

Hurry – Tsoureki (Greek Easter Bread) Order Deadline is Monday, April 19th

As Great Lent draws to a close and we approach Holy Week and Pascha, our fasting and isolation will give way to a joyful and blessed Paschal meal with our family and friends. Imagine your Easter table filled with Greek olives, cheese, stuffed grape leaves, tzatziki, avgolemono soup, spit-roasted lamb, grilled lemon chicken, roasted potatoes with lemon, orange, and oregano, spanakopita, salad, red eggs, and more. No table is complete without *Tsoureki* (Easter Bread) which can be eaten with your meal or as a dessert and with thick Greek yogurt.



Our Philoptochos Chapter is hoping one of the highlights and perhaps the centerpiece of your celebration will be a delicious loaf of Greek Easter Bread (*Tsoureki*) baked just for you by Presbytera Marinda and Faye Georgeo!

Tradition has it that *Tsoureki* symbolizes the resurrection of Christ and rebirth since the flour is molded into shape. As it rises it takes on life and is transformed into its final shape. St. Paul observed *“For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.”* (1 Cor. 10:17) Throughout the Bible, we read how bread was used to bless others, show hospitality, and symbolize our covenant relationship with God. Abraham not only offered bread, but he instructed his wife to use the finest flour to make the bread when he was visited by the Lord.

Purchasing a loaf of our Easter Bread gives you the opportunity to bless your family, a friend, or a neighbor by sharing this Greek cuisine reminding us of the joy of the Resurrection of our Risen Lord. Relaxing at our Easter meal with this special bread inspires conversation and reminds us of what is important about our faith. *“When He was at the table with them, He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him...”* (Luke 24:30-31)



With the special role that bread symbolizes in our Christian homes, we hope you will consider purchasing one of our loaves for your family or giving one as a gift. Since all ingredients and promotion costs have been donated, the entire purchase price of \$20 will support Philoptochos charities locally and abroad. What better way to celebrate Pascha than by supporting this fundraiser and blessing others in need! As your loaf is being prepared, Presbytera Marinda and Faye will be praying for you and your family and seeking God’s blessings for those in need who will be assisted by your generous support.

As each braid is critical to making every *Tsoureki*, likewise, each of us is critical to the well-being of the Church through our support of its ministries ensuring the love of Christ is shared with our community at large. [Will you consider being an integral part of the Body of Christ by purchasing one loaf for \\$20 by clicking here?](#) To ensure freshness, our Easter bread is being prepared in time for pickup on Palm Sunday morning. *Supplies are limited... order deadline is Monday, April 19th.*