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BULLETIN OF APRIL 12, 2015

PASCHA: THE BRIGHT RESURRECTION/SUNDAY, APRIL 12

12:01a.m. Matins & Divine Liturgy; Blessing of Foods & Sharing Meal
12:00p.m. Vespers

BRIGHT MONDAY/APRIL 13

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

BRIGHT TUESDAY/APRIL 14

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

BRIGHT WEDNESDAY/APRIL 15

9:30a.m. Akathist to Risen Jesus; 7:00p.m. Vespers & Festal Meal with Archbishop Michael and faithful of the NJ Deanery at Christ the Saviour Church in Paramus

BRIGHT THURSDAY/APRIL 16

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

BRIGHT FRIDAY/APRIL 17

9:30a.m. Akathist to Life-Giving Spring Icon

BRIGHT SATURDAY/APRIL 18

9:30a.m. Akathist to Risen Jesus; Confessions
5:30p.m. Distribution of Artos; Vigil; Confessions

NEW SUNDAY/APRIL 19

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Hosted Luncheon for Mission Trip to Mexico for Rebecca Oliver



Offerings Week of April 12

Olive Oil: in memory of Michael, Rosalia, Justina Anastasia, Anna; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; for the health and salvation of John and Vera.

Wine: for the health of Kakha Kaliashvili and family; for the health of Kulick family; to the Glory of God and help and protection of Mariana, Simona, Gabriel, Stefan, Kurt and Tabatha.

Flowers: for the health of Daniel and Maria (anniversary); for the health and protection of Nicholas (birthday).

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Apr. 28th 40th Day for Sophie Olszyk

Apr. 13, 1961 Frank Yurchuk

Apr. 13, 1964 Igor Mushta

Apr. 14, 1921 Procopius Kostik

Apr. 14, 1941 Maria Huzinec

Apr. 14, 1955 Peter Leich

Apr. 14, 1965 Miron Urichuck

Apr. 14, 2008 William Davidovich

Apr. 15, 1961 Lazar Elik

Apr. 15, 2012 Helen Gregovitch

Apr. 16, 1991 Vassily Seminuk

Apr. 17, 1957 Peter Dutko

Apr. 18, 1936 Martha Dzioba

Apr. 18, 2001 Mary Spotts

Coffee Hour Hosts – Fasting Foods

Apr. 12 No Coffee Hour

April 19 Special Hosted Lucheon

April 26 Motoviloff, Torrissi, Kachek & Stone

Usher Schedule

Apr. 12 To be scheduled

Apr. 19 Dennis F. & Charles D.

Apr. 26 Edward S., Adrian M. & Kakha K.

2015 Equal Sacrifice Model is in Effect

Each of our 70 parishioners (100%) is asked to make an extra offering over the amount of your usual offering of \$2.87 to \$8.62 per week to cover this year's deficit. This is based on 12 months, with 2 months already over. The Lord bless your sacrifice and generosity! If absent, please mail your offerings in.

Forth-Coming on Calendar

April 13 Bright Monday – Parish Celebration
(no school – no work)

April 19 Sunday Luncheon for Rebecca Oliver
Mission Journey to Mexico

April 20 Monday – 6:30p.m. Paschal Memorial at
Cemetery (Rain Date: Tuesday 6:30p.m.)

April 25 Saturday – Deanery Parish Council
Workshop in Clifton 9:30-3:00p.m.

April 26 Presentation at Coffee Hour on Saint
Tikhon Summer Camp (July 6-10)

May 03 100th Anniversary Celebration of our
Parish for the Youth of NJ Deanery

May 07 Parish Council Meeting

May 09 15th Anniversary of Archbishop Michael,
Liturgy in Passaic at 9:30a.m. & Banquet

100th Anniversary Commemorative Ads

Presently are being solicited. Forms (pink sheets) are on the vestibule table as well as posted on the Bulletin Board in the Hall. Please return by May 31st.

Appreciation Is Expressed to All!

Thank you all very kindly for your active participation in the various tasks and ministries in the Great & Holy Week and Bright Week. The Lord bless your offerings of work, time, talent and financial support!

