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CHRIST IS RISEN! • INDEED HE IS RISEN! SUNDAY APRIL 15, 2012

HOLY PASCHA — THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. [Beginning of the Pentecostarion]. Apostles of the Seventy: Aristarchus, Pudens and Trophimus. Martyrs Basilissa (Vasilissa) and Anastasia of Rome, disciples of Apostles Peter and Paul. Martyr Suchias and his company in Georgia. Martyr Sabbas the Goth, of Wallachia.

> **Epistle:** Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17

Upcoming Services and Events:

Apr 15, Sun:	PASCHA - the Resurrection of our Lord, God, and Saviour Jesus Christ.
	Procession, Matins, Hours, and Divine Liturgy -12am; Blessing of the baskets to follow;
	Agape Vespers -1pm
	Hour Readers: PASCHAL HOURS • Altar Servers – All welcome
Apr 16, Mon:	Bright Monday. Pan-Orthodox Paschal Divine Liturgy - 9:30am (We are hosting!)
Apr 17, Tue:	Bright Tuesday. Pan-Orthodox Paschal Divine Liturgy (Lebanon)
•	@ Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church - 9:30am
Apr 18, Wed:	Bright Wednesday. Paschal Vespers -6:30pm
Apr 20, Fri:	Bright Friday. Pan-Orthodox Paschal Divine Liturgy (Camp Hill)
	@ Holy Trinity Cathedral - 9:30am
Apr 21, Sat:	Bright Saturday. Vespers & Confession -6pm
Apr 22, Sun:	Antipascha, St. Thomas Sunday, Parish Feast Day. Adult Ed -8:30am; Divine
	Liturgy -9:30am; Church School -11am; Parish Feast Day Meal -11:15am; Grave
	blessing to follow meal.
Hour Readers: 3rd Hour: Chet Lubecki • 6th Hour: Bill Kuchta • Altar Servers – All welcome	

• ANGIENTFAITHRADIO.GOM - 24 hour Orthodox Internet Radio

• OrthodoxyinAmerica.org (Traveling or Going on Vacation?) check it out

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

Pascha Decorated Gandles

Altar Candles:

- (2) Health & Salvation, from Janet Kuzupas
- (1) Health & Salvation of the family members, from Leavitt Keener
- (1) In Memory of the departed family members, from Leavitt Keener
- (1) In Memory of the parents & brothers of Sue Demchak, from Sue Demchak
- (1) Health & Salvation of family members, from Sue Demchak
- (2) In Memory of the departed family members of the Zuzolock & Pankiw, from Kathy Pankiw
- (1) In Memory of Anna & Henry Snyder, from George & Evelyn Krempasky
- (1) In Memory of Tessie & Peter Krempasky, from George & Evelyn Krempask
- (2) In Memory of parents, Mary & Andrew, from Nick Pestrock
- (1) Health & Salvation of the Norato family, from Joseph & Barbara
- (1) In the Memory of parents Harahus & Rachko family, from Rich & Sandra Wood
- (2) Health & Salvation of the Pellegrini, Bricker & Bretz families, from Daniel & Donna Bretz
- (1) Health & Salvation of the Hancher & Starinshak families, from Ronald & Elizabeth Hancher

Table of Oblation:

- (1) In Memory of George & Eleanor Thomas, from Eleanor Herman & family
- (1) In Memory of Jacob & Anna Yatcilla and Barbara Challenger, from Eleanor Herman & family

Center Table:

- (1) Large: In Memory of their son Luke & brother Vincent, from the Mosser's
- (1) Large: In Memory of Carl Polansky
- (1) Health & Salvation of the Ressetar family
- (1) In the Memory of the departed family member, from the Ressetar's

Decorated Candles:

- (1) Health & Salvation of Paul & Betty Pellegrini
- (1) Health & Salvation of Godson's Benjamin Zart & Brandon Hancher, from Bethann Lenker
- (1) In Memory of Eli Hancher, from Bethann Lenker
- (2) In Memory of Michael Yannone, from Helen Yannone
- (1) In Memory of Andrew Manura, from Helen Yannone
- (1) In Memory of Elona Manura, from Helen Yannone
- (1) In Memory of Joseph Manura, from Helen Yannone
- (1) In Memory of Lydia Vasquez
- (1) In Memory of Georgia Demopoulos
- (1) Health & Salvation of Theodore Demopoulos
- (1) Health & Salvation of Leavitt & Elva Keener
- (1) In the Memory of Agnes Dzuranin
- (1) In the Memory of departed family members, from the Fedetz family
- (1) In the Memory of Helen Kurylo

