

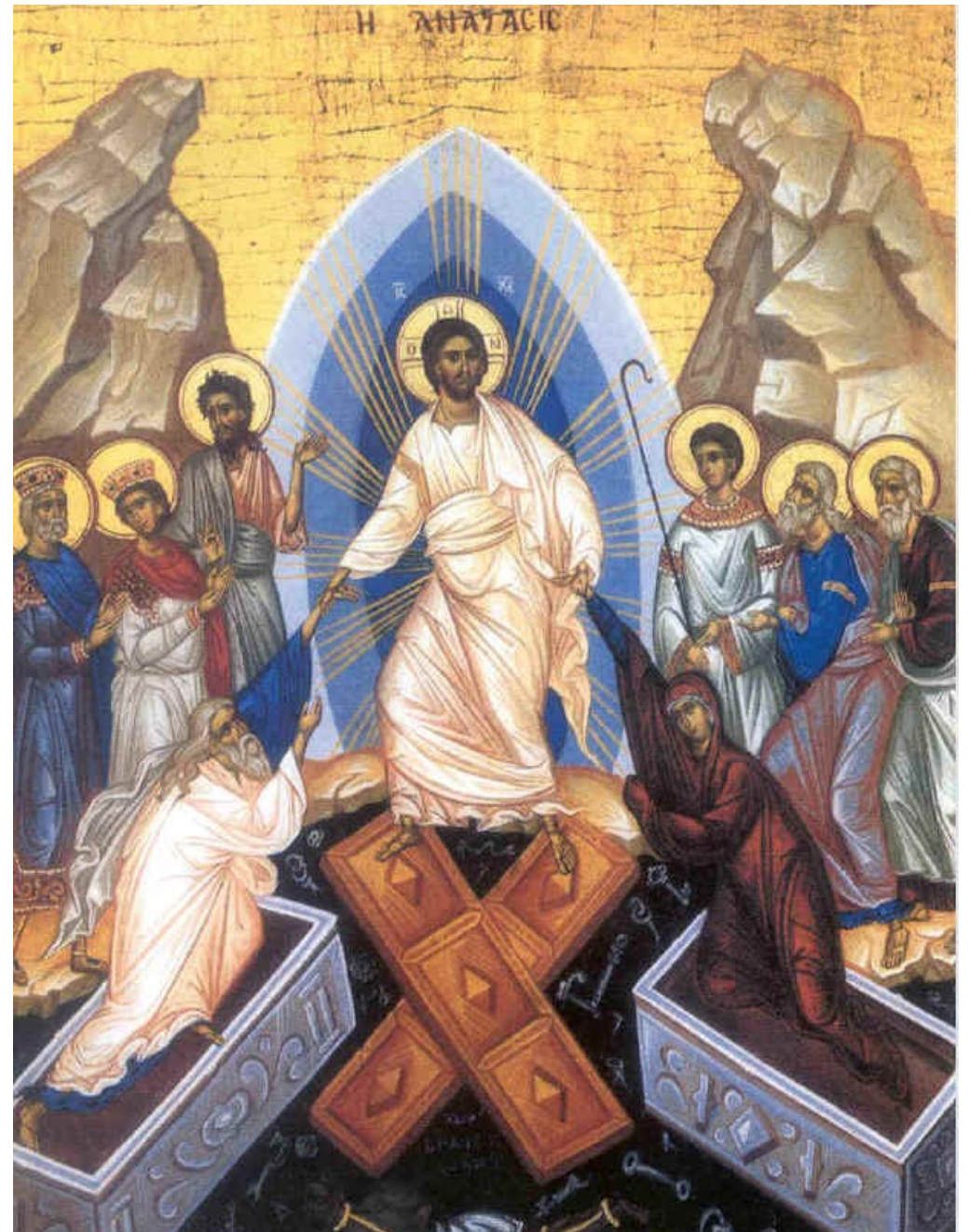
# CHRIST IS RISEN!



RED IS FOR  
THE BLOOD OF CHRIST  
+  
THE SHELL  
IS LIKE THE SEALED TOMB  
FULL OF LIFE  
+  
CRACKING  
IS FOR SHATTERING  
THE GATES OF HADES



GREAT AND GLORIOUS PASCHA  
APRIL 17, 2022



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Divine Liturgy: Sunday 10:00 AM

**After “Blessed is the Kingdom...”**

**Christ is Risen from the dead and by His death He has trampled upon Death and has given life to those who were in the tombs (3 times followed by Paschal verses)**

**Antiphon (Feast)**

1: May God be propitious to us and bless us; may He make His countenance to shine upon us and have mercy on us.

