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Annunciation Kids, Youth, and Parents,

It's been too long since our last Holy Week Youth Retreat (2019!) and so it's time to start up again. Since kids learn best by doing, each of these events involves learning and participation and will deepen their appreciation of Holy Week.

Saturday of Lazarus – April 16, 2022

Greek School and Sunday School kids and parents making Palm Crosses to distribute on Palm Sunday.

10:00 am Our youth receive a quick lesson on the meaning of Holy Week and Pascha.

10:10 am Youth attend Divine Liturgy of St Lazarus

11: 15am Philoptochos will host a continental breakfast for all in the community center after which we will begin with the making of the crosses. GOYA, will help the children with the palm making and also help Fr Angelo clean the church in preparation for Holy Week.

Palm Sunday – April 17, 2022

Father Angelo will be having our children help him during the service. After the Gospel reading, the Religious Education teachers will gather all the children in the Narthex. We will assemble the kids into two lines along the center aisle of the church, and they will spread some of the palms on the floor. We will also give them each a palm fan to wave to recreate the event of the people waving palms upon Christ's entrance into Jerusalem.

Once the Great Entrance is complete, the children will proceed quietly back into the Narthex, and head down to our classrooms for class. We do not have to wait until Holy Communion. Any children who want to come back up to receive communion can do so.

Holy Friday – April 22, 2022

9:30- 10am	Kids arrive and assemble in the church
10:00 -10:45 am	Service of the Holy Hours. Father Angelo will present Lesson #1 to all the children after which they help to decorate the Epitaphio and assemble the Paschal candles.
10:45 - 11:30 am	Lunch and clean-up
11:30 - 11:45 am	Lenten Lesson #2 and preparation for filming
11:45 - 12:45 pm	Filming by grade level in classrooms of “What did I do for Lent? Children who are waiting to make their video will participate in games, activities, and crafts
12:45 – 1:00 pm	Un-nailing Service. Kids and parents assemble in the church
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Kids help Fr. Angelo take Jesus off the cross during the Un-nailing Service

- *We need parents to stay in helping with the decorating, crafts and preparation of lunch and help the kids cleanup and of course, stay to watch their kids participate in the Un-nailing service. Also, if you know of anyone who is willing to help us out, the more the merrier!*
- *As a special treat, just as we did for Christmas 2019, we will film each of our kids talking about what they did for Lent as a family. Demos will then produce that to present in our hall during the Anastasis Meal following the Paschal Divine Liturgy on Saturday evening (23 April)*
- *For lunch, we will serve spaghetti with red sauce, fruit salad and tossed salad. We will have fishies/pretzels/animal crackers for snack and of course water to drink.*

The opportunities to receive Holy Communion are Holy Thursday morning, Holy Saturday morning, and (of course) Resurrection.

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