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS:

SPECIAL WELCOME: To **Fr. Ian and M. Priscilla** Shipley and their children **Jessica, Evan and Lydia**. Fr. Ian is in his final year at St. Tikhon Seminary and will graduate in May. Upon graduation he hopes to begin his ministry in Virginia. They Shipley's are our "adopted" seminary family. We continue to collect donations to be applied to a half scholarship of \$3,700.00. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

<u>Agape Vespers</u>: Later today, **Sunday, April 15th at 1pm**, 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!

Pan-Orthodox Bright Week Divine Liturgies:

- Monday, April 16th at 9:30am Christ the Saviour (we are hosting) NOTE: Please bring food to share for fellowship following the service on Bright Monday.
- Tuesday, April 17th at 9:30am Holy Resurrection Church in Lebanon
- Friday, April 20th at 9:30am Holy Trinity Cathedral in Camp Hill

Parish Feast Day – St. Thomas Sunday: Our parish is dedicated to the Resurrection, and our Partronal feast day is the first Sunday of Pascha – Thomas Sunday! In honor of our feast, celebrated **Sunday, April 22nd** this year, the parish Men's Club will be providing a breakfast meal for all to enjoy following the Divine Liturgy. Adults \$6 – children under 12 FREE.

<u>Grave Blessings</u>: On **Sunday, April 22nd**, following Divine Liturgy & fellowship Father Stephen will be blessing graves. Please contact him for arrangements, <u>ctsocahbg@aol.com</u> or 652-1825

Parish Softball Team: Our parish softball team will be playing their first game of the year against St. Francis on **Sunday, April 22nd at 7:30pm** at Veterans Park (Elmerton Ave). Come out and root on your defending league champs!

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Slavonic: **Χρϊστόςъ воскре́се! Воистину воскресе!** Greek: **Χριστός ἀνἑστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνἑστη!**

المسيح قام! حقا قام!

Spanish: iCristo ha resucitado! iEn verdad ha resucitado! Romanian: Hristos a înviat! Adevărat a înviat! Polish: Chrystus zmartwychwstał! Prawdziwie zmartwychwstał! Eritrean Tigrigna: Kristos Tinsay Mahootan! Bahahvee Hele Wesil-tahn! Ethiopian Amharic: Kristos Tenestwal! Bergit Tenestwal!

LAST SUNDAY LITURGY ATTENDANCE: 193

EVENTS AROUND OUR ORTHODOX GOMMUNITY

Volunteer Opportunity: Agia Sophia Coffee House & Bookstore is seeking parishioners to volunteer. Please see Joanne Wevodau at **jwevodau@verizon.net** with any inquiries.

<u>Children's Orthodox Book Signing</u>: Sheena Hisiro will be holding three upcoming book signings for a new children's book she illustrated called "Josiah and Julia Go to Church." The book is a young child's guide to church etiquette and was written by Kelly Ramke Lardin. Our church is featured in the book as well as at least a few other familiar faces. The book signings will be held **Saturday, Apr. 28, and Tuesday, May 1, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m**. at the Agia Sophia Bookstore and Coffee Shop and on **Sunday, April 29** at our church during Fellowship hour. Please visit her website at <u>www.oodlesofdoodles.tumblr.com</u>.

Saint Tikhon's Summer Camp: Registration is now open for St. Tikhon's summer camp which will be held **July 1st thru 7th.** Registration forms must be postmarked by May 31st. For forms please go to <u>www.sttikhonscamp.org</u> or inform the church office and they will be able to print the forms for you.

