

THE AFRICAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
EUCHARISTIC RETREAT
April 24th through April 26, 1988
Southern Jurisdiction
Miami, Florida

His Beatitude + Stafford James, I, B.A., M.Div., O.S.B. Patriarch

THURSDAY, APRIL 24th

11:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.
11:45 A.M.
1:00 P.M. to 1:30 P.M.
2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.
8:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

OPENING

Registration
DIVINE LITURGY
BREAK
WORKSHOPS:
INDIVIDUAL PRAY AND
MEDITATION WHEREVER
YOU ARE

FRIDAY, APRIL 25th

8:00 A.M.
8:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.
11:00 A.M. to 12 Noon
1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.
3:30 P.M.
7:30 P.M.

DIVINE LITURGY
WORKSHOPS:
THE ANGELUS-BREAK
SEMINAR:
BREAK
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY, APRIL 26th

8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

DIVINE LITURGY
SUMMARY & CONCLUSION

SUNDAY, APRIL 27th


PALM SUNDAY SERVICES
WILL BE HELD IN EACH
PARISH

CHRIST THE KING
2911 N.W. 207th Street
Carol City, FL 33055
(9:00 A.M.)

ST. ANNE'S
2485 N.W. 65th St.
Liberty City, FL

ST. PETERS
CATHEDRAL
4841 N.W. 2nd Ave.
Miami, FL
(10:45 A.M.)

MEMORANDUM

TO: THE CHURCH GENERAL 
FROM: HIS BEATITUDE + STAFFORD JAMES, I, PATRIARCH
SUBJECT: EUCHARISTIC RETREAT/PREPARATION FOR THE RESURRECTION
OF OUR LORD

Moses was called by God to enter into his retreat, in order to bring his mind into harmony with the Revelation he was about to receive. For care and anxiety had brooded heavily on his mind, oppressed with the burden of the sins of the people whom he was leading. Viewing, then, our Eucharistic (in Retreat) we are in harmony with the scene upon the Mont and the INTENTION of God:

It is a good plan that we should meet together occasionally at certain appointed times (other than at Synods) and places. At these assemblies we should, lay before one another for consideration irregular situations, character which are exceptionally difficult to deal with details of our administration so that, if any of us be delinquent in any respect, this may be revealed in an authoritative manner by the judgment of the group and that what has been rightly done may be ratified by our collective testimony.

Easter is the festival of our Lord's resurrection, as Sunday is the weekly commemoration of the same. The importance of the feast derives from the centrality of the resurrection in the church's "faith and preaching." The last week of the forty days we shall withdraw in a Eucharistic Retreat. The time of Holy Communion is a Retreat, a solitude in immediate Presence of God, even though we may be in the midst of a crowd.

The Resurrection of Christ is a fact of history. By it Jesus fulfilled HIS promise that He would rise on the third day and thus prove His Divinity, giving us a sure foundation to our Faith. When His enemies believed that they had destroyed Him, His real triumphs begun. To die to sin and to live with Christ is our way to victory and resurrection.

Alleluia or "Praise the Lord", is an expression of the joy of Easter and Hope for the eternal happiness which our Lord obtained for us by his glorious Resurrection. The church sings "Alleluia" today, and often during Paschal season, because Christ Jesus is risen from the grave. Our Patriarchal blessing upon all during this Season! Happy Easter to all.

The Easter Triduum is the highlight and central solemnity of the liturgical year. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Follow the directives on abstinence as given by the (your) Bishop.

JESUS IS RISEN! Easter touches the real deaths of the present and CHALLENGE US TO THE FULL STORY OF THE KINGDOM.