Our Parish Website Postings

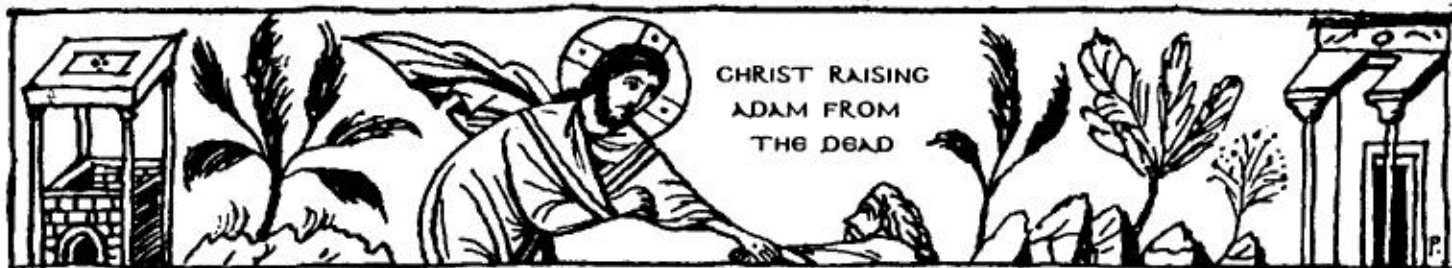
The wonderful photos taken at our services are uploaded very quickly to our website as well as to Friends of Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church Face Book Page. The Holy Unction Service (April 3) and Palm Sunday (April 5) are ready for your viewing.

Bright Week: April 12-18

There is a general dispensation from all fasting this glorious week.

The 50 Days of Pascha to Pentecost: April 12 to May 31

In this period of time we do not kneel or make prostrations either in church or in our homes, as we celebrate the joy of the Risen Lord.



THE HOURS OF PASCHA

During Bright Week, it is customary to replace one's morning and evening prayers with the Paschal Hours. When the Hours of Pascha are sung or read in the absence of a priest, those prayers in italic are omitted.

Priest: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

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 destroyed death by death!

(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."

(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 Thine 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 to the Holy Spirit:

(Tone 8) 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. (40x)

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.

Choir: In the name of the Lord, Father, bless.

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

Choir: Amen.

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3x) Father, bless!

Priest: May He, who rose from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life, Christ our true God, through the prayers of His most-pure Mother, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.





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-

**ARCHPASTORAL LETTER FOR
The Feast of the Glorious Resurrection: Holy PASCHA**

Sunday, April 12, 2015

Christ is Risen! – Indeed He is Risen!

Dearly Beloved in our Resurrected Lord:

*We celebrate the death of death and the overthrow of hell,
the beginning of another life which is eternal; and in exultation,
we sing the praises of its source. He alone is blessed and most glorious,
the God of our Fathers.”* — (Paschal Canon, Ode 7)

On this glorious Feast of Feasts, we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, Who suffered the Passion and Crucifixion, Death and Burial for the salvation of the human race. By His Death He defeated sin and death and the devil, out of love for and for the sake of every man, woman and child who has ever lived and will ever live.

All humanity shares in this “triumph of triumphs.” In the words of St. Nikolai of Zhicha and South Canaan:

“Christ’s victory is the only victory in which all humanity can rejoice, from the first-created to the last. Every other victory on earth has divided, and still divides, men from one another. When an earthly king gains the victory over another earthly king, one of them rejoices and the other laments. When a man is victorious over his neighbor, there is singing under one roof and weeping under the other. There is no joyful victory on earth that is not poisoned by malice: the ordinary, earthly victor rejoices both in his laughter and in the tears of his conquered enemy. He does not even notice how evil cut through joy.

“Christ’s victory is alone like a sun that sheds bright rays on all that are beneath it. Christ’s victory alone fills all the souls of men with invincible joy. It alone is without malice or evil.”

St. Nikolai, who lived in the last century, and was a professor and the rector at St. Tikhon’s Seminary, continues:

“A mysterious victory, you will say? It is; but it is at the same time revealed to the whole human race, the living and the dead.

“A generous victory, you will say? It is, and more than generous ...

“A healing victory, you will say? It is, healing and saving for ever and ever. This gentle victory saves men from every evil and makes them sinless and immortal ...”

But today's feast is more than a celebration of a universal victory for mankind as a whole; it is also and perhaps more importantly a celebration that touches each and every human being individually. For on the first Pascha, the Risen Savior appeared to many indeed, but to each one personally and uniquely. In one instance, it was the weeping Mary Magdalene, lonely and grieving at the empty tomb; in another, it was Peter, confused and bewildered, having returned from the garden where he had found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. Then there was Thomas, to whom Christ appeared -- casting away his every doubt and replacing it with unparalleled faith, by which he called Him: "My Lord and my God." And among the last to whom the Lord appeared, there was Saul, the great persecutor, whom He transformed into Paul, the greatest missionary.

This continues even now, to this very day. Christ, risen invisibly, appears tangibly to each person. In the lives of each of us who have felt His touch, a meeting with the Resurrected Lord is accomplished; He comes to each person, knocking at the door of our heart, finding words for each. To those in despair and brokenness, He offers hope; to those surrounded by anger and hate, He offers love; to those weighed down by defeat and division, He offers joy; and to those facing sickness, suffering and death, He offers life. It is our task to listen, it is our task to respond to this knock at the door of our heart, for the Savior has come to save, sanctify, and transform the lives not just of the Saints of centuries past, but of each one of us.

