



Headteacher's Update

30 April 2021

Key Messages



assured – through His Resurrection – that death nor evil have no power over us if we live in Christ. Let us then cultivate our relationship with Him for the remainder of Holy Week, in order for us to receive and share the light of His Resurrection on the day of Pascha, which will enlighten and illumine our hearts and brighten our entire lives eternally. A Blessed Pascha to all!

Finally, to all the families and friends of St Andrew the Apostle School, we wish you all a very happy Easter!

Dear Parents and Carers

On Sunday, May 2, Eastern Orthodox Christians in many countries around the world will be celebrating Easter.

The meaning is the same as Easter celebrated by non-Orthodox Christians a few weeks ago. Easter is normally celebrated with High Mass, the Easter Parade, feasting and family gatherings.

“For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” —John 3:16.

The Resurrection of Christ is the reason for celebration and Easter is considered by many to be the most important holiday in Christianity, giving hope to all for the eternal life of the soul because of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

The key dates for the Greek Orthodox Easter weekend are:

Good Friday - April 30

Holy Saturday - May 1

Easter Sunday or Easter Day - May 2

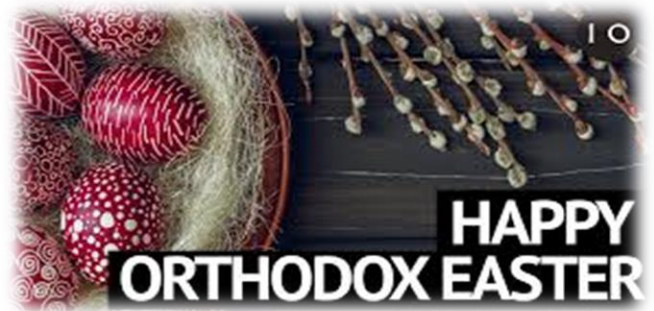
Easter Monday - May 3

Message from the Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain

Therefore, dear sisters and brothers, Christ's life and love truly reign, all prophecy is fulfilled, and we are

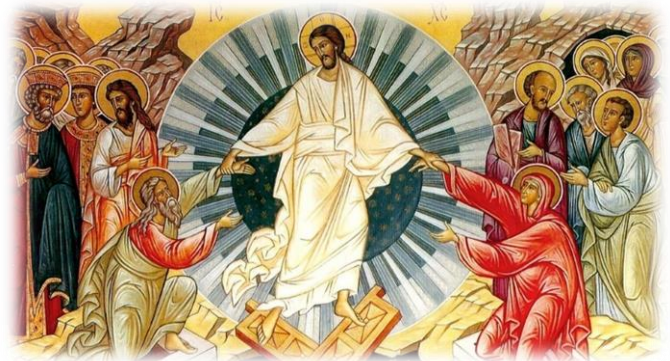
Καλή Ανάσταση –

Glorious Resurrection Χριστός Ανέστη - Christ is Risen



Mrs I Warwick (Headteacher)

Faith



As we move to the final days and hours of Christ's Passion, let us take a few moments once again to remind ourselves of what these climactic final days of Holy Week mean and represent.

There are typically two services during Good Friday. The earlier service commemorates the last moments of Christ's life. His body is then removed from the cross and placed in the altar. The myrrh bearers then shower His body with rose petals and blossom water. During the evening service, the Lamentations of Lazarus are sung and Christ's body is removed from the altar and placed in the tomb, accompanied by the hymn: "I zoe en Tafo" – Life in the tomb and beautifully sung [here](#) by Fairuz, a Greek Orthodox Christian of Lebanese descent.



During the Great and Holy Saturday service, the Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great is performed as well as the vespers/evening prayers. During the evening service, people gather inside and outside the church holding unlit candles while the Liturgy is underway. Just before midnight, the church goes dark. At midnight, the priest lights the first candle and people take turns lighting each other's candles. This is the moment when we celebrate Christ's resurrection! The congregation then sings the traditional hymn; Christ is Risen or Christos Anesti. Please click [here](#) to listen to this hymn.

We wish you all a happy Easter as we await in anticipation of our Lord's resurrection.

For the week ahead, our main school value will be:

Respect: and the value associated with it lies in the idea of honouring those who fight for the freedom of others.

"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God." – *Matthew 5:9*

Mr M Vassiliou (Senior Deputy Headteacher)

Student of the Week

Well done!

All students mentioned in the weekly Newsletter will receive 10 recognition points awarded by their form tutor.

Year 7: Mariaelena A (7O) for gaining over 50 recognition points contributing in outstanding effort in classes this week. **Erald E (7H)** for a positive attitude in lessons and effortlessly contribution in Classics.

