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Paschal Vigil and Divine Liturgy, Saturday at 10:30 pm

Great and Holy Pascha: The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ



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TROPARION FOR PASCHA:

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

Hypakoe for Pascha (Tone 4): They who were with Mary came before the dawn, found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher, and heard the angels say unto them: ‘Why seek ye Him as man with the dead, who dwells in light eternal? Behold the grave wrappings; make haste and declare to the world that the Lord is risen, and hath caused death to die; for He is the Son of God, the Savior of mankind!’

Kontakion for Pascha (Tone 8): O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: ‘Rejoice!’ And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those who had fallen.

In place of the Trisagion Hymn:

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (*Three times*)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

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THE EPISTLE

This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein! O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endureth forever.

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (1:1-8)

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the Apostles whom He had chosen. To them He presented Himself alive after His passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them He charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, “You heard from

me; for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” So when they had come together, they asked Him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.”

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. 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 was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world knew Him not. He came to His own home, and His own people received Him not. But to all who received Him, who believed in His Name, He gave power to become children of God; 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, full of grace and truth; we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to Him, and cried, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, for He was before me.’”) And from His fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Hymn to the Theotokos for Pascha: The angel cried to the lady full of grace: Rejoice, rejoice O pure Virgin! Again, I say rejoice, for thy Son is risen from His three days in the tomb. With Himself, He has raised all the dead. Rejoice, rejoice O ye people! Shine, shine, shine O New Jerusalem: The glory of the Lord has shone on thee. Exult now, exult, and be glad, O Zion. Be radiant, O pure Theotokos in the resurrection, the resurrection of thy Son!

GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA 2022

His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH

As we sing the hymn of victory, let us cleanse our senses and we will see Christ shining like lightning with the unapproachable light of the Resurrection and clearly saying, rejoice!

First Ode of the Paschal Canon

Beloved in Christ,

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!

Amidst the darkness of this world, the divine Light has arisen for our sakes. Let us open the eyes of our hearts so that we might behold Him! He shines with true and lasting joy, hope, love, and peace. Let us gaze upon Him so that we might take in the fullness of all these blessings!

Praying that Paschal joy will blaze forth in your hearts, I remain,

Yours in the Risen Lord,

+JOSEPH

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

REFLECTIONS ON THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

His Grace, Bishop ANTHONY

Beloved Clergy and Faithful of the Midwest Diocese,

Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!

Death is not normal. It is not a part of the life cycle. Even though it says in Ecclesiastes: “For everything there is a season, a time to be born and a time to die,” the Christian considers it to be unfinished business! Christians challenge death in a fight to the death. That is the whole meaning of Lazarus Saturday when Christ strikes the first blow in that ultimate contest. Death, it says in the hymns, “is put on notice.” We don’t explain death; we exterminate it. The whole Gospel is shouting: Christ is risen! We win!

Okay, the part of physically dying remains until Our Lord’s Second Coming (for Christians coming from the words of our Lord, we call our physical death “falling asleep in the

Lord”). But that is not to die really. Jesus said: “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit” (John 12:24). Christ died and rose again and is “the first fruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ” (1 Corinthians 15:23). After we are buried, we bloom!

“God did not make death and He does not delight in the death of the living” (Wisdom of Solomon 1:3). “God created man for incorruption, and made him the image of His own eternity (or nature)” (Wisdom of Solomon 2:23). In other words, God made us in the Image of His Son. That’s why God, in Christ, could become like us when He was born of the Holy Theotokos. We are alike and we look alike!

God wants to give us everything He has given to His Son because He sees Christ’s resemblance in us. All Our Lord’s familiar features are in us. “What no eyes has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him” (1 Corinthians 2:9; Isaiah 64:4).

It says movingly and powerfully in the hymns of the Great and Holy Week, and especially in matins of Holy Thursday, that Our Lord came from heaven to earth, becoming one of us, to look for us. “Adam, where are you?” He cried, “Where are my beloved ones, all my loved ones?” Christ suffered so much as He went searching for us though the thicket and thorns of the world become wilderness because of sin. He had to cut His own trail, make His own path through the swamp of sin to build a road for our salvation. He was scourged, scratched and scorched, beat and bloodied, wounded and killed.

But He wouldn’t stop looking until He found us helpless in Hades. Thus, He took us by the hands and raised us up out of the darkness and shadows of death into the bright sunshine of the “never ending Day of His Kingdom,” when He rose again on Pascha Sunday.

Death is not a final farewell. It is a family reunion “with the spirits of the righteous made perfect.” And it is a joyful greeting: “I couldn’t wait to be with you again ~ and forever and ever!”

