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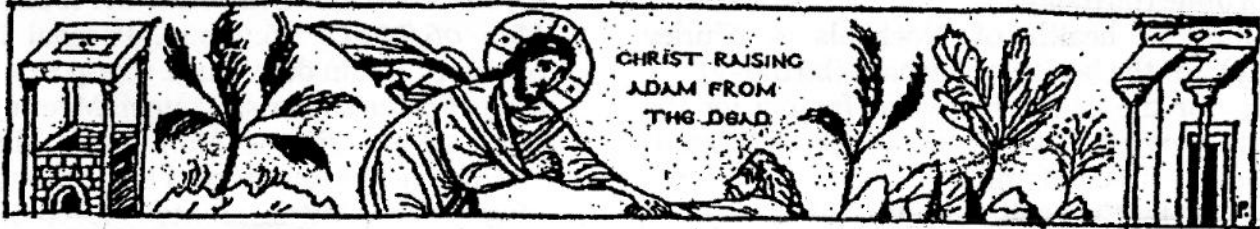
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**BULLETIN OF APRIL 28, 2019 – BRIGHT WEEK - FAST FREE
CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!**



HOLY PASCHA – FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION: SUNDAY, APRIL 28

12:01a.m. Matins and Divine Liturgy; Blessing of Paschal Foods; Festal Gathering

11:00a.m. Church Door Open; 12:00p.m. Vespers

BRIGHT MONDAY/APRIL 29

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

BRIGHT TUESDAY/APRIL 30

Ss. Nicholas, Raphael and Irene of Lesbos

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

BRIGHT WEDNESDAY/MAY 1

7:00p.m. Paschal Vespers with Archbishop Michael and faithful of the Deanery of NJ at Christ the Saviour Church in Paramus – You are invited!

BRIGHT THURSDAY/MAY 2

9:30a.m. Akathist to Risen Jesus

BRIGHT FRIDAY/MAY 3

9:30am. Akathist to “Life-Giving Spring Icon”

BRIGHT SATURDAY/MAY 4

9:30a.m. Akathist to Life Giving Tomb; Confessions

5:30p.m. Distribution of Artos; Vigil; Confessions

NEW SUNDAY/MAY 5

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy; Coffee Hour

Offerings Week of April 28

Relics candle: in memory of Ivanna; in memory of Michael, Justina, Rosalie, Anastasia, and Ivanna; in memory of Nicholas, Eleanore, Jerome, John, & Ann Marie.

Olive Oil: in memory of Sarchisian and Bocai families; for the health of Kayln (birthday); for the health of June (birthday).

Wine: for the health of Nochoals & Shirley (birthday); for the health of Barbara (birthday).

Flowers: for the health of Avelar family; for the health of George & Lily; for the health of Edward; for the health of Turri family.

Litya Breads: for the health of Katherine,

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Apr. 29, 1949 Joseph Bulat
Apr. 29, 1964 Infant Bodyl
Apr. 29, 2008 Genevieve Tindall
May 01, 1986 Mary Julio
May 02, 1989 Deacon Gregory Lapchuk
May 02, 1998 Rose Lorenick
May 03, 1926 John Petrovich
May 03, 1984 Olga Saffron
May 03, 1985 Helen Kudelko
May 04, 1973 John Holovach

Coffee Hour Schedule

May 05 Chirnoaga, Moldoveanu, Vajda & Sue
May 12 Peterson, Bakaletz, Mattei, Stone & Erkman

Counters Schedule

May 05 Katrina G. & Ekaterini M.
May 12 Ciprian C. & Jill P.

Ushers Schedule

May 05 Timothy S. & Peter B.
May 12 Jerome S. & Adrian M.

Names Day Greetings

St. Argyra/Apr. 30: Argyra Lapchuk
Many Blessed Years!

Reader's Schedule

May 05 John Z. / May 12 Zachary S.

Cemetery Grave Price Increase

Parishioners may still purchase a grave at the cost of \$1,200. On June 1st, the price becomes \$1,500.

Food Basket Sunday – May 5th

Bring staple food items to church vestibule bins.

Check On-Line Calendar on website

May 06/Mon. 6:30p.m. Paschal Memorial at cemetery (Rain date: Tues. 6:30p.m.)

May 16/Thurs. Parish Council Meeting 7:00p.m.

May 24-27/ Fri. – Mon. 115th Memorial Day Pilgrimage to Monastery of St. Tikhon

May 25/Sat. Entrance into Church of Timothy Z. & Daniel D.

June 01/Sat. 10:00a.m. Workshop for Parish Council Members at Ss. Peter & Paul, So. River

June 1&2/Sat. & Sun. Archbishop Michael Visitation to our parish

50th Anniversary of Autocephaly of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA) and 225th Anniversary of Orthodox Mission to North America – Symposium May 11 & 12 Opening Symposium May 11-12

The Church of the Mother of God in Rocky Hill will host this event. It is free and open to all (except the banquet). Spend the whole day or part of the day.

