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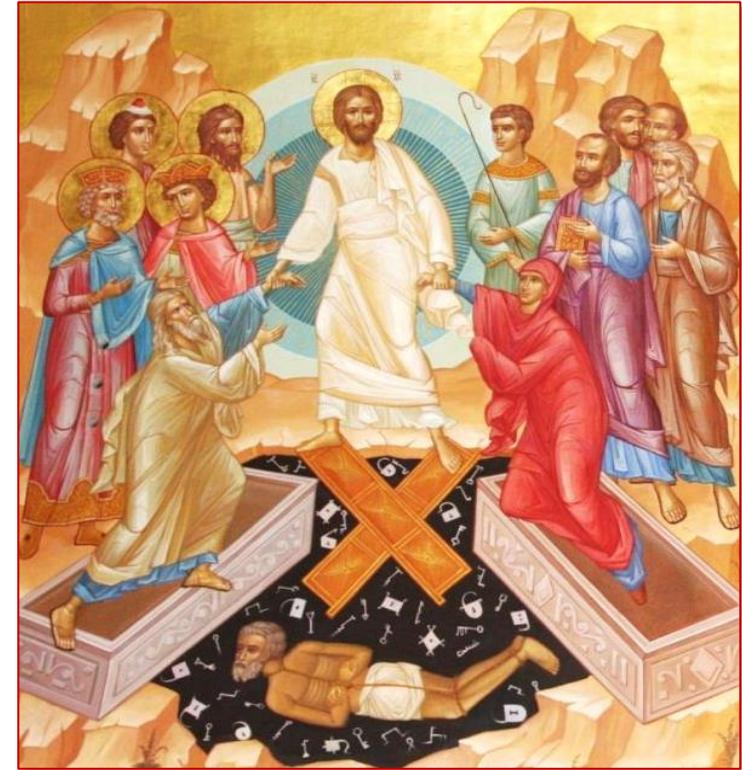
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HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH
Yonkers, New York



Sunday, April 12, 2015

~ **HOLY PASCHA** ~

The Resurrection of Our
Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ
CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

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April 12, 2015: Holy PASCHA ~ The Resurrection of Christ

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8; Gospel: John 1:1-17

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Great and Holy Saturday, April 11

11:30 PM *Nocturns; Procession; Matins of PASCHA* and

The Divine Liturgy of Great and Holy PASCHA

followed by Basket Blessing and Agape Meal

HOLY PASCHA (EASTER), SUNDAY, APRIL 12

11:00 AM *The Vespers of PASCHA*; Basket Blessing; and Easter Egg Hunt!

Bright Monday, April 13

10:00 AM *Paschal Divine Liturgy* – His Eminence, Archbishop MICHAEL, Celebrating

Bright Friday, April 17

10:00 AM *Paschal Divine Liturgy*

Bright Saturday, April 18

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, April 19 ~ Sunday of St. Thomas, the Believing

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

1:00 PM *Blessing of Graves* at Oakland Cemetery

Saturday, April 25

Fr. Kyle Parrott will substitute for Fr. David on April 25.

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, April 26 ~ Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women, St. Joseph of Arimathea and St. Nicodemus; St. Tamara of Georgia

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

Saturday, May 2 ~ Archpastoral Visitation of His Eminence, Archbishop Michael

9:00 – 4:00 Diocesan Choir Conference, with Archbishop Michael and the Members of the Diocesan Commission on Liturgical Music – Here, in the Church and the Education Building.

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, May 3 ~ Sunday of the Paralytic; Visitation of His Eminence, Archbishop Michael

9:00 AM Greeting of Archbishop Michael

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*, Archbishop Michael Celebrating; with the Elevation of Fr. David to the Rank of Archpriest

After Liturgy: Coffee Hour and Fellowship with Archbishop Michael

Therefore, on this resplendent day of Holy Pascha, let each of us, returning to our homes and our everyday lives, carry in our hearts the great joy of Christ's Resurrection, and the experience that the Lord has appeared to "me" also. He is risen for me, He speaks to me, and He remains with me, and will forever be my Lord, my Savior, and my God – the God Who loves us more than we love ourselves.

To Him be all glory, honor and worship, with His eternal Father and His all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. -- *Archbishop Michael of New York*

With Thanks...

Thank you to all who have labored so long to prepare

for this radiant Feast of Feasts ...

those who have sung, directed, chanted and rehearsed ...

those who have cleaned, cooked, changed candles and coverings,

cleaned up candle wax, collected trash, and

contributed in so many other ways

to the beauty of this church and its grounds.

Special thanks, also, to those who have made donations in memory of departed loved ones, and with prayers for living loved ones, to provide all the candles, flowers, incense,

bread, wine, oil, and beautiful furnishings that surround us today.

Donations have continued to come in over Holy Week;

and a complete list will appear in next Sunday's Bulletin.

INVEST IN OUR 2015 ASP TEEN MISSION TEAM!

Buy ASP stock sales at coffee hour Sundays 4/19, 4/26 and 5/3. Shares \$10 each.

