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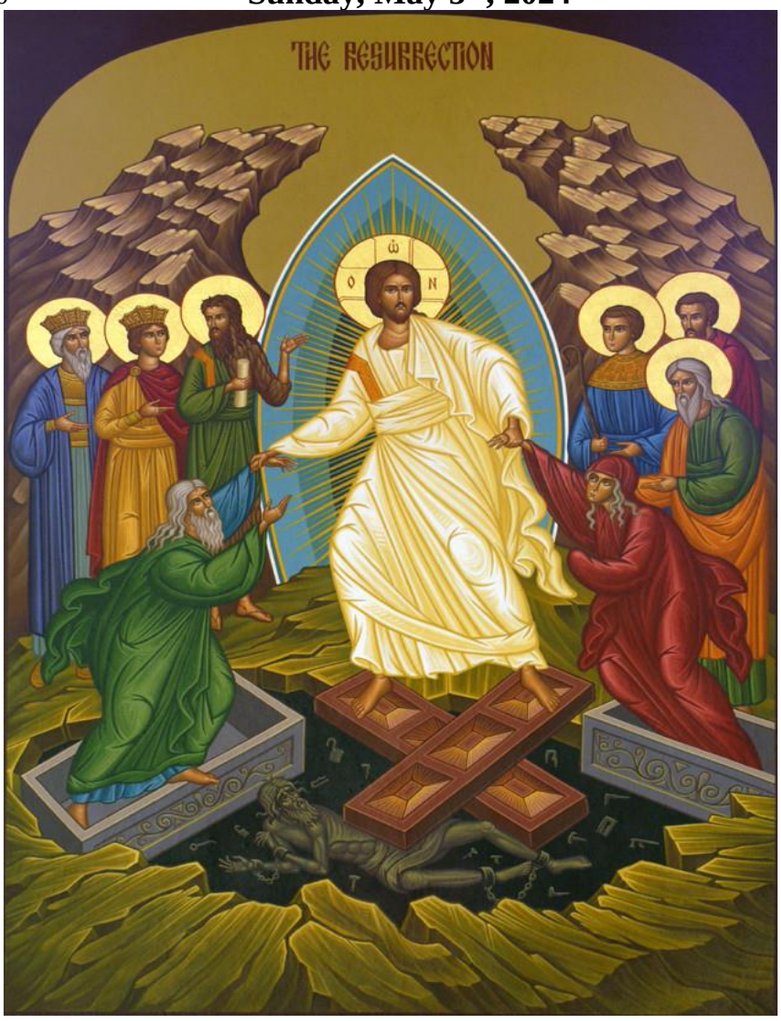
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Sunday, May 5th, 2024



Holy Pascha

The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

***Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom*- Choir Sunday – 9:00 am**

Epistle: Acts 1: 1 - 8 Tropar & Kondak: pages 193 - 196 Gospel: John 1:1 - 17

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May 6 - Bright Monday

Feast of Saint George

Resurrection Matins – 8:15 am - Divine Liturgy – After Matins (Approximately 9:00 am)

Epistle: Acts 1:12-17, 21-26 Gospel: John 1:18-28

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May 7- Bright Tuesday

Resurrection Matins – 8:15 am - Divine Liturgy – After Matins (Approximately 9:00 am)

Epistle: Acts 2:14-21 Gospel: Luke 24:12-35

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Sat. 5/11 … Great Vespers……..……..……6:00 pm

