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A Communication Channel of the
Transfiguration
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We are a community of Christians in fellowship with each other and Jesus Christ. We gather for spiritual guidance and fellowship by participating together in liturgy, prayer, and traditions. We are committed to providing an atmosphere characterized by freedom, openness, and mutual support for the spiritual journeys of individuals, families, and future generations.



Dear Friends,

April is a month of profound change. We begin this month with Holy Week and by joyously anticipating the celebration of Easter. Easter life and nature are bursting with the promise of new beginnings, of new Life. But it took us some time to get here. The period of the year between Epiphany and Easter is a hope filled time. Many cultures throughout the ages, and especially those in northern climates like us, have waited for the arrival of April with eager anticipation. Ancient and not so ancient cultures say their food and fuel supplies dwindle about now. Looking for the various signs of Spring was and still is a cure for our "cabin fever" and the disciplines of Lenten fasts. The crocus, the red Robin, and Easter Joy signify that warm weather is on its way. Be it the daily increasing of the singing of the migrating birds, or the excitement of the first pitch at Fenway Park, April seems to thrust us forth, from our warm hearths into the ever greening and blooming of nature.

Carl Orff's 1936 musical composition "*Carmina Burana*" captures these transitions very poetically. He wrote:

*"The bright face of spring shows itself to the world,
driving away the cold of winter.*

Flora reigns in her colorful robes

Praised in the canticle of sweet-smelling woods.

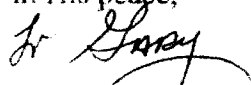
The sun, pure and fine, tempers all.

*A new world is opened in the face of April. The power of nature's
renovation in the glorious spring*

Commands us to be joyful."

Celebrate these special days, as the mystery of nature unfolds around us. Let us not forget that all which we see, sense, feel and experience are gracious gifts of God. Even the gifts which are not easily seen are also touching us profoundly. Faith, Eternal Life, Love, and Relationship are both mysterious and real. Let us all take some quality time to experience, absorb and dwell in the joy, mystery, and beauty that April reveals.

in His peace,



The Easter Sermon of St. John Chrysostom

Pastor of Constantinople (~400 AD)

Is there anyone who is a devout lover of God?
Let them enjoy this beautiful bright festival!
Is there anyone who is a grateful servant?
Let them rejoice and enter into the joy of their Lord!
Are there any weary with fasting?
Let them now receive their wages!
If any have toiled from the first hour,
let them receive their due reward;
If any have come after the third hour,
let him with gratitude join in the Feast!
And he that arrived after the sixth hour,
let him not doubt; for he too shall sustain no loss.
And if any delayed until the ninth hour,
let him not hesitate; but let him come too.
And he who arrived only at the eleventh hour,
let him not be afraid by reason of his delay.
Let us all enter into the joy of the Lord!
and last alike receive your reward;
rich and poor, rejoice together!
Sober and slothful, celebrate the day!
You that have kept the fast, and you that have not,
rejoice today for the Table is richly laden!
Feast royally on it, the calf is a fatted one.
Let no one go away hungry. Partake, all, of the cup of faith.
Enjoy all the riches of His goodness!
Christ is Risen, and you, O death, are annihilated!
Christ is Risen, and the evil ones are cast down!
Christ is Risen, and the angels rejoice!
Christ is Risen, and life is liberated!
Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead;
for Christ having risen from the dead,
is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen!



Holy Week Services

Holy Week Services are listed in the enclosed booklet

HOLY WEEK is for LIFE

SEDER SUPPER

The ritual of the Seder is an opportunity for children to learn about the actions of Jesus as well as the richness of Jewish traditions. We hope you will make a special effort to be with us for this important Service and for our children's participation in this most sacred event. Please join us for the **Seder Supper at 6:00 p.m. on Maundy Thursday. This will be followed by The Celebration of the Lord's Supper.**

EASTER BREAKFAST

Sunday April 12th 8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Tickets: Adults: \$8.00
 Children: \$5.00

Eggs Benedict	Pancakes
Homefries	Pastries
Bacon, Sausage, Ham	Juice
French Toast	Coffee, Tea, Milk

*Please join us in fellowship as together we celebrate
this most holiest of days.*

April Servers

- 4-5 Readers 8 a.m. Harriett Dever
 10 a.m. Sue Lind
Greeter Luanne Maurico
Altar Guild Group 3
Ushers 10 a.m. David Brierley & Vin DiGiulio
- 4-12 Readers 8 a.m. Harriett Dever
 10 a.m. David Brierley
Greeter Kate Lemery
Altar Guild Group 4
Ushers 8 a.m. John Rowan & Joyce Rowan
 10 a.m. Audrey Rose & Bruce Schortmann
- 4-19 Readers 8 a.m. Harriett Dever
 10 a.m. Carol Brierley
Greeter Sue Ursillo
Altar Guild Group 1
Ushers 10 a.m. Ed Dean & Karl Nestlerode
- 4-26 Readers 8 a.m. Harriett Dever
 10 a.m. Doug Barrett
Greeter Audrey Rose
Altar Guild Group 2
Ushers 10 a.m. Christopher Ash & Orville Forbes

THANK YOU FOR SERVING!