Saturday- May 11

10:00a.m. Akathist to All Saints of North America
11:00a.m. Welcome by Archbishop Michael & Address by Fr. Chad Hatfield (St. Vladimir's Seminary)

12:30p.m. Lunch

2:00p.m. Address by Metropolitan Tikhon

3:00p.m. Response by Jim Winkler

3:30p.m. Q. & A. Period

5:00p.m. Vespers

6:00p.m. Reception

(No Sat. Evening service in Manville, go to Rocky Hill, Mother of God Church for Vespers)

Sunday – May 12

9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy with Metropolitan Tikhon & Archbishop Michael

1:30p.m. Banquet at Nassau Inn in Princeton

THE PASCHAL GREETING

The Paschal Greeting, **Christ is Risen!** and the response, **Indeed He is Risen!** is exchanged many times during the Paschal 40 day period. It is a greeting to be exchanged among Christians as a proclamation of our faith in the Risen Lord. The greeting expressed in various languages, demonstrates the catholicity and accord of the Church in the entire 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! VOSITINU VOSKRESE!
(Russian)

CHRISTO A RESUCITADO! EN VERDAD A RESUCITADO!
(Spanish)

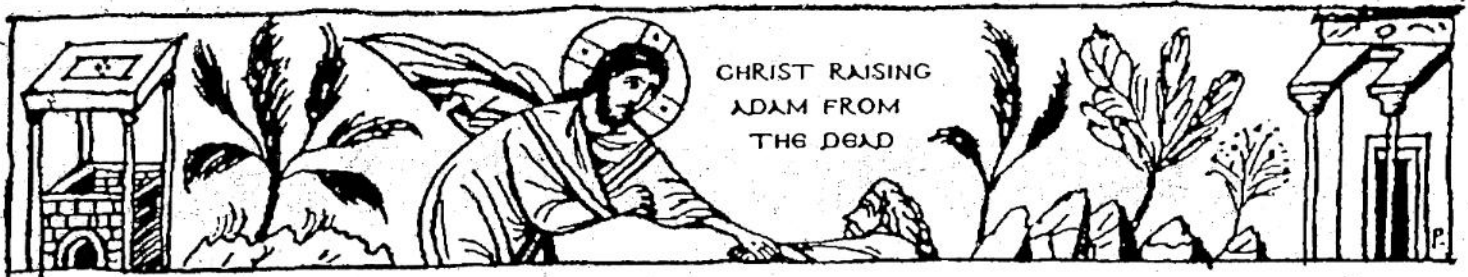
EL MESSIESH KAHM! HAKKEN KAHM!
(Arabic)

KRISTO AZUKKIDE! AMAZIMA AZUKKIDE!
(Ugandian)

JIDU FU HUA LA! ZHEN DE TA FU HUA LA!
(Madarin Chinese)

PCHRISTOS AFTOOUN! ALETHOS AFTOOUN!
(Coptic)

GRISDO GGESUH! BOO-HOL HA-SHON-NAE!
(Korean)



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!

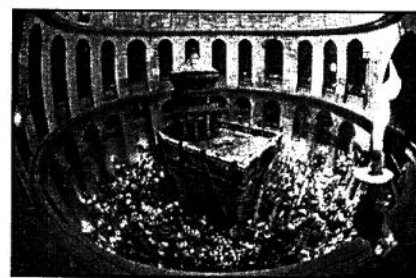
Priest: May He, who rose from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life, Christ our true God, through the prayers of His most-pure Mother, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.



HOLY PASCHA – THE MIDNIGHT SERVICE

Shortly before Midnight, the Resurrectional Nocturns is sung and all of the lights in the church are extinguished. The faithful wait in silence for the moment when the Priest will come out of the Altar with a lit candle, symbolizing the Light of the Risen Christ and the beginning of the Holy Pascha of the Lord – the Feast of Feasts.

At the stroke of Midnight, the clergy come out of the Holy Altar, all of the candles are lit, and a joyous, festive procession circles the church three times with the singing of the hymn: "Thy Resurrection, O Christ our Savior, the angels in heaven sing. Enable us on earth to glorify Thee in purity of heart." Then stopping before the closed outer doors of the church, the Priest reads the Gospel and exclaims the Paschal verses, "Let God arise...", while the Faithful sing the triumphant Paschal hymn, "Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life."



Faithful receiving the Paschal Fire at the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem.



Distribution of Paschal Fire

The Clergy and Faithful now re-enter the church and the singing of the Paschal Canon, "This is the Day of Resurrection...", with numerous repetitions of the Paschal hymn, "Christ is risen...", begins. At many points during the Service the Clergy exclaim, "Christ is risen!" and the Faithful respond, "Indeed, He is risen!" The church is filled with the Faithful holding lit candles and the Clergy in bright vestments. At the conclusion of the Matins, the catechetical address of St. John Chrysostom is read, summoning all, even those who have come only at the eleventh hour, to the great Paschal Banquet. Matins is then followed by the Paschal Liturgy.

BRIGHT WEEK

Bright Week is the first week following the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, which is celebrated each year at Pascha. It ends the following Sunday, the Sunday of St. Thomas. For Orthodox Christians Bright Week begins a period of celebration that continues for fifty days until Pentecost.

This celebration includes the practice of the faithful joyously greeting each other with the salutation of Christ is risen, followed by the response indeed He is risen or truly He is risen, as the whole of creation is renewed by Our Lord and Savior. The services of Bright Week are done with the Royal Doors fully open. This unblocked view of the altar symbolizes the open door of Christ's empty tomb as well as the rent veil of the Jewish Temple, which was torn apart at the moment Christ died. The entire week is considered to be one continuous day and the main reason why fasting is completely prohibited to all Orthodox during the week.



LITURGICAL NOTES ABOUT THE PASCHAL SEASON

- ❖ We greet each other with the Paschal salutation, "Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!" for 40 days, until Ascension Day.
- ❖ We do not kneel or make prostrations either at church services or in our homes until the "Kneeling Prayers" at Pentecost.
- ❖ The Paschal Troparion, "Christ is risen from the dead" is sung or said at the beginning or end of all prayers until Ascension.
- ❖ During Bright Week, morning and evening prayers are replaced by the Paschal Hours.
- ❖ The prayer, "O Heavenly King" is omitted until Pentecost, being replaced with the Troparion of Pascha and then Ascension.