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CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

PASCHA: SUNDAY/APRIL 19th
THE BRIGHT RESURRECTION OF CHRIST
"THE FEAST OF FEASTS"

12:01a.m. Matins & Divine Liturgy
Blessing of Paschal Foods and Festal Meal
12:00p.m. Vespers

BRIGHT MONDAY /APRIL 20th
9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy & Festal Meal
7:00p.m. Vespers

BRIGHT TUESDAY/APRIL 21st
9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
7:00p.m. Vespers

BRIGHT WEDNESDAY/APRIL 22nd
9:30a.m. Akathist to the Risen Jesus
7:00p.m. Deanery Vespers at Christ the Saviour Church in Paramus

BRIGHT THURSDAY/ARIL 23rd
St. George the Great Martyr
9:30a.m. Akathist to St. George

BRIGHT FRIDAY/APRIL 24th
Icon of "the Life-Giving Spring"
9:30a.m. Akathist to Icon

BRIGHT SATURDAY/APRIL 25th
9:30a.m. Akathist to the Life-Giving Tomb; Confession
11:00a.m. Baptism of Julianna Bakaletz
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confession

NEW SUNDAY/APRIL 26th
Anti-Pascha or Thomas Sunday
9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour; Question & Answer Period

**And unto us He has given Eternal Life,
let us worship His Resurrection on the Third Day!**



Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

April 20, 1934	Metropolitan Platon
April 20, 1947	Charles Lazaruk
April 21, 1919	Eva Zydiak
April 21, 1935	Peter Chromoho
April 22, 1986	Julia Andrews
April 22, 1997	Olga Verkon
April 22, 1999	Anna Tacak
April 23, 2003	Peter Hnatuk
April 25, 1970	Vera Welenteychik



Namesday Greetings

St. George/April 23: Georgia Economou
St. Alexandra/April 23: Alexandra Long,
Alexandra Erkman; Many Blessed Years!

Paschal Memorial at Cemetery

Will be held on April 27th, Monday at 6:30p.m.
The rain date is Tuesday at 6:30p.m. (if necessary,
In the church at 7:00p.m.).

Orthodox Youth Soccer Tournament

June 13th, Saturday at South River

A day of fellowship and athletic activity. Join the team! Talk to Alexander Torrisi (732-545-5642). Please note that the date is June 13th it had originally been scheduled for June 6th.

Open Door Ministry Begins in May

On Sundays after the Coffee Hour when the weather is nice, we wish to keep the doors as an "invitation" for others to come and look and perhaps pick-up some material about Orthodoxy. If you wish to be a "greeter," please speak with Symeon Combs. The times are 12:00p.m. to 2:00p.m. You may team up with someone.

Kneeling and Prostrations

In accordance with the festal nature of the 50 Days of Pentecost (April 19th – June 7th). We do not kneel or make prostrations either in church or in our homes. In fact, two Ecumenical Councils strictly forbid it.

Memorial Service

One year anniversary of William Basil Davidovich, (+14 April, 2008) will be held on April 30th, Thursday at 6:15p.m.

Adult Study Classes – 3 Wednesdays

Wednesdays, Apr. 29, May 6, May 13 at 7:00p.m. in the Conference Room. The topic for the 3 week class is "The Conciliar Structures of the Orthodox Church in America." An examination of the thought and writings of Metropolitan Jonah on the mission/identity and core values of our Church. The need for new understandings and new structures in our church at all levels.

Appreciation

Is expressed to all of you who have helped in many ways and in various tasks in the past weeks to ready the church and offered your time, talent and treasure. It is wonderful when our parish family works together for the common good and each offers something of themselves.

Celebrating the Nation of Georgia: Its Faith, People and Culture – May 2nd

On this Saturday, from 10:30a.m. to 4:00p.m. this special feast will be held in our lower hall. Come and learn about the history and culture of this ancient Christian Nation. We begin with a short prayer service, and follow with some Georgian foods, music and displays. Bring someone with you!

Offerings for the week of April 19th

Olive Oil – in memory of Emilia and Vaschen; in memory of Joan; in memory of Michael and Justina; for the health of Nicholas (birthday) and for health and protection; in memory of Archimandrite Damian and Hieromonk Barnabas.

