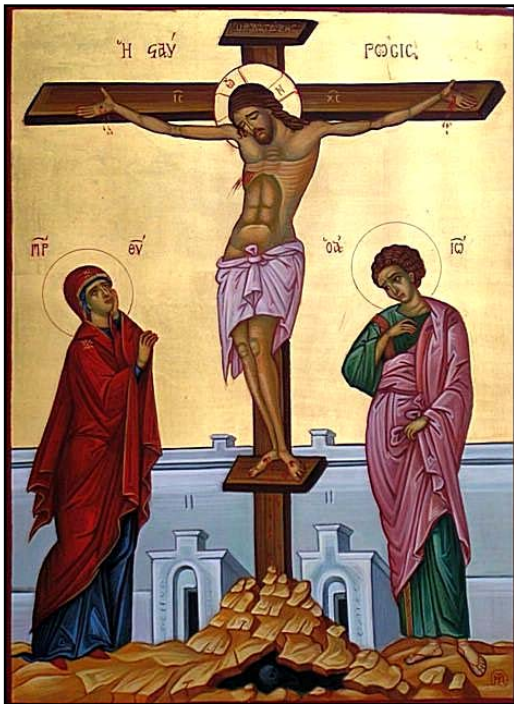


Pan-Orthodoxy in the Baltimore Region

Great Lent – 2009

Vespers Passion Services



Sunday, March 22, 2009 – 6:00 PM
Holy Cross Antiochian Orthodox Church

105 N Camp Meade Road, Linthicum, MD 21090

410-850-5090 www.holycrossonline.org

Gospel Reading: Mark 14:1 – 15:47

Guest Homilist:

Very Rev. Archimandrite Constantine Moralis
Dean, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral

Sunday, April 5, 2009 – 6:00 PM

St. Andrew Orthodox Church

2028 E. Lombard Street, Baltimore, MD. 410-276-3422

Gospel Reading: John 18:1 – 19:42

Lenten refreshments and fellowship will follow each Divine Service

Passion Services are conducted in the evening on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the Great Fast. The service is based on the Sunday Evening Lenten Vespers service. Lenten Vespers on Sunday evenings are unique in that we begin the service with non-Lenten chants, since the day is still Sunday, the day of the Resurrection. After the singing of the Prokeimenon the Liturgical day changes to Monday and all the chanting shifts to Lenten melodies. For the Passion Service, at the end of Vespers we add the Great Prokeimenon from Holy Friday and the entire Passion reading from one of the Holy Gospels. This service is designed to uplift and inspire us to continue with the Fast, week after week, in spite of the many temptations, difficulties and trials we face as we try to bring fruits of repentance and prepare ourselves for the Bright and Holy Pascha of our Lord.

