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**BULLETIN OF APRIL 4, 2010**

## **PASCHA: THE BRIGHT RESURRECTION OF CHRIST/APRIL 4 "The Feast of Feasts"**

12:01a.m. Matins & Divine Liturgy; followed by  
blessing of paschal foods  
12:00p.m. Vespers

### **BRIGHT MONDAY/APRIL 5**

9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy & Festal Meal  
7:00p.m. Vespers

### **BRIGHT TUESDAY/APRIL 6**

9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
7:00p.m. Vespers

### **BRIGHT WEDNESDAY/APRIL 7**

9:30a.m. Akathist to the Risen Jesus  
7:00p.m. Deanery Vespers & Festal Meal at Christ  
the Saviour Church in Paramus

### **BRIGHT THURSDAY/APRIL 8**

9:30a.m. Akathist to the Life-Giving Tomb

### **BRIGHT FRIDAY/APRIL 9**

#### **Life-Giving Spring Icon**

9:30a.m. Akathist to Life-Giving Spring  
6:30p.m. Ladies Festal Gathering

### **BRIGHT SATURDAY/APRIL 10**

9:30a.m. Akathist to the Risen Jesus; Confessions  
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

### **NEW SUNDAY/APRIL 11**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Church School & Teen Class  
12:00p.m. Movie Presentation



**CHRIST IS RISEN!**

**INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

### **MONDAY/APRIL 12**

7:00p.m. Paschal Memorial Service for all the  
departed in church

### **TUESDAY/APRIL 13**

**Radonitsa – Day of Joy**  
7:30p.m. Movie Presentation

# Archpastoral Message of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah, on the occasion of the Feast of Feasts, the Lord's Pascha, 2010

Posted 03/26

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

Beloved in Christ, Fathers and concelebrants, brothers and sisters,

Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!  
I greet you with joy in the Risen Lord!

Having passed the course of the Fast, let us feast soberly, giving thanks to God. Let our feasting never obscure the Feast of Grace, the experience of the Presence of Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord, in our midst, the Host of our Feast.

We have beheld the Resurrection of Christ, and we have experienced the resurrection of our souls. We have seen the true Light, and have been illumined by the radiance of the Kingdom. We have feasted on the Lamb of God, and eaten the Flesh of God. We have partaken of the Fountain of Immortality, and drunk the new Wine of the Messianic Banquet. Our minds and hearts are illumined and raised up, drunk with the Grace of the Resurrection. This Feast of Feasts is the ultimate celebration of the Lord of Lords, who came to be slain and given as food to the Faithful.

Jesus Christ has come and purified us, sanctified us, and arrayed us in His own glory, which He shares with the Father since before time began. He is the Great High Priest, the true Hierarch and Bishop of our souls, who so loved us that he took our own fallenness and brokenness, and healed us. He healed our bodies, unto life eternal by overcoming death itself. He heals our souls, by cleansing our minds and hearts from the corruption of passions. He opens our spiritual eyes so that we can behold Him, perceive Him, dwell in Him, be aware of Him, and live in Him. He has given us salvation, the knowledge of the God as Father, by sharing His own life with us, His will, His perception, His faith, His prayer, His Spirit.

Our Fast has been to purify us from all things that distract our minds and heart from Him. We have striven to cut off our selfishness by self denial. We have followed Him and taken up our cross, in the likeness of Jesus who bore His Cross, so that we might crucify the corruption which is in us through our passions and desires. We have striven to forgive our neighbors, so that we might be forgiven. Let us abandon ourselves to Him, committing our minds and hearts and all our lives to Him, detached from all that has kept us in bondage to the fallenness of the world. We have judged ourselves, so that we might not be condemned as we stand before Him by our judgment of our brothers and sisters, on that awesome Day of His Coming.

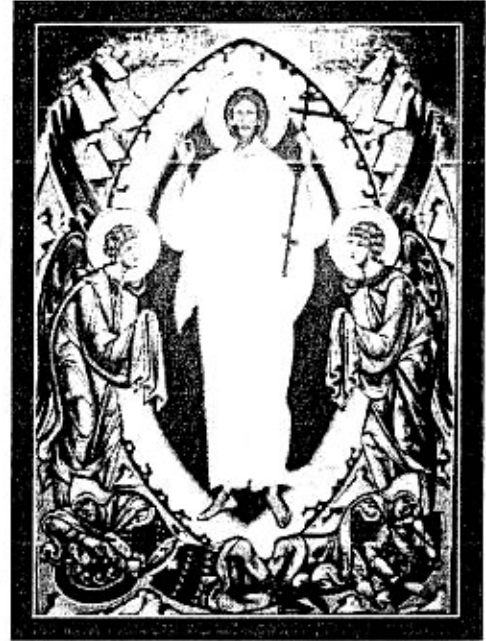
Pascha is the Day of Judgment! Pascha is the Day of the Lord! Pascha: the Day of Resurrection, the Dawning of the Kingdom. Let our rejoicing be spiritual, our souls illumined and our hearts open, to receive Him, Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Let our resurrection be unto spiritual rejoicing in salvation, not the condemnation drunkenness of the passions.

Let us rejoice! For Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,  
and upon those in the tombs bestowing Life!

