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“Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do, be done with love.” 1 Corinthians 16:13-14



SUNDAY APRIL 12, 2015

HOLY PASCHA — THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. St. Basil the Confessor, Bishop of Parium. Hieromartyr Zeno, Bishop of Verona. Ven. Isaac the Syrian, Abbot of Spoleto. Monk Martyrs Menas, David, and John, of Palestine.

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8

Gospel: John 1:1-17

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

April 12, Sun: PASCHA - THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Procession, Matins, Hours, & Divine Liturgy -12am; Blessing of the baskets to follow; Agape Vespers – noon

April 13, Mon: BRIGHT MONDAY. Pan-Orthodox Paschal Divine Liturgy -9:30am; followed by Festive Potluck; Paschal Vespers -6:30pm

April 14, Tue: BRIGHT TUESDAY. Pan-Orthodox Paschal Divine Liturgy (@ St. Nicholas, Steelton) -9:30am; Paschal Vespers -6:30pm

April 15, Wed: BRIGHT WEDNESDAY. Downtown Bible Study Postponed; *Paschal Vespers -6:30pm*

April 16, Thu: BRIGHT THURSDAY, VIRGIN MARTYRS AGAPE, IRENE, & CHIONIA. Penn State OCF - 3:45pm

April 17, Fri: BRIGHT FRIDAY, LIFE-GIVING SPRING. Pan-Orthodox Paschal Divine Liturgy (@Holy Trinity Cathedral, Camp Hill) - 9:30am

April 18, Sat: BRIGHT SATURDAY. Baptism -10am; Vespers & Confession -5pm

April 19, Sun: ST. THOMAS SUNDAY, PARISH FEAST DAY. Adult Ed -8:30am; *Divine Liturgy -9:30am;* Parish Feast Day Breakfast –following; 1st Annual Egg Hunt –noon; *Grave Blessing*

Readers: 3rd Hour Manny Lopez: · 6th Hour: Rdr Matthew (Chet) Lubecki

Epistle: Larry Smith Post-Communion: Rdr Matthew

● ANGIENTFAITHRADIO.COM - 24 hour Orthodox Internet Radio

● OrthodoxyinAmerica.org (Traveling or Going on Vacation?) **check it out!**

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS! Please join us for fellowship in the **church basement** following the service. If you are interested in becoming a part of our community please ask to speak to Fr. Stephen Vernak. Please note: Only those faithful who are Orthodox Christians and have properly prepared themselves by fasting (*from all food and drink*), prayer, and recent confession; and who were present for the reading of the Epistle and Gospel, should approach to receive the Holy Eucharist.

PASCHA DECORATED CANDLES

TABLE OF OBLATION:

- (1) In Memory of the Hancher & Starinshak Families, from Ron & Libby Hancher
- (1) In Memory of the Keener & Kling Parents, from Leavitt and Bette Keener

CENTER TABLE:

- (2) Large: In Memory of Vicki Crist Duncan, mother of Keith Leader
- (1) In the Memory of the Family Members, from Fr. Dan & Mat. Ressetar
- (1) Health & Salvation of the Family Members, from Fr. Dan & Mat. Ressetar

DECORATED CANDLES:

- (1) Health & Salvation of the Hancher & Starinshak Families, from Ron & Libby Hancher
- (1) In Memory of George & Eleanor Herman, from Kevin, Eleanor & sons
- (1) In Memory of Eleanor Whitney, sister of Barbara Norato
- (1) Health & Salvation of Barbara, Joseph, sons & their families, from the Norato's
- (1) Health & Salvation of the Demchak Family, from Suzanne
- (1) In Memory of parents Mary & George Demchak, sister Christine & brothers George & Theodore, from Suzanne
- (1) In Memory of Vladimer Kellachow II
- (1) In Memory of the Cole & Teleck Families, from Jerry & Ann Cole
- (1) In Memory of the Pellegrini & Bretz Families
- (1) Health & Salvation of the Bretz, Bricker & Pelegrini Families
- (1) In Memory of the Popp & Zuro Families
- (1) In Memory of Eugene & Julia Pituch
- (1) Health & Salvation of the Fatich & Kuzupas Families
- (1) In Memory of the Fatich & Kuzupas Families
- (1) Health & Salvation of Ron & Elizabeth Hancher and Albert Zart
- (1) In Memory of the Zuzulock Family
- (1) In Memory of the Pankiw Family
- (1) In Memory of the Libak Family
- (1) In Memory of the Jugan Family
- (1) In Memory of the Demopoulos & Lopez Families and friends
- (1) Health & Salvation of the Demopoulos & Lopez Families and friends
- (1) In Memory of Dolly Mallick
- (1) Health & Salvation of the Mallick Families
- (1) In Memory of John C. McGreevy, from Evan & Johnna McGreevy
- (1) In Memory of Nick Pestrock

PARISH PRAYER LIST:

Please remember the following persons during your daily morning and evening prayers. **Names will be listed for 2 weeks unless requested.** Submit names to the office by Wednesday for inclusion.

AILING: PARISHIONERS: Gloria Skirpan **FAMILY & FRIENDS:** James Rosso (Bill Kuchta's nephew); Michael Drozd, Sr. (Bobs father); Matt Findling; Gladys Barns (John's mother); child Tori Brackbill & parents; Lois Tress, Jim Tessier (friend & family of Gloria Maliniak); Peggy Walker & Margaret Pellack (Kathy Pankiw's family); David Bacha (brother of Cathi & Lydia); Luke Spaseff; Emily Campbell & Carrie Faust (Jerry Cole's cousin & friend); Joan Conte & Marion Shortall (Cindy's family); Andrea Faber (cousin of Jean Dotsey); Jason Nesbit, (friend of the Cain's); Marsha Himic (Dana Watts mother); Paul Evans & Michalene Scheponik (Rapso), (M. Theodora godson & family); Mary & Frank Tonart (Sophia Kellachow's parents); Diane Chambers & Helen Lanwehr (Anna Doray's family); Keturah Faust (J. Barns & L. Shuga's friend); John Fatich (Kuzupas family); Joseph & Steven Demchak, (Suzanne's brothers);

HEALTH & WELL-BEING: Suffering Christians throughout the world, especially, the people of Syria, Iraq, Palestine, Israel; Egypt, & Ukraine; and Metropolitan Paul & Archbishop John of Aleppo held hostage by Syrian Terrorists; **PARISHIONERS:** Keith Leader; Thomas Drebot; Andy Fedetz; Nicholas Somple; Gloria Maliniak; Sue Wolfe; Ghebremichael Habtegeorghis; Daniel Bretz; Robin Kuzupas **HOME-BOUND & IN-CARE FACILITIES:** Betty Danko; Nicholas Demopoulos (Sam's cousin); Nicholas Essis; Ann Pusey; Agnes Risser; Millicent Russell; Shirley Sass; Salwa Shunnara; **EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** Aurika Vrabie; Natalia (Kovalak) Seewald; Meghan (McGinnes) Vickers; Kristen Iwancio, and the children to be born of them; **COLLEGE STUDENTS:** David Ambartsumian, Yerusalem Arefe, Thomas Asfaha, Masha Cameron, Jessica Drebot, Matthew Hadginske, Shreya Jacob, Cathi Kemp; Zachary Koss, Christina Martin, Joseph McClure, Alex Pankiw, DJ Pawlush, Molly Pylypciw, Sophia Resselar, Jessica Shingara, Shane Staller, MaryAnn Wood. **MILITARY:** Jared Burgan; Patrick Hofmann; Evangelos Kanellakos; Stephanie King; Matthew Pylypciw; David Riesberg; Thomas Shingara; Michael Somple **FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Yassin Alisheikh & Aaron Dayer (Eden Aray's friends); Georgia Demchak (sister-in-law of Suzanna); Susanne Stablum (relative of Eleanor Herman); Katie McGarrity (friend of the Lenker's & Zart's); Christine Eshelman (sister of Patty Taleff); William Schaeffer, Leonard Morris, Albert, Cathy, Seraphima Mattile & John Branht (family and friends of John R Barns); child Maksim Sysak; Faye Hake (Jesse's mother); Linda Shue (Sharon Shingara's mother); Nancy Coles (John & Chris' mother); Ginny Ranck & Mike Frizzi (Keener friends); Timothy Cooney (Anna Doray's nephew); Fr. John & M. Stephanie Onofrey; Ben Morgan (Sally Marasco's son); Marie Cini (Bob's mother); Christine Kihm, Charles Kline, Margaret & Cecilia Hunt (Larry Smith's family); Willard Brown. **SEMINARY FAMILY:** Joseph & Rachel Frangipani - **Anthony CATECHUMENS:** Jesse Hake; Matthew & Rachel Brubaker – Anastasia; Michael Loar; Bette Keener; Christine Lamb

NEWLY DEPARTED: Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko – Mar 18; Robert Cable (Jessica Drebot's uncle) - Mar 14; Priest Matthew Baker - Mar 1;

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEPARTED: Archbishop Gregory, Apr 15 – 7th; Martha Branchak, aunt of Andy Fedetz, Apr 15 -3rd; Archpriest John Platko, Apr 17 -10th; Alex Kuzupas, Janet's husband, Apr 18 – 8th;

CANDLE OFFERINGS: To purchase commemoration candles, please go to the candle desk or speak with one of the vestrymen. Please note: offerings must be in the office by Wednesday for inclusion.