**O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You, Alleluia!**

2: May Your name be known upon the earth; among all nations Your salvation.

***Khallisna Ya-Bnallah, Ya Man qama min baynil-amwaat, nahnu muranneemeena Laka. Hale-loueya.***

3: May the peoples praise You, O God; may all the peoples praise You.

**O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You, Alleluia!**

**Entrance Hymn**

**Priest: In Your assemblies bless the Lord our God, from the wellsprings of Israel.**

**People: O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You, Alleluia!,**

**Troparion of Pascha (Tone 5) Three Times**

Christ is risen from the dead and by His death He has trampled upon Death and has given life to those who were in the tombs!

**Hypocoi (Tone 2)**

Mary and her companions went forth before dawn. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb and heard the angel say, “What do you seek Him as a man among the dead, when He is in Eternal splendor? Behold, the shroud is laid aside. Hasten and proclaim to the world that the Lord is risen and has put Death to death, for He is the Son of God, the Savior of mankind.”

**Kondakion of Pascha (Tone 2)**

Though You went down in the tomb, O immortal One, You overthrew the power of Hades and rose victorious, O Christ God, You greeted the ointment bearing women, saying: Rejoice! You gave peace to Your apostles, and to those who had fallen, resurrection.

**Trisagion**

**All of you who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia!**

**Thank-You**

Thanks to all who worked so hard during Great Lent and Holy Week to make our celebrations both beautiful and spiritually fulfilling. Those who sang, those who read, those who baked or cooked/dyed the eggs, those who donated funds for the various items needed for our celebrations (flowers eggs, service books, etc.) Below is a list of donations we received for flowers and other items **to date**:

**Flowers**

**Ronald Abraham** - In memory of In memory Aileen T. Abraham, Robert N. Abraham, Arthur F. Abraham, Annie R. Abraham, Salim A. Abraham, Gloria Mooradian

**Antoinette Arraj & Lisa Jagielski** - In Memory of Alfred Jagielski, George Arraj, Josephine Charvel

**Susan Arraje** - The deceased members of the Arraje & Hajjar families

**Houda Daou** - In memory of Georgette, Dorie, Tanios, & Wadih Kahale

**James & Karen Esper** - In memory of In memory of James & Catherine Esper, Robert & Lorraine Nelson, Richard Nejaimey, Rosario Grillo, Carol Webster

**Arthur Gazal** - In Memory of Shaker Gazal, Arthur P. Gazal, Amelia Gazal, Salma Wenko, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Ricciardi

**Ken & Effie Jordan** - In Memory of George, Eva, & Phillip Jordan, Nizara Nassif

**Joe & Lorraine Lian**

**Sadie Mirante** - In Memory of George & Adele Hajjar, Joseph Mirante, Sr., Joseph Mirante, Jr.

**Ted & Jeanne Nader**

**Nick Rahall**

**Mary Rizk**

**Karen & Antonio Solitro** - In memory of Peter J. Solitro, Nicholas & Theodora Barouk, Matteo & Lucia Solitro

**Marilyn & Zenon Tencza** - In memory of Joseph & Nejaimey Families, Michalina & Stanley Tencza

**Katherine Thomas**

**Other Donations**

**Janice Abdelnour**

**Antoinette Arraj**

**Ryan & Tina Dumont**

**Lisa Jagielski**

**Susan Aboody Kallio**

**Harry & Gina Tembenis**

**Marilyn Tencza**

**Mae Gianni**





## DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

Today            **Our Families and Friends, living and deceased**  
**People of Ukraine living and deceased**

Apr. 24            **+Lutfi Hajjar.** Requested by Antoinette Arraj

Today's Coffee Hrs. are hosted by the parish. We will have Ka'ak and eggs in celebration of Pascha after each Liturgy!

Please Remember in your prayers: Susan Arraje, George Arraj, Jr., Robert Ghiz, Archie Opatka, Katherine Thomas, Charlotte Stockhaus, Ruth Welsh, James Rahall, and people of Ukraine.

If there are people for whom you would like me to pray, please reach out and give me their names. Part of our vocation as Christians is to pray for each other, especially when someone is sick or suffering in any way.

Next Sunday, Fr. Bryan will be in Utica, NY covering for Fr. Thomas Moses, who will celebrate the Divine Liturgy here at OLPH.