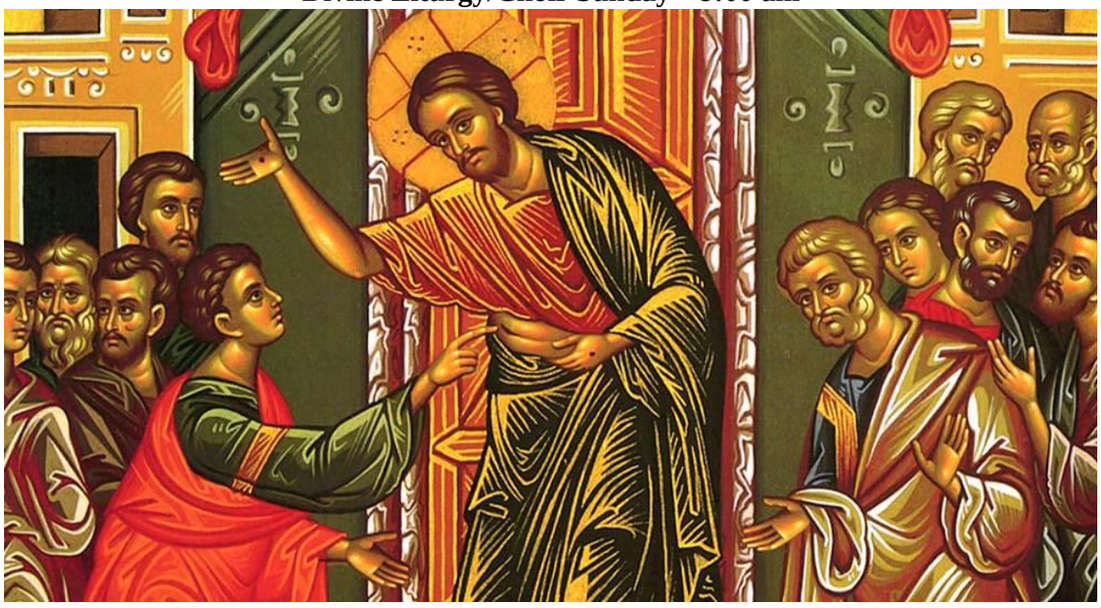
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Sunday, May 12th, 2024

The Second Sunday of Pascha

St. Thomas Sunday - Mother's Day

Divine Liturgy/Choir Sunday – 9:00 am



Resurrection Tone 1

Epistle: Acts 5:12-20 Tropar & Kondak: pages 193 & 199 Gospel: John 20:19-31

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FOR OUR MOTHER'S!



The author, Erma Bombeck, described the complex task God had in creating mothers. After all, He had to create a creature who would "run on black coffee and leftovers; have a lap that disappears when she stands up; a kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair; six pair of hands and three pairs of eyes." It went something like this: An angel pleaded with God not to work so hard. "Lord," said the angel gently, "Come to bed." "I can't," said the Lord, "I'm so close to creating something so close to Myself." The angel circled the model of a mother slowly and said with a sigh, "It is too soft." "But tough!" said the Lord excitedly. "You can't imagine what this mother can do or endure." Finally bending over and running her finger across the cheek, the angel pronounced: "There's a leak. I told you that you were trying to put too much into this model." "It is not a leak," Said the Lord, "It is a tear." "What is it for?" asked the angel. The Lord answered, "It is for joy, sadness, loneliness, pain, disappointment and pride." "You are a Genius," the angel replied. The Lord looked somber, "I didn't put it there."

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

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Sunday, May 19th, 2024

Third Sunday of Pascha

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am

Panachida for +***Very Reverend Protopresbyter Michael Rosco, and Pani Patsy Joseph*** offered by Fr. Robert and Pani Kathy Buczak ***+Edward Brugos*** (40th Day) offered by his family; ***+Frank Anthony Rolley III*** offered by Frank and Evelyn Rolley; ***+Bishop Peter Shymansky; + Richard Nitkulinec; +Larry Buksa*** offered by Krissy Nyce***;*** ***+Donna Zizan*** offered by Florence Jedrzejek

Resurrection Tone 2

Tropar & Kondak: pages 193 & 200

Epistle: Acts 6:1-7 Gospel: Mark 15:17-27; 16:1-2

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Tue. 5/21 … +John and Irene Popp; +Michael Long; +John Motyl and +Paul, Mary John and Joseph Michel offered by the Michel Family……..8:00 am

Sat. 5/25 … Great Vespers…….……..……6:00 pm

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Sunday, May 26th, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Pascha

Sunday of the Paralytic

Divine Liturgy/Choir Sunday – 9:00 am

Panachida for ***+Eric Dussling*** offered by Eleanor S. Dussling; ***+Francis Shuster*** offered by Mathilda and Stephen Kassander; ***+John and Irene Rodak; +Michael and Susan Kopchik; +Elizabeth and Joseph Mirilovich Sr. and Anna Mirilovich;*** and ***+Andrew and Mary Adzima***

