future.
2. Donate to our Building Fund. Make your tax deductible contribution via check or online.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Go to our website for Stewardship and Building Fund information and contribution options.

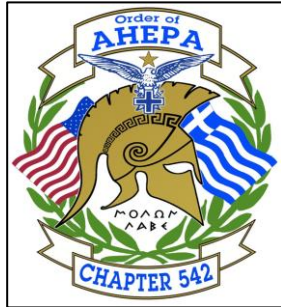
# UPCOMING EVENTS



**HAGOC Mother-Daughter  
Tea; Sun. May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2pm  
Blooming Hill Lavendar Farm  
in Purcellville**

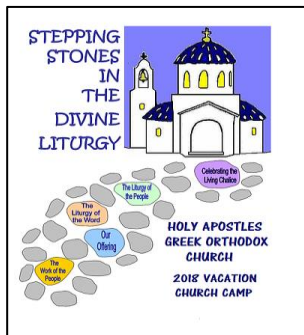
\$15 per person

RSVP by April 28 to Julie Burke  
of the Stewardship Committee  
(julieacburke@yahoo.com)



**AHEPA Sunday  
May 20<sup>th</sup>, after Liturgy  
Holy Apostles Church**

AHEPA Chapter 542 will have a  
memorial for deceased AHEPAns,  
make a presentation, and sponsor  
coffee hour.



**HAGOC Vacation Church Camp  
June 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>; 9:30am-12:30pm**

This year's theme is *Stepping Stones  
in the Divine Liturgy*. Open to ages 4-  
11. Limited to the first 40 students.  
Cost is \$45 for 1 child, \$85 for 2  
siblings, \$115 for 3 siblings. Discount  
if you Teach! Registration

and t-shirt order deadline is June 1. The registration form is  
on our website. Contact Denise Lansdell at  
deniseinvirginia@gmail.com or Asha Ioanou at  
nicholas.asha@gmail.com.

*Staff applications are now available for Camp Good  
Shepherd, the Metropolis of NJ youth camp, which will be  
held July 8-14 in Hartfield, VA. Go to our website for an  
application.*



**You could be a part of the FIRST Greek Orthodox  
Church community in Loudoun County!**

**Help us build a home for you!**

Request to receive our emails and join one of our  
upcoming information sessions.

Contact Lia at liaecon@comcast.net.

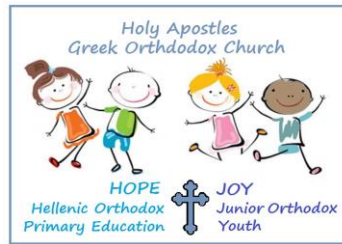
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**Stewardship Committee Meeting**  
**Sun. April 15<sup>th</sup>, after Liturgy**  
**Holy Apostles Church**

## **ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!**

The application submission deadline for the **AHEPA Chapter 542 Scholarship Program** is **April 16, 2018**. Email [info@ahepa542.org](mailto:info@ahepa542.org) or call the Chapter Hotline at 703.493.0897. Awards will be presented at church on **May 20, 2018**, AHEPA Sunday.



**Hope and Joy Meeting**  
**Fri. April 20<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:15pm**  
**Holy Apostles Church**



**Stewardship Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, after Liturgy**  
**Holy Apostles Church**

Join us to hear an update on our Stewardship program particularly as it relates to the

land we are pursuing in Ashburn. Don't forget to turn in your 2018 pledge card. Cards are on the wall in the fellowship hall and on our website.

## **OCMC Benefit Dinner, St. Katherine Church**

**Sun. April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4:30pm Vespers followed by dinner and music.** \$60 per ticket, \$500 for a table of 10. More details are in our weekly parish email. Contact Antonia Chelpon ([achelpon@aol.com](mailto:achelpon@aol.com))

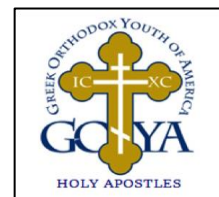


**PAREA (Our Company of Friends) Lunch, May 1st**  
**11:30am at Cafesano**  
RSVP to Marina (703-349-1842)

## **GOYA "Come and See Sunday"**

**May 6<sup>th</sup>, Holy Apostles Church**

Invite a friend to church to learn about and witness our faith, followed by lunch at the Dulles Town Center. Contact Zoe Skuce.



(Cover Message Cont...) third day, we are reminded of our own resurrection at the end of time when Christ will call us to Himself. It is the True Light that we receive from Christ and it now becomes our responsibility to guard it and to share it with the world. Let us share this Light by proclaiming the Risen Christ to all we encounter. Let us share this Light by praising God at all times and in every hour. Let us share this Light by living a life not unto ourselves, but unto Christ. Let us share this Light by caring for the poor. Let us share this Light by defending the dejected and marginalized of our society. Let us share this Light so that through our love, through our faith, and through our devotion to God and man, people will come to know that we are Children of the Light. Upon hearing the words, "Come receive the Light", may our souls be awakened so that we accept this call from our Lord and announce the good news of Christ's Resurrection to the world. It is my most fervent prayer that as we celebrate the Holy Resurrection of Christ we endeavor to perpetually keep this Light within us so that, "*...having been united together in a death like His, we shall also certainly be united together in a Resurrection like His*" (Rom. 6:5). I pray that the Resurrection of our Lord brings to each one of you and your family members unfettered joy throughout this Paschal season and all the days of your lives. Χριστός Ανέστη! Christ is Risen! With Paternal Love and Blessings in the Risen Lord,  
**†EVANGELOS Metropolitan of New Jersey**

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(Gospel Reading Cont...) him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

**April Weekday Liturgical Schedule**

**Fri. April 13** Zoodochos Pege 8:15 AM Orthros,  
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy  
**Mon. April 23** St. George 8:15 AM Orthros,  
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy