

HOLY WEEK 2007 SCHEDULE

Friday [March 30th]

3:00 – 4:00 pm
4:00 – 5:00 pm
5:00 – 7:00 pm

Saturday [March 31st]

8:30 – 11:00 am
7:00 – 8:30 pm
8:30 – 10:30 pm

Sunday [April 1st]

8:00 – 9:00 am
9:00 – 12:30 pm
1:00 – 2:30 pm
6:00 – 9:00 pm

Monday [April 2nd] – Wednesday [April 4th]

6:00 – 9:00 am
6:00 – 9:00 pm

Thursday [April 5th]

8:00 – 10:00 am
10:00 – 12:00 pm
12:00 – 1:00 pm
1:00 – 2:30 pm
5:30 – 9:00 pm

Friday [April 6th]

8:00 am – 6:00 pm
11:00 pm – 12:00 am

Saturday [April 7th]

12:00 – 5:00 am
5:00 – 7:00 am
7:00 pm–12:00 am
7:00 pm
8:00 pm
9:00 pm
10:00 pm
12:00 am

Sunday [April 8th]

12:00 – 2:00 pm

Last Friday of Lent

Raising of Incense
General Uncion
Divine Liturgy

Lazarus Saturday

Divine Liturgy
Vespers of Palm Sunday
Midnight Praises [Tasbeha]

Palm Sunday

Palm Procession
Divine Liturgy
General Funeral
Evening Pascha

Morning Pascha
Evening Pascha

Holy Thursday

1st Hour – Betrayal of Judas
3rd, 6th, 9th hours
Water Liturgy [Laqan]
Divine Liturgy
Evening Pascha

Good Friday

Good Friday Service
Apocalypse Night

Bright Saturday

Apocalypse Night (cont.)
Divine Liturgy
Resurrection Liturgy
Raising of Incense
Raising of Lamb
Resurrection Reenactment
Gospel Reading
Holy Communion

Happy Easter!!!

Church-wide Celebration

LIVING STONES PASSION RETREAT 2007



WHAT WILL YOU COMMIT TO THIS HOLY WEEK?

RETREAT SCHEDULE

Friday

7:00	Depart For Retreat
9:30	Snacks
9:45	Welcome Introduction
10:00	Hymns & Praise
10:15	Intro Presentation
10:30	<i>Session 1 – Starting Off Right</i>
11:15	Unpack & Fellowship Time
12:30	Lights out (Get some rest to meet Christ in the Liturgy)

Saturday

8:00	Divine Liturgy
10:00	Brunch
11:00	Hymns & Praises
11:15	<i>Session 2 – The Quest Begins</i>
12:15	Quiet Time with God
1:00	Discussion 1
1:45	Organized Activity & Free Time
5:00	Dinner
6:00	Evening Agpeya Prayers
6:30	<i>Session 3 – Can You Spot the Treasure?</i>
7:30	Discussion 2
8:15	Candlelight Vigil
9:00	Evening Snacks and Food
9:30	Organized Games (All together)
10:30	Free Time (Bonfire Tasbeha, & Confessions)
1:30	Lights out – Good Night

Sunday

9:00	Breakfast
9:45	Youth Morning Prayers & Praises
10:15	<i>Session 4 - The WIFM Factor</i>
11:00	Final Quiet Time (Reflect and Next Steps)
11:30	Pack up and Clean Retreat Center
12:00	Wrap, Gifts, and Group Picture
12:30	Departure

SESSION 4 QUIET TIME

Start out with a prayer, asking God to quiet your mind and heart from any distractions and help you focus on Him and His word. Ask Him to help you truly focus on the power and importance of Holy Week and to commit to the life change He is asking for.

Preparation for Holy Week started long before this retreat. Now that we are familiar with the days of Holy Week, do we acknowledge the wisdom of the church and its schedule of preparation for Holy Week? What have you learned from this retreat to make you more focused during this upcoming Holy Week?