### *From the Divine Office*

*Yesterday I was buried with You, O Christ; today I arise with You in Your Resurrection. Yesterday I was crucified with You: glorify me with You, O Savior, in Your Kingdom. (Ode 3)*

*Before the break of dawn, ointment bearing women hastened to the Sun, who existed before the sun was made, but disappeared for a while in the tomb. They were seeking Him as one would seek the light of day, saying to each other: "Come, friends, let us anoint with spices the body which is a Source of Life, but is now buried, the Body which raised the fallen Adam, but is now lying in the grave. Let us hasten to adore Him as did the wise men and offer Him our gifts of spices. He is now wrapped in a shroud, not in swaddling clothes. Let us cry out and say: 'Arise, O Master, who give to those who had fallen, resurrection!'" (Ikos)*

### Last Week's Collection

Weekly	\$1,716
Candles	\$ 43
Coffee Hr.	\$ 53
Stole	\$ 20
Donations	\$ 200
Diocesan	\$ 20
TOTAL	\$2,052

God bless you for your generosity!



## RESURRECTION HOMILY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Let all pious men and lovers of God rejoice in the splendor of this feast. Let the wise servants blissfully enter into the joy of their Lord. Let those who have borne the burden of Lent now receive their pay, and those who have toiled since the first hour, let them now receive their due reward.

Let any who came after the third hour be grateful to join the feast, and those who may have come after the sixth, let them not be afraid of being late, for the Lord is gracious and He receives the last even as the first. He gives rest to him who comes at the eleventh hours as well as to him who has toiled since the first.

Yes, He has pity on the last and He serves the first. He rewards the one and is generous to the other. He repays the deed and praises the effort.

Come you all: enter into the joy of your Lord. You the first and you the last, receive alike your reward. You rich and you poor, dance together. You sober and you weaklings, celebrate the day. You who have kept the fast and you who have not, rejoice today.

The table is richly loaded; enjoy its royal banquet. The calf is a fattened one; let no one go away hungry. All of you enjoy the banquet of faith. All of you receive the riches of his goodness. Let no one grieve over his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one weep over his sins, for pardon has shone from the grave.

Let no one fear Death, for the death of our Savior has set us free. He has destroyed it by enduring it. He has despoiled Hades by going down into its kingdom. He has angered it by allowing it to taste of his flesh. When Isaiah foresaw all this he cried out: “O Hades, you have been angered by encountering Him in the nether world.:

**Priest:** Hades is angered because it is frustrated.

**All: It is angered!**

**Priest:** It is angered because it is now captive.

**All: It is angered!**

**Priest:** It seized a body, and lo! It discovered God. It seized earth, and behold! It encountered Heaven. It seized the visible, and was overcome by the invisible.

O death, where is your sting? Christ is risen and you are abolished.

**All: He is truly risen!**

**Priest:** Christ is risen and the demons are cast down.

**All: He is truly risen!**

**Priest:** Christ is risen and the angels rejoice.

**All: He is truly risen!**

**Priest:** Christ is risen and life is freed.

**All: He is truly risen!**

**Priest :** Christ is risen and the tomb is emptied of the dead.

**All: He is truly risen!**

**Priest:** For Christ, being risen from the dead, has become the Leader and Reviver of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and power for ever and ever.

**All: Amen**

## Prokimenon

**Reader** This the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

**People:** This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

**Reader:** Give praise to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

**People:** This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

**Reader:** This is the day the Lord has made;

**People:** Let us be glad and rejoice in it.

## Epistle: Acts 1:1-8

### Alleluia Verses

You shall arise and have mercy upon Sion; for the time to pity her, the right time has come.

**Verses:** The Lord has looked down from Heaven upon all the sons of men.

## Gospel: Jn 1:1-17

### Hirmos (Tone 1)

The angel cried out to the one who is full of grace: Hail, O immaculate Virgin! Hail, again! For Your Son is risen from the tomb on the third day! Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has shone upon you. Rejoice and be glad, O Sion; and you, O pure one, O Mother of God, exult in the resurrection of your Son!

### Kinonikon (Tone 1)

Receive the body, the body of Christ, and drink from the Fountain of immortality. Alleluia.

## **After Communion—Christ is risen... (Once)**

## **Instead of “Blessed by the name of the Lord...” Christ is risen (Three Times)**

### At the end of the Divine Liturgy

**Priest: Christ is Risen!**

**People: He is truly Risen! (three times)**

**Priest: Glory to His Resurrection on the third day!**

**People: We adore His holy Resurrection on the third day!**