

# *St. Makarios the Great Orthodox Christian Mission*

Orthodox Church in America

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*Confessions can be made before or after services or by appointment.*

## **HOLY WEEK & PASCHA**

**Holy Friday**, 4/2 Royal Hours 9am, Bond; Vespers—2pm @Calvert House ; Holy Saturday Matins with Lamentations 6pm @Calvert House (5735 S.University)

**Holy Saturday**, 4/3 Vesperal Liturgy w/Old Testament Readings, 9:30am @Bond. Paschal Vigil and Liturgy 11:30pm @Bond

**Pascha Sunday, Day of Resurrection:** Vigil continues from 12am on. Agape Vespers, 1pm @Bond

**Bright Tuesday:** Vespers 6:30pm at St. John Stone Augustinian Friary, 1165 E. 54 Place.  
Then back to regular schedule.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As we draw near to Pascha, let us see beyond the limits of our lives. The limits of pride, jealousy, envy anger, remembrance of wrong, vanity, despondency and attention seeking. Let us know that

the fulfillment of true, joy, happiness, pleasure and life is in Christ. Christ has come to pass through death and ascend the Cross; as it were, a new mountain of Covenant, a new Sinai at which God and man are united in spirit, will and in the flesh of Christ. In Christ we make the offering to God which causes death to “pass over” so that we might be both free and holy in union with God. The Word of God, the Lord, was born into this world to speak his Name—He Who Is, the Life-giver—over us, not in philosophic ramblings or political persuasion, but in the effective deed of voluntary suffering, the experience of death and his Rising from the dead. We know all too well the weakness and fallen-ness of the world; let us now rejoice in the Feast in which God does not ignore the hard realities of this world but changes them from inside: inside a body, a tomb, and the mysterious reality of the coming kingdom.

A Blessed Pascha to all!

Fr. Elijah Mueller

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### **BREAK THE FAST TOGETHER!**

*Any people coming to the Paschal Vigil on Saturday night at 11:30pm: if you plan to stay afterwards, please bring some food to share (something does not require heating up). It can be something simple like a cheese or sweet or a sausage. If you have any questions please email or talk to Fr. Elijah.*

### **PASCHAL DONATIONS**

Please make a Paschal Donation to support the work of our mission parish. We have had very good attendance this week at the Holy Week services. We are really meeting a great need for an Orthodox presence at the University and in the neighborhood. Please donate so as to add your own small offering to great Offering made by Christ through his Cross. Dying to our possessions, wealthy or not, allows us a small resurrection through the enlargement of our spirit that happens when we are generous. And that is something mysterious and sacramental—God works in us by means of a small human act.

Please make any checks out to St. Makarios Orthodox Church. You can bring them to the services, or send them c/o Fr. Elijah Mueller, 1100 E. 55<sup>th</sup> St., Chicago, IL 60615.

We are thankful for the great generosity people have shown so far in giving to the Church. We hope that if you have not yet given to the Church, you might join in this holy work through a gift to further our Mission.

In Christ,

Fr. Elijah Mueller