Every year we read the same Pascha book. Every year we sing “thok te ti gom”. Every year we weep. What is going to make this year different? Do we believe what Abouna is telling us – that Holy Week has the power to change us, that Christ has a specific message to deliver to me? What is the message that Christ has for me?

St. Paul writes, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” (2 Corinthians 5:17) How is Christ going to make you a new creation during this Holy Week? What in your life needs to pass away, in order to commit to something new?

Think back to the quiet time from yesterday – on your experiences from previous Holy Weeks. Write a plan to depict how you will benefit from Holy Week. Make a commitment to keep your plan. Christ sacrificed His life for you...what are you willing to sacrifice for Him? Food, Sleep, Pride, Comfort?

Write a short prayer confessing your lack of commitment in the past. Thank God for showing you what needs to change in your life and ask Him to help you keep the commitment you have just made. Ask Him for protection from the devil who will try to steal your peace.

SESSION 4 - THE WIFM FACTOR CONT.

Now you made it to church, what you will find?

Psalm 151: *"I went out to meet the Palestinian, so he cursed me by his idols. But I withdrew his sword that was in his hand and beheaded him and removed the reproach from the Israelites".* This is one of the highlights of the night. We respond by a procession and the exposition of the 2nd Praise (Hous): "Let us thank Christ our God with David the Prophet".

A large number of biblical praises & stories. The General Theme is:

_____ leading to _____
_____ to _____
_____ to _____.

First, third, and sixth hour of Saturday (prophesy, Homily, Pauline Epistle, Psalm, Gospel, exposition). Notice the transition is the tune. Readings focus on _____.

The Apocalypse: The church takes us to _____ of the resurrection and Post-resurrection through _____.

The Ninth Hour as before.

The Liturgy of Bright Saturday

What is different about this liturgy?

The Glorious Feast of Resurrection.....The Resurrection Liturgy

Now you made it that far, you are here to experience the ultimate joy and power of resurrection! You have located the _____.

The **WIFM factor:** _____

What is different about this liturgy?

The readings

The Enactment (What does it mean?)

The Procession and hymns

SESSION 1 - STARTING OFF RIGHT!

The power of the season:

It's not _____ but rather _____

The power of the attitude:

Key: Our attitude has to match the _____

We need an attitude of _____ and _____

"Fellowship of His suffering" Phil 3:10

Choose to be: a _____ of it, or just a _____

Where do you stand?

1-Woe to you!

2- She has done a beautiful thing to me !

3-I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered

Living the events:

Step 1: you are sentenced to _____

Step2: you know you will be _____

Step3: you are _____

Step 4: the guilty guy is there _____

Step 5: this guy is shouting to the judges _____

Step 6: this guy is the very person you once _____

Step 7: you have the power to make every one vanish _____ of your eye.

Do you feel _____?

SESSION 2 - THE QUEST BEGINS

Reason we don't BENEFIT from Holy Week is our _____.

Reason we have wrong ATTITUDE is because we don't _____
the _____.

Holy week has a treasure with _____ and _____ value

WHAT IS PASCHA? _____

"that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead." Philippians 3:10-11

"saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!" And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!" Revelation 5:12-13

PALM SUNDAY: _____

See Gospel of Liturgy, Luke 19

GENERAL FUNERAL = _____

See Prophecy, Ezekiel 37

MONDAY: GOD PREPARES THE _____

See 1st hour readings

TUESDAY: GOD SENDS THE _____

See 9th hour readings

WEDNESDAY: GOD WAITS FOR _____

See 9th hour readings

TWO OPTIONS: _____ **OR** _____

SESSION 4 - THE WIFM FACTOR

Why Apocalypse night? **The WIFM factor** (What's In It For Me)

- This is the night of _____.
- Time to sit with Christ in heaven after _____.
- Time to think about what Christ has done for us on the cross and _____ him for that.
- Transition: from death to life, from pain to glory, from sin to eternal life through repentance, and finally from sadness to everlasting joy.
- Heaven is _____, so we read about it in detail. We look closely at it, with yearning, in _____.
- How does eternity look like? The answer is _____. It is like a dream. You will get a _____.