Our 2015 Orthodox Youth Mission Team

consists of 23 teens and 14 adults from 7 parishes in CT, NY and NJ.

Our Yonkers team is Andrew, Peter and Chris Nolan,

Adriana, Emily and Chris Szpynda, and Beth Rzyk.

We will be going to Kentucky in July to make homes warmer, after and drier!

PUT CONFESSION ON YOUR CALENDAR ...

NOT JUST AN EASTER THING!

Not only is Confession a requirement for voting membership in the parish according to our bylaws ... more importantly, Confession is a staple of the spiritual life! **Orthodox**

Christians have Confession; Orthodox Christians have Communion. Such has been the Tradition of our Church for 2,000 years. Along with doctor's appointments,

sports events, SAT prep, and all your other commitments, see the Confession times offered in the Bulletin and **put Confession on the calendar for you and your family!**

**ARCHPASTORAL LETTER FOR PASCHA 2015
OF HIS EMINENCE, ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL**

Dearly Beloved in our Resurrected Lord: *We celebrate the death of death and the overthrow of hell, the beginning of another life which is eternal; and in exultation, we sing the praises of its source. He alone is blessed and most glorious, the God of our Fathers.*” — (Paschal Canon, Ode 7)

On this glorious Feast of Feasts, we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, Who suffered the Passion and Crucifixion, Death and Burial for the salvation of the human race. By His Death He defeated sin and death and the devil, out of love for and for the sake of every man, woman and child who has ever lived and will ever live.

All humanity shares in this “triumph of triumphs.” In the words of St. Nikolai of Zhicha and South Canaan: “Christ’s victory is the only victory in which all humanity can rejoice, from the first-created to the last. Every other victory on earth has divided, and still divides, men from one another. When an earthly king gains the victory over another earthly king, one of them rejoices and the other laments. When a man is victorious over his neighbor, there is singing under one roof and weeping under the other. There is no joyful victory on earth that is not poisoned by malice: the ordinary, earthly victor rejoices both in his laughter and in the tears of his conquered enemy. He does not even notice how evil cut through joy. Christ’s victory is alone like a sun that sheds bright rays on all that are beneath it. Christ’s victory alone fills all the souls of men with invincible joy. It alone is without malice or evil.”

St. Nikolai, who lived in the last century, and was a professor and the rector at St. Tikhon’s Seminary, continues: “A mysterious victory, you will say? It is; but it is at the same time revealed to the whole human race, the living and the dead. A generous victory, you will say? It is, and more than generous ... A healing victory, you will say? It is, healing and saving for ever and ever. This gentle victory saves men from every evil and makes them sinless and immortal ...”

But today’s feast is more than a celebration of a universal victory for mankind as a whole; it is perhaps more importantly a celebration that touches every human being individually. For on the first Pascha, the Risen Savior appeared to many indeed, but to each one personally and uniquely. In one instance, it was the weeping Mary Magdalene, lonely and grieving at the empty tomb; in another, it was Peter, confused and bewildered, having returned from the garden where he had found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. Then there was Thomas, to whom Christ appeared -- casting away his every doubt and replacing it with unparalleled faith, by which he called Him: “My Lord and my God.” And among the last to whom the Lord appeared, there was Saul, the great persecutor, whom He transformed into Paul, the greatest missionary.

This continues even now, to this very day. Christ, risen invisibly, appears tangibly to each person. In the lives of each of us who have felt His touch, a meeting with the Resurrected Lord is accomplished; He comes to each person, knocking at the door of our heart, finding words for each. To those in despair and brokenness, He offers hope; to those surrounded by anger and hate, He offers love; to those weighed down by defeat and division, He offers joy; and to those facing sickness, suffering and death, He offers life. It is our task to listen, it is our task to respond to this knock at the door of our heart, for the Savior has come to save, sanctify, and transform the lives not just of the Saints of centuries past, but of each one of us. ~ *Continues next page* ~

TODAY’S 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.⁴And 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.

TODAY’S GOSPEL John 1:1-17 ¹In 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.⁶There 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.¹⁰He 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.¹⁴And 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.¹⁵John 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.’”¹⁶And 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.

COMING EVENTS, HERE AND ELSEWHERE...

- **Sat., May 2, Here: Diocesan Music Conference for Choir Directors & Singers; AND Diocesan Youth Music Workshop**, led by our own Matushka Tamara. See Father or Matushka for details.
- **Sat-Sun, May 2-3: Archbishop Michael Visits Us**, Vespers & Liturgy. Details soon.
- **Sunday, June 7, 2:00 PM: Parish Council Conference**, “Sound Financial Practices in the Parish”, Matushka Mary Breton, CPA, Treasurer of the Diocese – at Transfiguration Cathedral, 228 North 12th Street, Brooklyn NY

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED – TOWARD NEW PUMPS FOR OUR HEATING SYSTEM

As you can tell, our heating system has much improved the last couple of months. However, the technicians have notified us that of the two pumps which enable warm air to be sent up into the church, one no longer works, and the other is “on borrowed time.”

The cost to install new pumps is approximately \$6,000.00.

So far, \$2,705 has been raised:

\$1,635 In Memory Of John Wislocki; \$1,070 from an Anonymous Donor.

That leaves \$3,295 left to raise.

Anyone wishing to contribute toward this project, please see Fr. David, Council President Vicky Statkevics, or any other Parish Council member. Thank you!

PASTORAL CARE – GENERAL INFORMATION

Emergency Sick Calls can be made at any time. Please call Fr. David at (914) 965-6815, when a family member is admitted to the hospital.

Anointing In Sickness: The Sacrament of Unction is available in Church, the hospital, or your home, for anyone who is sick, however severe. It doesn't mean “Last Rites!”

Marriages and Baptisms require early planning, scheduling, and selection of sponsors (crown bearers or godparents). See Father before booking dates and reception halls!

Funerals are celebrated for practicing Orthodox Christians. Please see Father for details.

The Church opposes cremation; we cannot celebrate funerals for cremations.

WANT TO HELP A STRUGGLING PARISH, MISSION, OR SEMINARIAN WITHIN OUR DIOCESAN FAMILY?

Become a **DISTINGUISHED DIOCESAN BENEFACTOR!**

To see a video “slice of life” of our Diocesan churches, visit www.nynjoca.org/vision_for_future_2012.html ... and scroll down to VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS. Questions? See Fr. David.



PRAYER LIST

Above all, we are a praying community. Keep this list in your prayer corner, and in your daily prayers, remember our Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

Newly Chrismated Mary Ann Paprocki; Boris Lyzak (Dasha's uncle); Mat. Anastasia Harris; David Barret; Warren; Melissa; Erik; Anthony; Elias Kachur; Mat. Olga Meerson; Michael Mellin; Paula West; Danielle; recovering Fr. John Tkachuk, Paul Holowach;, Tamara, Elena & Alexandra; Eleanor Wasilko; Carol; Richard; Adriana Szynda; Paul “PJ” Sulich; Stephen Wartella; newborn Elena King; Ludmila Branzow; Natasha Harris; Nathan Orsini; Suzanne Gee; Matthew & Malek; Dorothy Vernak; Nikolette Katechis; John Loving; expecting couples Sherry & Nathaniel, Sara & Eros and the children to be born to them; Nicholas Washenko; Maryanne Nolan; His Eminence, Archbishop Seraphim; Jason & Kimberly, Paul & Natalia, Stan & Victoria, and all those preparing for marriage; Kevin Kuzmenko; Shawn Malone; Metropolitan Paul and Bishop Gregorios, Vera Bullock; Julia Wislocki; Schuyler Perry; Doris Morin; Kelly Ray; Justin Solak; Carmen Fesh; Deborah Chaiko; Anne Kakos, Kay Baker (Anne's sister); Vitaliy Khutko; Malcolm Kirkpatrick; Inga Serniak; Nikolai & Nadezhda Solidnov; Kathleen Nolan; the priests Frs. Joseph Chupeck, Leonid Kishkovsky, John Pawelchak, Herman Schick, Ken James Stavrevsky, Daniel Degyansky, Michael Koblosh, Stephen Mack; PDns. Peter Skoog & Michael Sochka; Ann Belchyk; Helen Delandri; Helen Dempsey; Olga Jaworski; Olga Juck; Mary Kalakuka; Mary Kantor; Daria Krawchuk; Olga Pavelchak; Stephanie Phillips; Tekla Rzyk; Mat. Juliana Schmemann; Martha Slivka; Zena Weshta; all those confined to hospitals, nursing homes, and their own homes due to illness; for all soldiers, especially Jorge; widows, orphans, prisoners, victims of violence, and refugees, especially in Iraq, Syria, Egypt, and the Ukraine; all those suffering chronic illness, financial hardship, loneliness, addiction, abuse, abandonment and despair; all Orthodox seminarians and their families; all Orthodox monks, nuns and all those considering the monastic life; all Orthodox missionaries and their families.

For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed Fr. Thomas Hopko (3/18); Fr. Matthew Baker (+3/1); the ever-memorable Ludmila Batehina (+4/11/14); Mekolai Kuzmenko; Vladimir & Vira; and all departed this life in hope of the Resurrection.

Please give prayer requests to Fr. David, to Protodeacon John, or to an Altar Server.

Typically, names remain on this list for 40 days, unless requested otherwise. Those confined to hospitals or homes, or suffering chronic illnesses, remain on the list.

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS – our parish sons & daughters, OCF chapter members, AND those at nearby colleges who make HTO their spiritual home away from home!

Michael Bouteneff	Madeline Miroshnikov	Matt Skalski
Joe Ciamarra	Kamille Perry	Alexandra Solak
Megan Jones	Schuyler Perry	Nick Thanasias
Kaydee Kowalczyk	Roman Piwinski	Monika Wislocki
Dan Kozak	Amanda Rzyk	
Peter Kreatsoulas	Peter Rzyk	

Please tell Fr. David if there are any errors or omissions on this list.