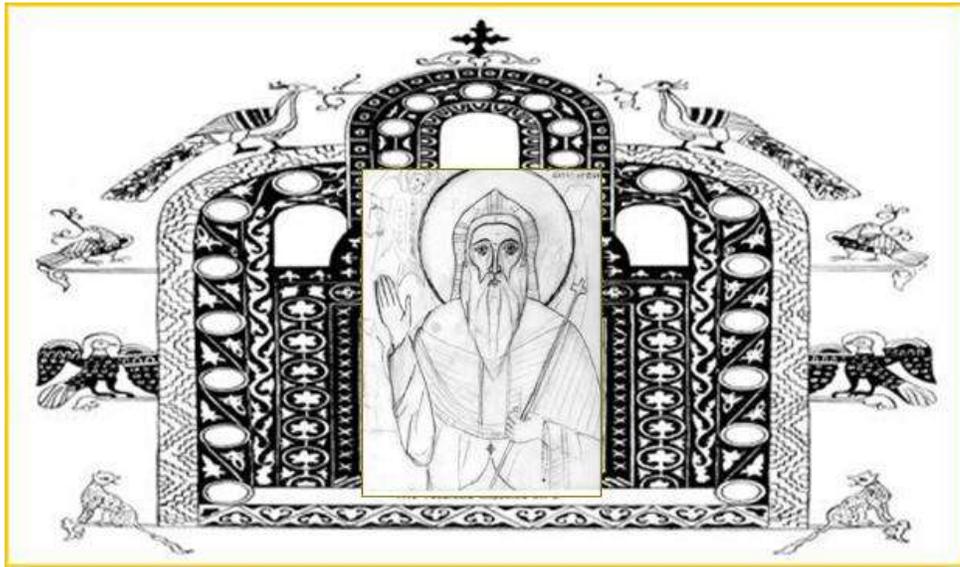


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SCHEDULE

Vespers: Saturday, 6pm at Calvert House (Saturday March, 31st may be 6:30pm—stay tuned for announcement)

Thurs 3/29 & 4/5. 6:30pm OCF& parish: Salutations with food at Mark and Claire's, call or email for info

Divine Liturgy: Sunday, 10am at Bond Chapel (Orthros at 9am)

After Pascha: Vespers on Tuesdays at 5pm, eventually in other languages (Greek and Slavonic to begin with).

Last Deanery Vespers, Sunday April 1st at Sts. Peter and Paul, Burr Ridge.

Pan-Orthodox Akathist at St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church in Palos Heights, 12307 S. Ridgeland.

Both these services we will definitely go to. Let me know if you want to come and need a ride.

PASCHAL SCHEDULE

4/7/12, Saturday, Lazarus Saturday Liturgy 9-10:15am (We have to be all packed up by 10:30!)

Normal Saturday Vespers at Calvert

4/8/12 Sunday Matins and Liturgy, normal times **AT CALVERT!** (Catholics in Bond for Western Easter)

Bridegroom Matins with the Deanery at Holy Trinity Cathedral on Leavitt St., 6pm

The rest AT BOND:

4/9-10/12 Bridegroom Matins, 5pm

4/11/12 PResanctified Liturgy 7:30am; Matins for Holy Thursday with concluding Unction, 5pm

4/12/12 Liturgy of the Mystical Supper, 8am. Holy Friday Matins with Passion Gospels, 5pm

4/13/12 Royal Hours and Vespers, 9am-12Noon.

Matins with Lamentations, 7pm

4/14/12 Holy Saturday Vesperal Liturgy, 9:30am

Paschal Vigil and Liturgy, starting 11pm into early morning.

4/15/12 Agape Vespers, 11:30am Parish Feast afterwards, location TBA

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Thank you for all who have helped out with many things recently: Bryce with the website; Blase for ordering candles; Deacon Lawrence for the hand censer and numerous dinners for the OCF; Richard for help with campus ministry meetings; Lindsey, Natasha, and Claire for Prospora; Richard, Bryce, Sarah, and Mara for volunteering for the 'speed-faithing' event; Claire and Mark for hosting the Akathists; many people for set up and break down of services; all who volunteered for and participated in mission committee work and the council this year. Sorry if I am forgetting your contribution: thank you everyone—the parish has had a very good year!

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A good psychological perspective on marriage: <http://drkellyflanagan.com/2012/03/02/marriage-is-for-losers/>

An interesting new movie in development: <http://mosestheblack.com/Grooming.html>

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Dear friends of our Lord:

We are called like Lazarus to come forth from the tomb. We have tasted the bitterness of death. We know that this momentary affliction, even death itself, is merely so that “the works of God might be revealed.” We sit on the ashes and the waste-heap of a life which is nothing but death without the voice and the vision of God. In death, we cry to God from the belly of the whale, from the groaning of the heart, from the depths of Hades: “Lord have mercy on me a sinner! Raise me up! In my passions, in my laziness, in my neglect of every means of seeking you, I stink.” “Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.” Let us be “to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved... the aroma of life leading to life.” Christ comes to raise the poor man Lazarus, the mind, heart and soul neglected by the fleshly rich man, the rich man of pride: intellect unmoored from the Logos and tied to the vanity of social striving or lonely arrogance. This is the condition of humanity, this is the destiny of the one who is called to be friend of Christ, the Son of God. But instead let us truly return to friendship with Christ: be lifted up to the very Counsel of God, set before the throne, companion of the angels. Together with them we feast on the Glory of God, not veiled in smoke, but revealed in flesh—hidden only if we reject God personally, turning aside from his very eyes. We are face to face with the one who has drawn out the bitterness of life through the Cross; that Cross which pours out the sweetness of Paradise to all who bow down before it to rise into his life. Raised in mind with Lazarus, in the bosom of Abraham we see fulfilled: “this I know, in my flesh I shall see God, Whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!” We will be persuaded by Moses and the prophets and by one who rose from the dead: our “Lord is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King.” Let us thirst for the resurrection: “I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.”

In XC, Fr. Elijah

Join us for services. Let us share joy, peace, and life in Christ together!

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