With love and joy in the Risen Christ,



+JONAH  
Archbishop of Washington  
Metropolitan of All America and Canada



**Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!**

Apr. 17<sup>th</sup> 40<sup>th</sup> Day Basil Charles Kachek  
Apr. 04, 1957 Joseph Yarik  
Apr. 04, 1959 Helen Hnatuk  
Apr. 06, 1974 Gregory Tscherwinski  
Apr. 06, 1977 Eva Marchuk  
Apr. 06, 1992 Stephen Mock  
Apr. 06, 1995 Anne Burd  
Apr. 07, 1968 Fr. Basil Dziama  
Apr. 09, 1937 George Huzinec  
Apr. 09, 1953 Anna Romanovich  
Apr. 10, 1960 Mary Romanofsky



**Offerings for the week of April 4**

Olive Oil – in memory of Michael and Justina; in memory of Joan; for the health of Nicholas (birthday); for the protection and salvation of Mariana, Georgina, Gabriela-Antoaneta, Simeona, Stefan and Eric.

Wine – in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; for the health of Alec; in memory of Basil; in memory of Pearl Kulwinsky.

Flowers – for the health of Barbara, Basil, Kyra, Larrisa, Mark and Father Michael; in memory of Henry Olszyk; for the glorious Resurrection of Christ.

**April Monthly Envelopes**

Your packet has a number of misprints. Pascha is April 4th. The Palm Sunday envelope for St. Mary Magdalen Church is for March 28th.. Make your adjustments as necessary. The important thing is to use your envelopes, the particular dates are not that important and will be sorted out by the counters.

**Bright Monday – April 5**

On this day many of our parishioners take off from school and work and celebrate as a community the Bright Resurrection of Christ. Plan to come for the Divine Liturgy and the festal meal. Lisa Keller will be the coordinator for foods.

**Newly-Departed - +29 March**

Stephen Pribish of Hillsborough, the spouse of our departed parishioner, Judy. Our sympathy is expressed to his family. Memory Eternal!



**Movie Presentation: The Journey of St. Paul – April 11 (12:00p.m.) April 13 (7:30p.m.) in Conference Room**

A powerful one-act play that follows the transformation of St. Paul from a persecutor to an apostle. The tale begins at the end of St. Paul's life, as he stands before Governor Festus and King Herod Agrippa. Here Paul gives an account of himself and his ministry. A powerful presentation based on the Acts of the Apostles and the Letters of St. Paul. Bring someone with you!

**Radonitsa – “The Day of Joy”**

On this day, always the Tuesday of New Week, the church celebrates paschal services for the departed. Due to all the wetness and seeding of grass in the cemetery, the service will be held in church on Monday evening at 7:00p.m. Let us greet our departed loved ones in the Risen Christ!

**Mark Your Calendar – Sunday, May 16th**

*“The Spirit of Orthodoxy – Concert & Reception”*

This Outreach program will be held at 4:30p.m. Reserve the date and plan to bring friends with you to see our church; hear the choir and delight in wonderful refreshments. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring your non-Orthodox friends to experience something of your Faith.

**Namesday Greetings**

St. Rodion/Apr. 9: Robert Smith; Many Blessed Years!

**Memorial Service**

Fortieth Day Memorial for Basil Charles Kachek, Friday, April 16th, at 6:00p.m.

**Appreciation**

Is expressed to all parishioners that have helped in the many ways necessary for the Great & Holy Week and Pascha. Your offerings of time, talent, products and tithe is much appreciated. The Lord bless!

**The 50 Days of Pentecost**

From Pascha (April 4) thru Pentecost (May 23) we do not kneel or make prostrations either in church or in our homes. This festal time of joy is marked by “not-bending-the-knee.”



## THE PASCHAL GREETING

CHRIST IS RISEN! AND THE RESPONSE INDEED HE IS RISEN! IS EXCHANGED MANY TIMES DURING THE PASCHAL 40 DAY PERIOD. THIS GREETING IS NOT JUST A LITURGICAL FORMULA. IT IS A GREETING TO BE EXCHANGED BETWEEN ALL BELIEVING CHRISTIANS AS A PROCLAMATION OF OUR FAITH IN THE RISEN LORD. THE GREETING EXPRESSED IN VARIOUS LANGUAGES, EXPRESSES THE CATHOLICITY OF THE CHURCH AND UNITES US IN ACCORD AND SYMPHONY WITH OUR ORTHODOX FAITHFUL THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!  
-ENGLISH-

CHRISTOS ANESTI! ALITHOS ANESTI!  
-GREEK-

KRISTE AHZDKHAH! CHEZDMARIDET!  
-GEORGIAN-

HRISTOS A INVIAT! ADEVERAT A INVIAT!  
-ROMANIAN-

KHRISTOS VOSKRESE! VOISTINU VOSKRESE!  
-RUSSIAN-

CHRISTO A RESUCITADO! EN VERDAD A RESUCITADO!  
-SPANISH-

EL MESSIESH KAHM! HAKKEN KAHM!  
-ARABIC-

KRISTO AZUKKIDE! AMAZIMA AZUKKIDE!  
-UGANDIAN-

GRISDO GGESUH! BOO-HOL HA-SHON-NAE!  
-KOREAN-