❖ Seven Day Votive is in Health of Adam Mallick, from Alice & Mike Mallick

MANY YEARS: Please submit to ctsocahbg@aol.com by the preceding Wednesday.

BIRTHDAYS: Jerry Cole –Apr 12; Olivia Drozd – Apr 13; John Mosser – Apr 16; Mary Ann Hadginske – Apr 16; Adam Mallick – Apr 18; George Charlock -Apr 18; Anna Kuchta – Apr 18

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Basket Blessing and Fellowship: Immediately following the Dismissal, please gather next door at the parish hall, where we will bless Pascha baskets and enjoy a time together in fellowship "breaking" the fast.

Agape Vespers: Later today, **Sunday, April 12th at noon** we will gather again to celebrate the Paschal Vespers. We will have a procession with the reading of the appointed Gospel in at least eight languages (and maybe more). This is the first service of "Renewal Week" – we look forward to continuing our celebration of Holy Pascha with all of you!

Grave Blessings: On **Sunday, April 19th** following Divine Liturgy & parish breakfast Father Stephen will be blessing graves. Please contact him for arrangements, pastor@ctshbg.org or 652-1825

SAVE the DATE – SUNDAY, April 19th: St. Thomas Sunday, Parish Feast Day.

- ❖ **Festal Breakfast:** The Men's Club will sponsor a Feast Day Breakfast following *Divine Liturgy* on **Sunday, April 19th**.

- ❖ **First Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt:** Sunday, April 19th at 12:00pm! This will be a community Easter Egg hunt for all ages, and even a special scavenger hunt for 10-12 year olds! We encourage everyone to **bring a friend**; if you do - you'll get an "eggstra" treat! Any questions please see **Sophia Kellachow-Katerman** or email her at jmkellachow@hotmail.com. Please also see the sign up sheet in the candle stand.

LAST SATURDAY VESPERS: 62 • LAST SUNDAY LITURGY: 200

EVENTS AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

A Christian Ending: On **Saturday, May 2nd** from 9:30am to 5pm *Holy Apostles Mission* will host a workshop with **Dn. Mark & Mat. Elizabeth Barna** on *Preparing for Death & Burial in the Orthodox Christian Tradition*. Light snacks & lunch will be provided, *Great Vespers* will be held at 6pm. For more information please visit www.holyapostleschurch.org, HAOMarimathean@gmail.com or call 717-691-1600

St. Tikhon's Summer Camp: Registration due **May 16th** - download your forms at www.sttikhonscamp.org. Email info@sttikhonscamp.org or call 570-493-0108. The camp is **July 5 -11** at St. Tikhon Seminary.

March for Marriage: **Saturday, April 25th in Washington, DC.** Visit www.crownthem.org to learn about the Orthodox participation in the march, and helpful articles. Please register if you are going to participate.

Panera Bread Pick-Up Volunteers: Saturday evenings between 10:15-10:30 at the **Hummelstown Panera** (1178 Mae St., Hershey Square). Please contact **Sophia Kellachow at** (jmkellachow@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining a rotation or have any questions.

Calling all volunteers! Volunteers are needed to assist at the **Agia Sophia Coffee Shop**. We are looking for Monday morning and Friday morning especially! **In house training will be provided!** Please feel free to contact Joanne Wevodau at **717-580-4833** or e-mail jwevodau@verizon.net

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PASCHA

EPISTLE (*Acts 1:1-8*): The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, ²until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, ³to 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.⁴ 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; ⁵for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” ⁶Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. ⁸But 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 (*John 1:1-17*): In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John. ⁷This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. ⁸He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light. ⁹That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. ¹²But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.¹⁴ 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.¹⁵ 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.’”¹⁶ And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses, *but* grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

PASCHAL MESSAGE

OF HIS EMINENCE, ARCHBISHOP MARK

April 11, 2015

*Christ is risen from the dead trampling down death by death
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.
We celebrate the abolition of death,
the destruction of Hades and the first fruit of everlasting life.
And as we leap with joy, we praise the Cause of these good gifts,
the God of our fathers who is alone blessed and most gloried.*

Beloved clergy, Matushki and faithful,

***Christ is Risen! Truly, He is Risen! El Messieh kahm! Hakken kahm!
Khristos voskrese! Voistinu voskrese!*** Let us embrace one another and
forgive all things for the sake of Christ's Holy Resurrection. May Christ's
Holy Resurrection strengthen us for a life of purity and Holiness. Let us say
with St. Paul "*I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but
Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the
Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*" (Gal. 2:20) Let us guard
this gift of eternal life so freely bestowed! Forgiving as Christ forgives. Let
us love as Christ loves. ***Christos anesti! Alithos anesti! Cristos vaskres!
Vaistinu vaskres! Cristos a inviat! Adevarat a inviat!***

Yours in Christ,

+ Mark

Archbishop of Philadelphia and the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania