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March 17, 2026

**EXCUSED EARLY DISMISSAL LETTER DUE TO EASTERN ORTHODOX HOLY WEDNESDAY OBSERVANCE**

To: All Teachers and School Administrators
From: Reverend Dr. Steven P. Zorzos

To Whom It May Concern,

The Eastern Orthodox Church quite often celebrates Easter on a different Sunday than do the Western Churches. This can be one week, or even several weeks, afterward. This year, Eastern Orthodox Easter falls on Sunday, April 12th.

Of course, this necessarily means our Holy Week is celebrated at a different time, as well as our Holy Wednesday observance, which this year falls on Wednesday, April 8th.

In our religious tradition Holy Wednesday is a day that all Orthodox Christians are obligated to attend a Holy Unction service. The church service for children and young people begins at 2:30 PM.

We therefore request you excuse the early dismissal of the Orthodox Christian student that attends your school, and bears this letter, for the Eastern Orthodox Holy Wednesday Unction Service, April 8th, 2026.

Thank you for your understanding.

Most respectfully,

Reverend Steven P. Zorzos, Presiding Priest
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