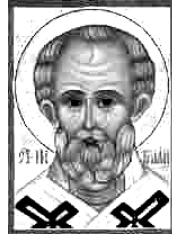


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Holy Pascha - The Feasts of Feasts

The Resurrection of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ

Schedule of Services and Activities

Monday, April 5th – 9:30 AM

Resurrectional Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, April 7th – 6:30 PM

Paschal Vespers

Presentation: A Trip to Russia – Meeting the Russian Orthodox Church

Bring your Paschal leftovers. This is a parish-wide event!

Saturday, April 10th – 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Church School

Saturday, April 10th – 5:00 PM

Great Vespers

Sunday, April 11th – 10:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

Blessing of Graves: St Alexander Nevsky Cemetery – 1:00 PM, Mt Calvary – 3:00 PM

This week is a fast-free week, in honor of the glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Thank you to everyone who supported our Easter Baskets for Families in Need program. Twelve bountiful baskets were provided to local families. Each beautifully arranged basket included a full ham, side dishes for Easter dinner, and a \$45 gift card to Giant Eagle, as well as gifts for children. May God bless you for your support of this program. A special thanks to Donya Yewisiak for her tireless efforts in coordinating this worthy program. This year was the most successful ever!

On Bright Wednesday evening we hope to begin a new parish tradition! Join us as we celebrate the beautiful Paschal Vespers at 6:30 PM, then head downstairs at 7:00 PM to share our “Paschal Feast Leftovers” with one another! By Wednesday, the same foods are starting to look old to you, but share them with others (it’s new to them!), and share in their feast! Plan to join us on Wednesday, April 7th! **A group from Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh will share a presentation with us about their trip to Russia and their experiences there with stories and photos.** Join us!

Please make sure to advertise to friends, neighbors and at work, about the special fundraising concert we will be sponsoring on Wednesday, April 28th at St Mark Church. The Konevets Quartet will give an exclusive Pittsburgh concert, along with the Tsar Lazar Serbian Male Chorus, beginning at 7:00 PM. Tickets will be sold at the door. Please distribute the handbills to as many people as possible.

Church School will be held this Saturday from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Please send your children!

Mark your calendars! We will be cleaning the St Mark Church on Saturday, April 24th at 9:00 AM to prepare for our special concert with the Konevets Quartet and the Tsar Lazar Serbian Male Chorus of Pittsburgh. We need your help and support!

Thank you to the choir for their beautiful singing during the numerous Lenten services, and to all those faithful who attended the services to worship the Living God. May God bless you.

Thank you to our April donors! Altar Candles (\$50) from Carol Kowalcheck in thanksgiving, for peace, the salvation of our family. Holy Bread (\$50) from Margaret Speth for many years to Robert on his birthday. Communion wine (\$40) from John Westling for a happy 40th birthday to Melissa Westling.