May the message of our Resurrected Lord always live in our minds and hearts.

Yours in the Risen Christ,
+Bishop ANTHONY

Bishop of Toledo - Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full calendar of events and services at All Saints, see our website www.allsaintsorthodox.org

Pascha weekend:

- **Saturday morning:** Baptismal Liturgy at 10:00am. *This year we bring four adults into the Church via baptism, and one by chrismation. May God grant them many years! Lunch will be provided afterwards.*
- **Saturday late night:** Paschal vigil & Divine Liturgy, 10:30pm. *Bring your Pascha baskets to be blessed! We are not scheduling a formal meal or potluck afterwards, but all are welcome to stay at the church and eat together from your Pascha baskets as we did last year. Please, let us limit alcohol consumption to wine only (and Joseph L.'s vodka).*
- **Sunday afternoon:** Agape Vespers, 1:00pm. *The Gospel reading is John 20:19-25, and it is customary to have this passage read in as many different languages as possible. If you can read it in another language, please come prepared!*

Bright Week schedule:

- **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday:** Paschal morning prayers, 9am.
- **Wednesday, April 27:** Paschal Divine Liturgy for the feast of St. George, 7pm.

FASTING DURING THE PASCHAL SEASON: It is the custom of our Patriarchate of Antioch that we are not required to fast from meat, dairy, etc. during the entirety of the 40-day Paschal season, even on Wednesdays and Fridays. (We do, however, still observe the pre-Communion fast. Please see Fr. Andrew if any questions.)

COLLECTION FOR THE PATRIARCHATE OF ANTIOCH: As it's been our parish custom for many years, during this season we're collecting donations for the benefit of the Antiochian Patriarchate in Damascus. Now through May 8th, if you'd like to contribute, please mark "Patriarch" on your check or envelope.

CAMP ST. GEORGE: Our diocesan summer camp resumes this year for ages 9 through high school! It will take place July 3-9 at Camp Ewalu in Strawberry Point, Iowa. Please see Fr. Andrew if you are interested, so we can coordinate transportation and scholarship funds.

LENTEN COIN BOXES: Don't forget to turn in your Lenten coin boxes ASAP! Please replace the coins with a check marked "For the Poor" in the memo line, or submit paper money.

"The merciful person is he who gives to others what he himself received from God, whether it be money, or food, or strength, a helpful word, a prayer, or anything else he has through which he can express his compassion for those in need." (St. Peter of Damascus)

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sat Apr 23 <i>Holy Saturday</i>	Joseph L	Pat K	Domitille	Lydia A	<i>Catered</i>
Sun Apr 24 <i>Pascha</i>	Polycarp	Octavian	Nancy L	n/a	<i>Baskets</i>
Wed Apr 27 <i>St George</i>	Jim K	Dn Walid	Domitille	n/a	<i>Potluck</i>
Sunday May 1 <i>St Thomas</i>	Richard C	Domitille	Sandy A	Alina S	G-K
Sun May 8 <i>Myrrhbearers</i>	Doug J	Cristina P	Azizeh C	Domitille	L-P

For Sunday coffee hour, the church has been divided into four parts alphabetically (A-F, G-K, L-P, and R-Z). On your assigned week, please bring something simple to share with everyone for coffee hour.

If you have children, please monitor them as they go through the coffee hour line, and help them clean up after themselves.

Weekly clean-up will be the responsibility of those providing coffee hour. And of course, things go faster when we can all pitch in and help.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

APRIL 24-30, 2022

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Pascha Sunday, April 24: The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

Mark 16:1-8 / Acts 1:1-8 / John 1:1-17 / John 20:19-25

Bright Monday, April 25: Apostle & Evangelist Mark

Acts 1:9-14 / John 1:18-28

Bright Tuesday, April 26: Saints Raphael, Nicholas, Irene, & other newly-revealed martyrs of Lesbos

Acts 1:15-26 / John 1:29-51

Bright Wednesday, April 27: Great-Martyr George (*transferred from Apr. 23*)

Acts 2:1-36 / John 2:1-12

For St. George: Luke 12:2-12 / Acts 12:1-11 / John 15:17-16:2

Bright Thursday, April 28: Holy Nine Martyrs of Cyzicus

Acts 2:37-47 / John 2:13-25

Bright Friday, April 29: Theotokos of the Life-giving Spring

Acts 3:1-10 / John 3:1-21

Bright Saturday, April 30: Holy Apostle James Zebedee

Acts 3:11-26 / John 3:22-36

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