Wine – for the health of Joseph (birthday); for the forgiveness of sin and salvation of Mariana, Simonia-Georgia, Gabriela-Antoaneta, Marie-Diane and David-Leonard; for the health of Edward (birthday); for the health of Tatiana; for the health of Andrea, Lucian and Liliana.

Flowers – in honor of the glorious Resurrection of our Lord; in memory of Nicholas and Louise Chabra.

Outreach Meeting

April 27th, Monday at 7:30p.m.

PASCHA 2009

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

To the Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful
of The Orthodox Church in America



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Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Beloved, let us greet one another with Paschal Joy, and exchange the kiss of peace.

Let us feast soberly, that our joy may be full. Let us not stuff ourselves to satiety with feasting, nor indulge our passions to insensibility. Most of all, let us not give ourselves over to the darkness of the fallen world from which we have sought to purify ourselves, lack of forgiveness, anger and judgment, bitterness and hatred.

Rather, let us allow our old selves to remain crucified and buried, that the New Man may live, resurrected in and with Christ. Let us live according to the Kingdom, in communion with the Holy Spirit, so that we may be renewed by the Resurrection.

Our Pascha is not simply the beautiful services and the good food. It is not just family and Easter bunnies. It is not just the fellowship and familiar old customs.

Pascha is the dawn of the Age to Come, the Kingdom of God radiating into our souls and minds and hearts. Pascha is the experience of salvation itself, the foretaste of the Messianic Banquet, and the transformation of our lives. In Pascha we behold Christ, Risen from the dead, the revelation of the Second Coming.

We have gone with Christ to His Passion, but have we been crucified with Him?

We have held vigil at His Tomb, but were we asleep, and missed Him? Did our minds betray us and we doubt His Resurrection?

Let the fruit of our Lenten efforts be the enlightenment of our minds and the renewal of our hearts that our repentance not be in vain.

Let us sing with joy together with the Angels and Archangels, and all creation which has groaned awaiting the revelation of the Son of Man. With all creation, the living and dead, the spiritual and material, and with all the saints, let us cry:

Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

Χριστος Воскресе из мертвых, смертию смерть поправ, и сущим во гробех живот даровав!

Χριστος ανεστη εκ νεκρων, θανατο θανατον πατησας και της εν τοις μνημασι ζων χαρισαμενος.

With love and joy in the Risen Christ,



+ JONAH

Archbishop of Washington and New York
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

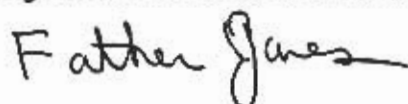


The Feast of Pascha 2009

Greetings of the Parish Rector

On the joyous feast of the Bright Resurrection of Jesus Christ, I extend to all of our parishioners, friends of the parish and their families, the wonderful Good News: Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

May the 50 Days of this Paschal Season be filled with the peace from above and the sweetness of Paradise. We Christians walk and talk differently because of the pascha-passover. Let us be more radiant and godly! Let us be more mindful of the things that are above! Let us love each other and all of God's creation made anew in Christ Jesus!



THE HOURS OF PASCHA

(which are given here, replace all our regular morning and night prayers this Bright Week)

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. (3x)

(Tone 6) Having beheld the resurrection of Christ, let us worship the Holy Lord Jesus, the only sinless one. We venerate Thy Cross, O Christ, and we praise and glorify Thy holy resurrection. For Thou art our God, and we know no other than Thee. We call on Thy name. Come, all you faithful, let us venerate Christ's holy resurrection. For behold through the Cross joy has come into all the world. Let us ever bless the Lord, praising His resurrection. For by enduring the Cross for us, He has destroyed death by death.

(Hypakoe — Tone 8) Before the dawn Mary and the women came and found the stone rolled away from the tomb. They heard the angelic voice: 'Why do you seek among the dead as a man the one who is everlasting light? Behold the clothes in the grave! Go and proclaim to the world: The Lord is risen! He has slain death, as He is the Son of God, saving the race of men!'

(Kontakion — Tone 8) Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming 'Rejoice' to the myrrhbearing women, granting peace to Thy apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

(Tone 8) In the tomb with the body and in hell with the soul, in paradise with the thief and on the throne with the Father and the Spirit, wast Thou, O boundless Christ, filling all things.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and and to the Holy Spirit:

Bearing life and more fruitful than paradise, brighter than any royal chamber: Thy tomb, O Christ, is the fountain of our resurrection.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages.
Amen.