Year 8: Elena A (8S) for outstanding effort in English Classics and PE. **Stefan S (8M)** for consistently demonstrating school values and for showing progress in Numeracy Ninja.

Year 9: Maria C (9E) for outstanding work and for gaining 50 recognition points this week. **Alex S (9S)** for having a fantastic attitude in classes and for great contributions in Maths.

Year 10: Nikoleta D (10N) and **Miguel E (10T)** for achieving 40 points this week for outstanding effort in Geography and Maths.

Year 11: Chris Z (11E) for perseverance shown in science. **Megan Q (11E)** for gaining a high number of achievement points this term.

Year12: Georgia C (12O) for showing her excellent knowledge on health and safety procedures around the school. **Miran G (12O)** for positive attitude and for acting as a role model in school.

Year 13: Paul V (13A) for magnificent effort in Maths.

Support for Students- Advice for students



We are a listening school and we are here to help you.

If you have a problem, you can talk to your form tutor; your Head of Year; our Designated Safeguarding Lead Mr Sweet; one of our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads Mr Vassiliou or Mr Martin. In fact, you can talk to any adult that you trust in school. We have all had training and we will help and support you.



Reminder: Women and Girls Network details.



Why not walk or cycle to school?



Reminder: Parents and Carers, please encourage your children to walk or cycle wherever possible. Use our STARS [Safer Journey Planner](#), which will help to plan journeys and provides useful advice on active journeys.

We must keep on protecting each other.



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

STAY ALERT | CONTROL THE VIRUS | SAVE LIVES

Competitions

Please click [here](#) to access last week's newsletters to see the exciting competitions we have on offer. There is still plenty of time to enter so be creative and send us your entry!

Please remember to include your full name, year group, form, school and contact details for your Parents or Carers.

Year 5 and Year 6 winners will be entered into a prize-draw competition and winning students will receive a certificate and a great prize!

Free Thank You Cards for School Staff

Please click [here](#) to send a free 'Thank you' to a member of staff postcard. Anyone can send a card all year round. The *Thank a Teacher* campaign recognises ALL staff working in UK schools and colleges; school leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, and all support staff such as office staff, technicians, lunchtime supervisors and caretakers.

Headteacher Parent Surgery

If you would like to meet with the Headteacher or a Senior Deputy Headteacher at our new weekly Parent and Carer surgery, please email admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk

This will take place every Friday from 5pm until 6pm. The time allocated for appointments will be 15 minutes in the first instance. Please send your request for an appointment in by 10am every Wednesday so that we may allocate an appointment and send you confirmation in good time. All appointments will take place via Microsoft Teams during current restrictions.

Friends of STA (FOSA)

If you would like to join our small group of parents and carers, please can you email admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk and mark your email for the attention of Mr M Vassiliou.

Important dates for the calendar

Please [click here](#) to access dates for the calendar. Please note that these dates are subject to change, so please do keep checking in on a regular basis. If you have any queries about a specific date, please email us at admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk



Our Easter message can also be seen on page 36 of the Newspaper Parikiaki. Please click [here](#) to view.

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Efforts intensify at informal summit in Geneva



Efforts to reach a positive outcome at the informal Cyprus conference taking place in Geneva, were expected to intensify yesterday as the two sides met with bilateral counterparts.

four permanent members of the Security Council who are not in Geneva - USA, France, Russia, China - as well as with the EU to inform them about the developments in Geneva.

There was also a scheduled bilateral meeting of the Foreign Ministers of Greece and the United Kingdom.

The informal meeting on the Cyprus problem kicked off on Tuesday and is scheduled to wrap up today. During the first day, the gap between the positions of the two sides was confirmed as Turkish Cypriot leader Ersin Tatar, insisted during his bilateral meeting with Guterres on his position about a two-state solution, sovereign equality and the recognition of the Turkish Cypriot puppet regime.

On the other hand, the Greek Cypriot side has made it clear that it does not accept any

NHS app to be used as Covid passport for international travel



The government is working on turning the NHS Covid app into a vaccine certification in order to allow people to travel out of the country, Transport Secretary Grant Shapps has said.

Mr Shapps also said domestic coronavirus statistics "look good", to enable the resumption of foreign holidays in England on May 17 under

said for many other countries. The government is currently working on a traffic light system for international travel, with "green" countries not requiring any form of quarantine at all upon returning home.

Mr Shapps said to get on the green list countries need to have "low levels of coronavirus, high levels of vaccination, be confident in their data and be able to oversee surveillance."