



## Fast and Easy Giving

Grace Romanian Church



#### 4. The cross inaugurates the new covenant.

At the Last Supper Jesus interprets his death as bringing in the new covenant. It is by his body and blood that his new community is formed. Just as the people of Israel were sprinkled with blood as they entered a covenant with Yahweh, so the disciples are members of the new community by the pouring out of Jesus's blood. The new covenant community now has the Torah written on their hearts and they all know the Lord because of the gift of the Spirit (Jer. 31:33–34).

#### 5. The cross conquers sin and death.

The cross cancels the record of debt that stood against humanity (Col 2:14). On the cross Jesus bore our sins in his body, so that we might die to sin and death (1 Pet. 2:24). The curse of sin and death was placed on Jesus so that we might obtain the blessings of Abraham (Gal 3:13). Understanding the cross and resurrection as a single event is important here, for it is through the death and resurrection of Christ that death is swallowed up in victory (1 Cor. 15:54–55).

#### Anunturi:

- întâlnirea surorilor - 14 aprilie, ora 7:00pm. (seară de rugăciune)
- Easter Play - 7 aprilie, 7pm
- Grace Church Ladies Retreat, 28-30 aprilie, *Dwelling in His Presence*
- Conferinta slujitorilor din cadrul Uniunii - 11-13 Mai

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# GRACE ROMANIAN PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

## Aprilie, 2023

### Monthly Program

## 10 Things You Should Know about the Cross

*The cross is not only where our sin is paid for, where the devil is conquered, but the shape of Christianity.*

### 1. The cross is a Trinitarian event.

The Christian faith is distinctively Trinitarian and cross-shaped. Therefore, the cross must reveal the Trinity. God the Father sent the Son to save the world, the Son submitted to the Father's will, and the Spirit applies the work of redemption to Jesus followers. Redemption is predestined by the Father (Eph 1:3–6), accomplished by the Son (Eph 1:7–10), and applied by the Spirit (Eph. 1:13–14). God did not withhold the Son, and the Son surrendered to the Father. Yet the Father is not sacrificing the Son. The Father, the Son, and the Spirit all possess a single will. The sacrifice, while uniquely the Son's work, is also the will of the three persons.

### 2. The cross is the center of the story of the Scripture.

A Bible without a cross is a Bible without a climax, a Bible without an ending, a Bible without a solution. The spiral of sin that began in Genesis 3 must be stopped; the death of Jesus terminates the downward spiral. In Jesus's body, he took on the sin of the world and paid the price of all humanity. At the cross the new Adam, Abraham, Moses, David arises to create a new humanity, family, and kingdom. That is why Paul doesn't say he decided to knowing nothing except the incarnation, resurrection, or the ascension of Jesus, but the nothing except Jesus Christ and him crucified (1 Cor. 2:2). Wisdom was found not beyond the cross, not above the cross, not below the cross, but in the cross.

### 3. The cross redefines power in the kingdom.

Jesus's announcement that the kingdom of God has come is conclusively revealed in the Christ-event on the cross. The Scriptures narrate how God will manifest his kingship on the earth. He gives Adam and Eve the task of ruling and reigning over the earth as his representatives, but they attempt to seize power for themselves (Gen. 3:5). In fact, all of their children do the same. Babel (or Babylon) is the city opposed to the reign of God. Jesus comes as the true Son and redefines power by displaying strength through weakness. He does not exploit his power like Adam, but empties himself (Phil. 2:5–6). He becomes a servant of all, and thereby is exalted as ruler of all (Phil. 2:9–11)

*"Vă îndemn dar înainte de toate, să faceți rugăciuni, cereri, mijlociri, multumiri pentru toți..."*

*1 Timotei 2:1*

### Joi (7pm) Midweek service

|    |           |                                  |                    |
|----|-----------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 13 | Moise Z.  | <i>Misiune si mărturie</i>       | <i>1 Timotei 1</i> |
| 20 | Iulian J. | <i>Rugăciune si autoritate</i>   | <i>1 Timotei 2</i> |
| 27 | Dan S.    | <i>Calificări si clarificări</i> | <i>1 Timotei 3</i> |

### Tematica lunii Aprilie: HRISTOS A ÎNVIAT!

#### **Duminică, 2** Psalmul 43 **PALM SUNDAY**

am: îndemn Florin C. & Ioan Chira

mesaj Iulian J. *Vine Împăratul!* *Zaharia 9:9-10 & Matei 21:1-11*

pm: îndemn Sami Herman Jr. & Cornel S.

mesaj Richard P. *The Parable of the Wedding Banquet* *Matthew 22:1-14*

**Joi, 6** ora 7pm **CINA DOMNULUI** Iulian J. *Ultimul Paste* *Luca 22:14-20*

**Vineri, 7** ora 7pm **EASTER PLAY** *Seară de evanghelizare*

#### **Duminică, 9** Psalmul 44 **EASTER SUNDAY**

am: îndemn Cornel S. & Iulian J.

mesaj Moise Z. *Înviearea Fiului lui Dumnezeu!* *Matei 28:1-15*

pm: îndemn Adrian P. & Danny P.

mesaj Cornel S. *Marea Trimitere!* *Matei 28:16-20*

#### **Duminică, 16** Psalmul 45

am: îndemn Richard P. & Sebastian M.

mesaj Iulian J. *Si dacă nu a înviat ...* *1 Corinteni 15:12-28*

pm: îndemn Moise Z. & Florin C.

mesaj Dinu Cociuba (Biserica Vestea Bună, Oradea)

#### **Duminică, 23** Psalmul 46 **Binecuvântare de copil Asher Daniel Dânga**

am: îndemn Moise Z. & Iulian J.

mesaj Dan S. *Mandat divin* *Geneza 1:27,28 & 1 Timotei 2:15*

pm: îndemn Cornel S. & Andrei L.

mesaj Adrian P. *Discipleship and Pastoring* *John 21:1-17*

#### **Duminică, 30** Psalmul 47

am: îndemn Dan S. & Mitică T.

mesaj Pavel P. *Puterea învierii Domnului* *Filipeni 3:7-21*

pm: îndemn Iulian J. & mărturie misionar fr. Mohamed

mesaj Dan S. *Preconceptii si realitati biblice* *Luca 20:27-40*