(Tone 8) Rejoice, O holy and divine abode of the most high! For through you, O Theotokos, joy is given to those who cry: Blessed are you among women, O all-undefiled Lady!

Lord, have mercy (40).

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

More honorable than the cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim: without defilement you gave birth to God the Word. True Theotokos, we magnify you.

Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us.

Amen.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life *(thrice)*.



Holy Fire to be delivered from Jerusalem to Moscow on Easter eve for the seventh time

Moscow, April 14, Interfax – The Holy Fire, which miraculously descends in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, will be delivered by a special flight at 10.30 p.m. to Vnukovo airport on April 18, Saturday.

The shrine will be taken to Christ the Savior Cathedral and conveyed to Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia for the Easter service, press service of St. Andrew the First-Called Foundation has told *Interfax-Religion* on Tuesday.

In 2009, the Holy Fire is to be delivered to diocesan centers of the Russian Church - Minsk, Riga, Tallinn, Baku, St. Petersburg, Barnaul, Belgorod, Volgograd, Voronezh, Yekaterinburg, Irkutsk, Kemerovo, Kostroma, Krasnoyarsk, Kursk, Lipetsk, Magadan, Murmansk, Nizhny Novgorod, Novosibirsk, Oryol, Perm, Pskov, Saratov, Stavropol, Tambov, Tula, Cheboksary, Yaroslavl, Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, Rostov-on-Don, Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, and Yakutsk.

The Holy Fire has appeared at the Lord's sepulcher for many centuries shortly before Orthodox Easter. Eastern Christians are convinced that the miracle of the Holy Fire proves the truth of the Orthodox faith as every Easter the Holy Fire appears at the Lord's Sepulcher. The believers think the descent of the fire disapproves of any atheistic views.

Moscow Patriarchate disagrees with Constantinople's special position in the Orthodox world

Moscow, 10 April, Interfax - Bishop Hilarion of Volokolamsk, head of the Moscow Patriarchate Department for External Church Relations expressed his disagreement with the Constantinople Patriarchate urge to govern all church communities in the Orthodox diaspora.

"One of the major challenges for inter-Orthodox relations I see the claims of Constantinople Patriarchate to a special role in the Orthodox Church," Bishop Hilarion said at *Interfax* press conference.

"The Orthodox Church is going to be enforced the model of the Catholic Church, which is the most centralized church power led by the one bishop of the Universal Church," the Bishop said.

He reminded that "there was no such a model in the Orthodox Church" and voiced his doubt "that we have the right to review our teaching of the Church."

According to Bishop Hilarion, the leading bishops of Constantinople Patriarchate urge to review the principle of the priority in the Orthodox world. This model envisages that the Constantinople Patriarchate "shall govern all churches in the so-called diaspora." Communities not included within the borders of historical national churches shall assume the jurisdiction of Constantinople.

Bishop Hilarion said that this whole complex issues shall be discussed at the inter-Orthodox meeting, where the Constantinople model shall be imposed on the Russian Church.

Patriarch Kirill's sermon at rock concert sets the style of new missionary policy, the Russian Church believes

Moscow, April 10, Interfax – Head of the Moscow Patriarchate Department for External Church Relations Bishop Hilarion of Volokolamsk promises to diversify missionary policy of the Church and forms of church dialogue with youth.

"Today Church and society is in fact one and the same thing. Our church believers go to discos and rock-concerts, and if there's a chance to give some church tinge to such youth meetings and punches, if young people are glad to hear a few words from a priest, why doesn't he go there and say these few words?" Bishop Hilarion said on Friday at *Interfax* press conference.

He reminded that last year in Kiev the acting Primate of the Russian Church preached at the rock concert dedicated to the 1020th anniversary of Russia's Baptism and then "dozen thousands of people greeted him very enthusiastically."

"Model of such Patriarch will surely inspire bishops, priests and laymen. This missionary dimension of our church activity will be intensified thanks to His Holiness Kirill's personality," the bishop promised.

According to him, "every responsible church worker and priest should have inner feeling that will prompt him where he can go where better not."

"When we speak about very notion of mission, we mean that we will go and preach, not that people will come to us. We mean that priests should come out from their churches, officials of church departments should step out of their organizations. We should go and meet people, even at the so-called youth hangouts even if it's not usual to see a man in cassock there," the Russian Church official said.