I need to get out of my _____ to come and participate in this amazing night:

- Is it easy to come to church at 11:00 PM after spending the Good Friday in church, and lose your sleep? _____.
- The devil will be very active at 10:30 PM trying to convince you to stay home. Before leaving Church on Good Friday, ask God for help.
- You will NEVER be disappointed!!!! The best conclusion of the Week is Apocalypse.
- Revelation 3:21-22: *"To him who overcomes, I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. He who has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."* This will be _____.
- This night is a _____ with the Lord. No one can teach you how to enjoy and benefit unless you practice it _____.

SESSION 3 - CAN YOU SPOT THE TREASURE CONT.

The 6th Hour of Good Friday:

- Numbers 21 Page 395 → The cross is _____
- Isaiah 53 Page 395-396 → The cross is _____
- Isaiah 12 Page 396 → The cross is _____

Our attitude here shouldn't be _____ with Jesus but:

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“After they have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away ...they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.” Hebrews 6:5-6

“He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?” Romans 8:32

The _____ is the KEY to the treasure box!

- The Pauline epistle *Page 398* : “But God forbid that I should glory, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. What does he decide to do? By whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.” Gal 6:14
- The verses of the 6th hour *Page 399*: “O you, who on the sixth day and in the sixth Hour was nailed to the cross ...”
- The faithfulness of the thief *page 412*

The Treasure is _____

SESSION 2 QUIET TIME

Start out with a prayer, asking God to quiet your mind and heart from any distractions and help you focus on Him and His word. Ask Him to help you truly focus on the power and importance of Holy Week and to reflect on how Christ wants you to benefit.

How has Lent been going for you? What has Christ revealed to you during this time? Has it become a routine? A change of diet? What are the sins and distractions that have been keeping us from drawing close to Christ?

Spend time staring at a picture of Christ. Spend time in prayer begging Christ to reveal the distractions from the past few weeks and give you the strength to let go of these distractions. Ask for the strength to destroy these distractions before they destroy you. Ask God for a repentant heart.

Think back to last year's Holy Week. What was your attitude towards the week? Was it just a time to wake up early, and attend church for six hours or did you feel like you were truly living the events? Reflect on your previous Holy Week experiences and write those thoughts here.

SESSION 2 QUIET TIME CONT.

Read Philippians 3:8-11: *“Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.”* How is Christ calling us to know Him, to gain Him and to be found in Him, especially during this Holy Week? What do you feel God asking to change in you this year, during Holy Week? How do the idols in our life compare to how we place Christ?

Christ in His compassion, allows us to experience the power of His resurrection, in order to endure the sufferings. We would never be able to tolerate it the other way around. Thank Jesus Christ for the hope He has given us of a resurrection.

Pray that Christ may reveal what life change He is asking for. End in a prayer to submit these distractions to Him and allow yourself to be open to whatever life change God has planned for you.

SESSION 3 - CAN YOU SPOT THE TREASURE?

2 days of personal choice: to _____ Him or to _____ with Him

It's not _____ but rather _____

Great Thursday

1- Condemning Judas:

2- Liturgy of the water (Laquan)

“And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!” Romans 10:14-15

3- The Eucharist (Holy Communion)

Proverbs 9:1 Page 306

Good Friday

1st Hour→Jesus trials (5 in total)

3rd Hour→orders are given by Pontius Pilate to crucify Jesus. Soldiers start their “work “on Him.

6th Hour→Jesus is on the cross.

9th Hour→Jesus gives up the spirit (from the 6th to the 9th Hour, lights of church are turned off when the gospel reads: there was darkness all over the land).

11th Hour→Jesus is stabbed by a soldier.

12th Hour→Jesus is buried.