Resurrection Tone 3 - Tropar & Kondak pages 193 & 202

Epistle: Acts 9:32-42 Gospel: John 5:1-15

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BIRTHDAY PRAYERS – ***Pani Betty Jean Baranik (5/5), Donald Bodnar (5/6), Veronica Buczak (5/7), Anastasia Benc (5/8), Michael Miller (5/8), Abigail Barley (5/8), David Kovalik (5/9), Stephen Knaze II (5/9), Stephen Machik (5/10), Lukas R. Miller (5/11), Gregory Horbal (5/12), Audra Cook (5/16), and Melissa Kolar (5/18).*** You were remembered in Proskomedia!

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BULLETIN SPONSOR – The Cathedral Jottings Bulletin is sponsored on May 5th in memory of +***Daniel Tvarozna by his wife Darice and Children.***

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SACRAMENTAL TABLE FLOWERS -The Tetrapod is beautified with flowers on May 12th in memory of ***+Ann Kalcik by Susan Kalcik and Ann Fischbach***.

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ALTAR CANDLES – The Altar Candles are offered on May 5th in memory of ***+Paul and Coleen Parlock by Paulette Parlock***; and on May 12th ***in memory of Greta Horbal, Dorothy Savering, and All Departed Mothers*** by ***Mary Ann Savering***.

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THE ETERNAL LAMP – is offered on May 5th in memory of ***+Ann Homyak*** by ***Carol Devine;*** and on May 12th ***in memory of Greta Horbal, Dorothy Savering, and All Departed Mothers*** by ***Mary Ann Savering***.

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THE PERPETUAL LAMP – is offered for parents ***Mr. and Mrs. M. Gritzer by Pat Gritzer and for the health of Bob Gritzer by sister Pat Gritzer and the Radak and Gritzer families for their good health by relative, Pat Gritzer***

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BREAKFAST- in our Cathedral Auditorium for The Paschal Season Sunday, May 19th. Please use the sign-up sheet found in the auditorium if you plan to attend.

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QUOTES FROM THE HOLY FATHERS

Christ's Four Gospels are summed up in only four words. They are: "Christos Voskrese! - Voistinnu Voskrese!" In each of these words is a Gospel, and in the Four Gospels is all the meaning of all God's worlds, visible and invisible. When all knowledge and all the thoughts of men are concentrated in the cry of the Paschal salutation, "Christ is Risen!" then immortal joy embraces all beings and in joy responds: "Indeed He is Risen!"

St. Justin of Serbia

Man is born, in fact, not when his mother brings him into the world, but when he comes to believe in the Risen Christ, for then he is born to life eternal, whereas a mother bears children for death and the grave. The Resurrection of Christ is the mother of us all, all Christians, the mother of immortals. By faith in the Resurrection, man is born anew, born for eternity. "That is impossible!" says the skeptic. But you listen to what the Risen God-Man says: "All things are possible to him that believeth! (Mark 9:23) The believer is he who lives, with all his heart, with all his soul, with all his being, according to the Gospel of the Risen Lord Jesus. - *St. Justin Popovich*

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CUSTOMS OF THE RESURRECTION

ROYAL DOORS – The Royal Doors (Center Doors) remain open throughout Bright Week. This symbolizes that through the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Paradise is opened for mankind to enter. They are closed at the end of Bright Week when we hear on St. Thomas Sunday that the Lord came through the closed doors and appeared to his Disciples.

DEACON'S DOORS – The "Deacon's Doors (the doors through which the deacon goes in and out) remain open for forty days. This symbolizes that the Resurrected Lord spent forty days teaching and instructing his Disciples. They are closed after the fortieth day on the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven.

STANDING IN PRAYER – NO KNEELING – After entering the Nave of the Church and venerating the icon on the Sacramental Table, we "stand" to pray in the pew. There is no kneeling anytime until the Feast of Pentecost as the priest prays for the Descent of the Holy Spirit to come upon the Faithful of the Church.