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: Archpriest Michael Kovach; Salwa Shunnara; infant Cole John Schilling; FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Mary Ann Cacchiani (Melissa Zuro's grandmothers friend); Ann Boronski & Christopher Mitchell (cousin & best friend of Bob Drozd); Carrie Faust, Lynn Wheeler, Emily Campbell, Landon Payne (friends and family of Jerry & Ann Cole); Diane Broskey, Joseph Salvador (Libby's niece & nephew); Irene Priggin's (Christine's mother); Theodore & Nicholas Demopolous (Samantha's father and Cousin); Diane Chambers and Marlene Kalenak (Anna Doray's daughter and neice); Infant Elizabeth Ruzanka; Jamie Krempasky & Irene Pagel (George's great niece, daughter and friend); Keturah Faust (J. Barns and L. Shuga's friend); Matthew Kocsis; Pauline Lapinsky, & John Fatich (Janet Kuzupas' siblings); Christine and Joseph, and Steven Demchak (Sue's sister and brothers)

HEALTH & WELL-BEING: PARISHIONERS: Kevin Herman; Daniel Bretz; Elizabeth & Paul Pellegrini; Robin Kuzupas; Home-BOUND & IN CARE FACILITIES: Betty Danko; Agnes Risser; Millicent Russell; Shirley Sass; Nicholas Essis;; EXPECTANT MOTHERS: Natalie Schilling Murphy; Pelegia Adams; Tatiana Graham, and the children to be born of them; MILITARY: Stephanie King; Jessica Shingara; Matthew Pylypciw; Steven Heberle; Thomas Shingara; SPONSORED SEMINARIAN: Fr. Ian & M. Priscilla Shipley and family; OCMC MISSIONARY TO ROMANIA: Christina Semon; FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Archpriest Alexander Atty; Cassandra Millet (friend of Anastasia Nikolaeva); Cathy Rusynyk Geppert (Nick & Wilma Sutovich's friend); Rene Symcak (Dave Hancher's wife); Christine Kihm, Addison Holl, Van Milbrand, and Margaret & Cecilia Hunt (Larry Smith's friends, aunt & cousin); Becky Voras (friend of Lydia Mantle); Addison, Judy & Greg (family of Christine Priggins); Mattie Martin; Myron Starinshak (Libby's brother); Willard Brown; Thomas Ridenour & Christian Ridenour (son & grandson of Suzanne Mioff); Tom & Bernadine Antolick (Mary Ellen Osuch's sister & brother-inlaw);

NEWLY DEPARTED: Antoinette Paolicelli (Elise Mossers great aunt) - April 10; Alexandra Logwintschuk – Mar 25 (Krempasky's friend); Stephen Kudrikoff (cousin of Mat. Ressetar) – Mar 16; Alice Kelly (Kathy Kuchwara's cousin) - Mar 11; Joseph Graham (Tatiana's father-in-law) – March 4; Michael Drobish (Harry Sysak's friend) - Feb 9;

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEPARTED: Henry Hess, grandfather of Monica Burgett, Apr 15 – 11th; His **Eminence Archbishop GREGORY**, Apr 15 – 4th; Helen Petrascu Mosier, Apr 16 -28th; **Mary Roscoe**, friend of Fr. Michael Kovach Apr 16 -7th; **Archpriest John Platko**, Apr 17 -7th; **Alex Kuzupas**, Janet's husband, Apr 18 -5th; **Stephen Fatich**, father of Janet Kuzupas, Apr 19 -43rd; **Mildred D. Ettinger**, Apr 19 -19th; **Lubi Donsheff Miculita**, Apr 20 -12th; **Mabel Hummel**, mother of Shirley Sass, Apr 22 -11th;

CANDLE OFFERINGS: For information on how to purchase commemoration candles, please go to the candle desk or speak with one of the vestrymen. <u>Please note:</u> offerings must be in the office by Wednesday for inclusion.

Seven Day Votive is offered in *Health & Salvation of Adam Mallick,* from Mike & Alice Mallick

<u>MANY YEARS</u>: Please submit to <u>ctsocahbg@aol.com</u> by the preceding Wednesday. ANNIVERSARIES: Fr. Dan and Mat. Theodora Ressetar – Apr 20

BIRTHDAYS: Mary Ann Hadginske – Apr 16; Adam Mallick – Apr 18; George Charlock - Apr 18; Anna Kuchta – Apr 18; George Krempasky – Apr 21

SCRIPTURG READINGS FOR SUNDAY APRIL 15, 2012

Acts 1:1-8 (Epistle)

The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, ² 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, ³ 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.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; ⁵ for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶ Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. ⁸ 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."

John 1:1-17 (Gospel)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And 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. ⁷ This 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. ¹¹ He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who 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. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

GLORY TO THEE O LORD, GLORY TO THEE!