Vigil Light Donations (*Please remember the following people in your prayers*) **From Helen Cobb** for the departed servants, George, Ray Cobb, Fr. Vladimir & Mat. Olga, Darius Walat; for the health of Ruth, Vic, Todd, Aleisha, Dick, Jared, Helen March Shancey, Stephanie Kowal, the Tichy, Fuller, Kasnot, Speth, Wasilko, Barsom, Soroka and Mell families. **From Doris M. Wasilko** for the departed servants, (parents) Charles & Mary; for the health of the Wasilko family, Carol Kowalcheck, Olga Kasnot, Helen Billak and Fr. Igor Soroka on his Birthday. **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the health of sister, Doris & Marsha, Carol Kowalcheck, Tom Robes, Helen Billak and Helen March Shancey. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants (parents & grandparents) Amelia & John, Marie & Nicholas, Ann & Frank and (brother & nephew) Nicholas & Nicholas; for the health of John, Theodore, (my children), Amelia, Andrea, Richard & their families, Carol, Michael, Nancy, Charles, Helen; Helen on her birthday; Community of St. Nicholas; men & women serving our country; special intentions. **From Marsha Wasilko** for the health of the Wasilko family, Carol Kowalcheck, Olga Kasnot, Helen Henry; Happy Birthday & Many Years to Fr. Igor! **From Dn. Joe & Mat. Nancy Mell** for the newly departed servant, James Wokutch- Memory Eternal; in memory of Fedinko and Karavlan families. **From Donya Yewisiak** for the newly departed servant, (aunt) Kathryn Orlowski; for the health of Juliana Hollowood, Carol Kowalcheck and Olga Kasnot. **From John & Carol Kowalcheck** for the health & salvation for our family. **From John Kowalcheck** for the health of Carol Ann Kowalcheck. **From Carol Kowalcheck** in thanksgiving to God for all blessings. **From John A. Tirpak** for the departed servants, Anne & John; for the health of Alexandria & John and our family and for a secure retirement and harmony. **From Bob & Mary Beth Madalinsky** for the departed servants, Charles Lupka, Anna Kunca, Ben Madalinsky, Jim Madalinsky and Betty Budzowski. **From Peter & Garnette Kerchum** for the departed servants, Mat. Olga and Very Rev. Fr. Vladimir Soroka; for the health of grandson, Michael Lopez Jr., Reader Michael Soroka, Helen Hoover, Wayne Miller, Margaret Ruprecht, Timmy Waller Jr. and special intention for Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Rizzo. **From David Namisnak** for the departed servants, Melissa, Frank & Anna Namisnak; for the health of Marsha, Helen Billak and Helen Shancey. **From Tatiana Sechler** for the departed servants, Slava, Maxsim, Sergei, Bruce, Maria, Maria, Polina, Valentina, Victor, Tamara and Marina; for the health of Tatyana, Dasha, Valentina, Valiro and Galina. **From Georgiann Robes** for the departed servant, Johanna on the anniversary of her birthday; for the health of Tom, Teresa, Tommy, Granny, Carol K. and Michael S.

This bulletin is offered by Tom and Georgiann Robes in memory of George, Johanna and Beverly Porvaznik, and Victor Robes

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Paschal Greeting

Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!

Christos voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese! (*Russian*)

Christos anesti! Alithos anesti! (*Greek*)

Paschal Troparion

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

v. Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face!

Refrain: Christ is risen...

v. As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire!

v. So the sinners will perish before the face of God. But let the righteous be glad!

v. This is the day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

v. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

v. now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

First Antiphon of the Feast (Psalm 66)

v. Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise!

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

v. Say to God: "How awesome are Thy deeds! So great is Thy power that Thine enemies cringe before Thee!"

v. Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee! Let it praise Thy name, O most High!

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

Second Antiphon of the Feast (Psalm 66)

v. God be bountiful and bless us! Show the light of Thy countenance upon us and have mercy on us!

Refrain: O Son of God Who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: "Alleluia!"

v. That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nations.

v. Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God! Let all the people give thanks to Thee!

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

Third Antiphon of the Feast (Psalm 66)

v. Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face!

Refrain: Christ is risen...

v. As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire!

v. So the sinners will perish before the face of God. But let the righteous be glad!

Tone 8

Hypakoe of the Feast

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 man.'

Tone 8

Kontakion of the Feast

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal,
Thou didst destroy the power of death.

In victory Thou didst arise, O Christ God,
proclaiming: "Rejoice!" to the Myrrhbearing Women,
granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

Instead of the Trisagion

As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Tone 8

Prokeimenon of the Feast (Psalm 19)

This is the day which the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Epistle of the Feast (Acts 1:1-8)

The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Gospel of the Feast (John 1:1-17)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe.

He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.'"

And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.

For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Hymn to the Theotokos of the Feast

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace:

"Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: 'Rejoice,
your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb!
With Himself He has raised all the dead.'"
Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem!
The glory of the Lord has shone on you.
Exult now, and be glad, O Zion!
Be radiant, O pure Theotokos,
in the Resurrection of your Son!

Communion Hymn of the Feast

Receive the Body of Christ! Taste the Fountain of Immortality!

Dismissal Hymn of the Feast

And unto us He has given eternal life! Let us worship His resurrection on the third day!

*While Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians
who prepare themselves by prayer and fasting,
non-Orthodox visitors are welcome to come forward to venerate the cross
and receive the Antidoron (blessed bread) at the conclusion of the service.*

*Paschal baskets will be blessed in the Church Hall
immediately after the veneration of the cross.*

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