"CHRIST IS RISEN" – For the next forty days, we greet each other with the Paschal Tiding "Christ is Risen". Try it out. Instead of good morning or hello, greet each other by proclaiming the Risen Lord; you may be surprised with the reaction you receive; "Christ is Risen!"

MALES ENTER FIRST – This one may cause grief to our "politically correct" society. It is customary during the Paschal Season for the male member of the family to enter the house first when visiting relatives or friends. As he enters the home, he proclaims the greeting "Christ is Risen".

THE HOLY SHROUD (PLASCHANITSA) – The Holy Shroud of Our Lord is taken from the tomb and placed on the Holy Altar Table. The Divine Liturgy is served on it for the next forty days.

SPECIAL BLESSINGS FROM THE PRIEST – In our Tradition, During Bright Week, the priest blesses with the Troytsa (the Triple Candle) which also has the Icon of the Resurrection attached. The priest blesses with the Hand Cross for the remaining days of the Feast.

RED EGGS – Holy Tradition says that after the Resurrection of Our Lord, Mary Magdalene went to Pontius Pilate and gave him a red dyed egg and told him "Christ is Risen!" The egg which was colored red symbolized the blood of the Crucified Lord; but after you remove its shell, it appears as white as the light! (What a shock for him).

These are but a few of our traditions; you may have many more in your household. Never let them die out! Christ is Risen!

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All who truly believe in Him and cleave to Him with all their soul are changed into His image by the power of His Resurrection.

Raise up the truth of the Resurrection, in all of its breadth, depth, and height……

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DAY WITHOUT EVENING

To the Orthodox, the celebration of Pascha reveals the mystery of the eighth day. It is not merely an historical reenactment of the event of Christ's Resurrection. It is a way to experience the new creation of the world a taste of the new and unending day of the Kingdom of God.

This new day is conveyed to the faithful in the length of the paschal services, in the repetition of the paschal order for all the services of Bright Week, and in the special paschal features retained in the services for the forty days until Ascension. Forty days are, as it were, treated as one day.

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The Term *Easter*

Some Orthodox Christians discourage the use of the word *Easter*, believing that the term has roots in pagan rites of the spring equinox and overtones of fertility. Most English speakers are unaware of the etymological origins of *Easter*, however, and use it without any sense of pagan connotations, and so *Easter* is also used by many Orthodox English speakers.

The origin of the term *Easter* comes from the Germanic name for the month in which the Christian feast usually fell, and so, just as the American civic holiday of the Fourth of July has nothing to do with Julius Caesar for whom July was named, neither does Easter have anything to do with the pagan goddess Eostre, the namesake of the month in which Pascha fell. This potential difficulty only exists for speakers of Germanic languages, however. Most languages in the world use a cognate form of the Greek term *Pascha* and so are free of any pagan connotations for the name of the feast.

According to Bede, writing in *De Tempore Rationum* ("On the Reckoning of Time"), Ch. xv, "The English months," the word is derived from Eostre, a festival. Bede connects it with an Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring, to whom the month answering to our April, and called *Eostur-monath*, was dedicated. The connection is often assumed, without quoting Bede himself, who says,

> In olden times the English people— for it did not seem fitting to me that I should speak of other nations' observance of the year and yet be silent about my own nation's— calculated their months according to the course of the Moon. Hence, after the manner of the Greeks and the Romans, [the months] take their name from the Moon, for the moon is called *mona* and each month *monath*.
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> The first month, which the Latins call January, is Giuli; February is called Solmonath; March Hrethmonath; April, Eosturmonath[...etc.]
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> Eosturmonath has a name which is now translated "Paschal month", and which was once called after a goddess of theirs named Eostre, in whose honour feasts were celebrated in that month. Now they designate that Paschal season by her name, calling the joys of the new rite by the time-honoured name of the old observance.

Pascha and Natural Religion

There is, however, a connection which may be drawn between the pre-Christian celebrations and the feast of the Resurrection of Christ. Just as Christ's incarnation is the ultimate fulfilment of the best hopes of all "natural" religion, so can Pascha be understood as being the ultimate springtime of mankind. The pre-Christian celebrations of the renewal of creation in the Spring find their completion in the Resurrection, the passage from death to life of the incarnate Son of God, and with him all creation.

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