Therefore, on this resplendent day of Holy Pascha, let each of us, returning to our homes and our everyday lives, carry in our hearts the great joy of Christ's Resurrection, and the experience that the Lord has appeared to "me" also. He is risen for me, He speaks to me, and remains with me, and will forever be my Lord, my Savior, my God – the God Who loves us more than we love ourselves.

To Him be all glory, honor and worship, with His eternal Father and His all, holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Christ is Risen! – Indeed He is Risen!

With love in the Resurrected Savior,

+ MICHAEL

Archbishop of New York and the
Diocese of New York and New Jersey

**Rebecca
Oliver Goes to
Project Mexico**

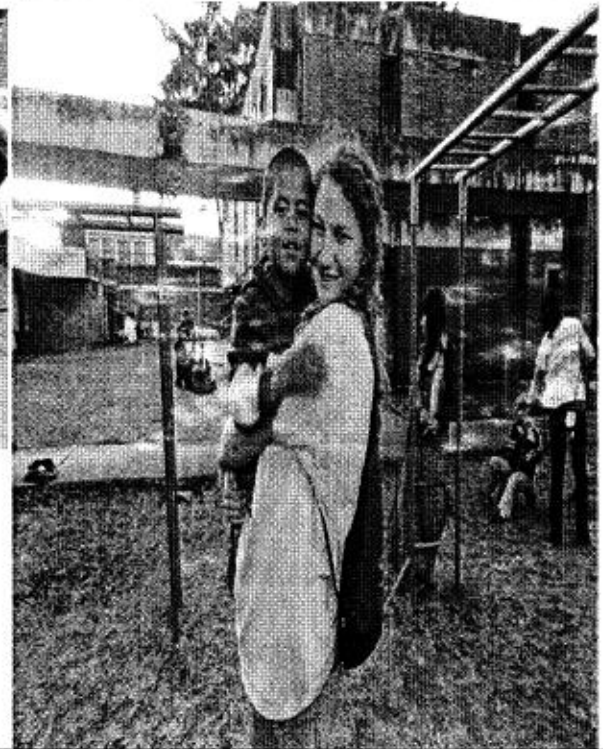
"Project Mexico performs works of mercy and helps others do works of mercy in the name of Jesus Christ, transcending cultural barriers by building homes for the poor in Mexico and by providing a home for orphaned boys through St. Innocent Orphanage."

"The ones who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are usually the ones who do".



Rebecca on a mission trip in 2012 in Guatemala at the Hogar Rafael Ayu

Attend a fundraiser lunch on **April 19th** to help support Rebecca in her mission to travel to Mexico!



Working on a mission trip in Guatemala



"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16

Building homes since 1988, Project Mexico's impact is now visible in the modest stucco homes embedded into the dusty hillside of our neighboring communities. Project Mexico has built more than 200 homes in Baja California, the majority of which are located in a single community. For an impoverished family, a new home means that after a rainstorm they will no longer step out of bed into knee deep mud. Instead, during the three month-long rainy season, families have the ability to keep their young children warm and dry with a cement floor and a weather-tight house. Project Mexico aims to be a catalyst for families, providing a physical foundation so that their modest earnings can be spent on education, groceries, and perhaps electricity. The families we build for now that they will forever be part of our Project Mexico family and in that we hope they know the Lord is ever-present with them.

The volunteer experience at Project Mexico is one that has been profoundly affecting people of all ages for 25 years. Coming from wealthy countries where potable water, electricity, and paved roads are commonplace, our volunteers are often humbled by the third-world conditions they experience in Mexico. Our one-week long mission trips have led many of our volunteers to dedicate their lives to serving those in need, both in the States and abroad. We continue to encourage new volunteers to serve the Lord through our ministry.

Since 1996, St. Innocent Orphanage has proudly been called "home" by many orphaned teenage boys. St. Innocent Orphanage is dedicated to doing more than simply providing the basic necessities for our boys. We help them with their education, direct them spiritually and provide them with emotional support. We are a family made up of 30 orphaned boys, 10 Mexican staff, 3 Canadian staff, and 15 American staff- we know it's a little unconventional. St. Innocent Orphanage is also unique in that it has a Transitional Living Program, which allows our older boys to study in university and gradually learn to become independent. In this program, they learn to cook and clean for themselves and support themselves financially. We aim to support our boys through all the stages of life so that they will grow into strong Orthodox men.