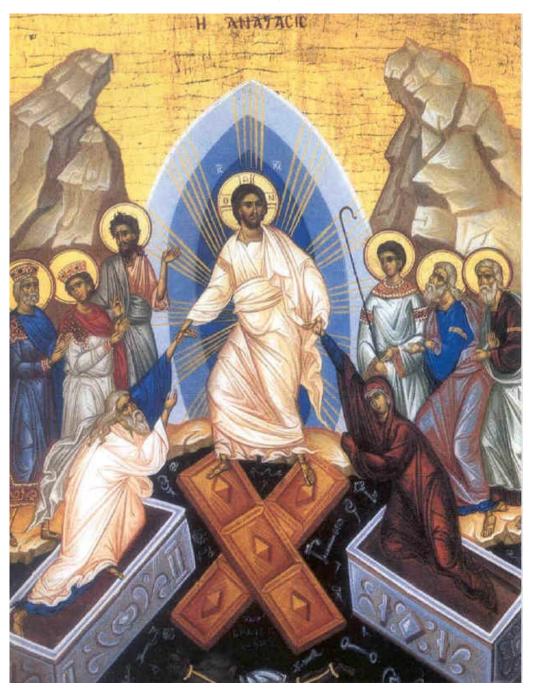


GREAT AND GLORIOUS PASCHA APRIL 9, 2023



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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. Haleloueya.

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!

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.) Know that your contributions are much appreciated and never taken for granted! Christ is Risen! He is Truly Risen!

Fr. Bryan

Below is a list of donations we received for flowers and other items to date:

Flowers

William & Janice Abdelnour In memory of Abdelnour and Tagman families

Ron Abraham In memory of Salim & Annie Abraham, Aileen Abraham, Robert

Abraham, Gloria Mooradian, Arthur Abraham

Francis & Carol Boyda In memory of Philip J. Jordan, Thomas J. Boyda, Fran & Mary Boyda.

Phil & Isabel Nassif

Steven & Phyllis Callan In memory of Robert Esper, Isabella Esper Sabacinski,

Francis Callan, Catherine Callan, Robert & Lynn Cronin

James & Karen Esper In memory of James & Catherine Esper, Carol Esper Webster, Robert

& Lorraine Nelson

Maria Filewicz In memory of Amelia Filewicz

Arthur Gazal In memory of Arthur Shaker Gazal, Shaker & Amelia Gazal, Frank &

Antoinette Ricciardi, Selma Wenho

Lisa Jagielski &ntoinette Arraj In memory of George Arraj, Sr., Alfred Jagielski, Josephine Gazel

Joe & Lorraine Lian

Sadie Mirante H&S Paul Mirante, Carol Stankus. In memory of Joseph S. Mirante,

Sr, Joseph S. Mirante, Jr., George Hajjar & Family

Jeanne & Ted Nader In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Roland Allaire, Mr. & Mrs. David Nader

Nicholas Rahall In memory of JR Rahall, William & Bertha Rahall

Marilyn & Zenon Tencza In memory of Joseph, Nejaimey, and Tencza Families

Katherine Thomas

Other Donations

Susan Aboody-Kallio Marilyn & Zenon Tencza
Antoinette Arraj & Lisa Jagielski Jean & Nadia Sakhat & Family

Frank & Carol Boyda Mae Yanni

Ryan & Tina Dumont James & Karen Esper

Joanne Kanaan Joan Opatka

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

Today Our Families and Friends, living and deceased

People of Ukraine living and deceased

+Vi Gazal

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

Last Week's Collection

Weekly \$ 998
Candles \$ 21
Coffee Hr. \$ 69
Easter Flowers \$ 70
Stole \$ 25
Diocesan \$ 64
Charity \$ 100
TOTAL \$1,727

God bless you for your generosity! We can't do it without you sharing your time, talents, and treasure!



Please remember in your prayers: George Arraj, Jr., Ron Abraham, Peter Abraham, Robert Ghiz, Sadie Mirante, Archie Opatka, Anthony Poti, Katherine Thomas, Charlotte Stockhaus, Ruth Welsh, Richard Abraham, Sr., Frank Boyda, Carol Boyda, Bob Lynch, Michael Mooradian, Michael McNeil, Jeff McNeil, Wyatt William Rahall, Lauren Abraham, Nicholas Haddad, Elaine Foley, David Ahlin, Wendy Halal, all those affected by the earthquakes in Syria and Turkey, and the 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.

Now that we have seen the resurrection of Christ, let us adore the all-holy Lord Jesus, the only Sinless One. We bow in worship before Your Cross, O Christ, and we praise and glorify Your Resurrection, for You are our God, and we have no other, and we magnify Your name. All you faithful, come: let us adore the holy Resurrection of Christ, for behold, through the Cross joy has come to the world. Let us always bless the Lord, let us sing His Resurrection, for by enduring for us the pain of the Cross, He has crushed Death by His death! (Paschal Hour)



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.:

Reader: Hades is angered because it is frustrated.

All: It is angered!

Reader: It is angered because it is now captive.

All: It is angered!

Reader: 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!

Reader: Christ is risen and the demons are cast down.

All: He is truly risen!

Reader: 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!

Reader: 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.

Verse: 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!