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HOLY PASCHA.

Service Schedule:

Sunday, Apr. 8: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10). Pascha (Procession)
6 PM Vespers of Pascha

Monday, Apr. 9: 9 AM Divine Liturgy (3rd Hour at 8:50) followed by breakfast at Lucca's. (Dutch treat)

Saturday, Apr. 14: 1 PM Baptism of James Thomas Coyne
4:20 PM Parastas for Diane Yacopchak by Anna Metrko
5 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, Apr. 15: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10). Blessing of graves start at 2 PM at Sibley

Remember in Your Prayers...

Health / General: Stella Krenitsky, Michael Jadick, Helen Chesniak, Marie Buranich, Mary Slenska, Helen Wytovich, Rosemary Kuzmich, Tammy Wytovich, Fr. John Nightingale, Pauline Sevensky, Bernie Elko, Sandra Pritchyk, Marie Pasternak, John Pritchyk, Matushka Myra Kovalak, Dorothy Polanchik & Steve Pregrim.

Memory Eternal: Diane Yacopchak & Archpriest John Nehrebecki.

Offerings:

General Fund: Easter donation of \$1,000 from the Society of St. Michael's.

Pascha Flowers: In Memory of: Paul Jones by Patricia Jones; Mary & John Ezbiansky by Patricia Jones; Harold Krenitsky by Rose, Emily & Gregory Krenitsky; All deceased members of Krenitsky, Halchak, Fortuna & Deininger families by Emily Krenitsky; Walter, Helen, Rose, Anna Buranich by Bev & Bernie Elko; Pronovich, Hubiak & Condon Families by Sandra Condon; William & Rose Macheska by Nadia Macheska; Mike Wasko by Jean Wasko & family; Alice & Wm Wozniak by Bill Wozniak; Diane Yacopchak by Helen & Tammy Wytovich; Walter, Sonia & Peter Tyrpak by Ann Tyrpak; Andrew Peregrim Family by Ann Tyrpak.

Pascha Flowers: In Memory of: Aleck & Ann Jadick by David Jadick; Wasil & Theresa Veronick by Helen & Tammy Wytovich; Mary Oselinsky by Helen & Tammy Wytovich; Michael & Mary Marko by Helen & Tammy Wytovich; Peter Tyrpak by Lolita Tyrpak; Mary & Helen Jones by Daniel Jones; Alexandra, Michael, Ann, Harry Toczko by Marie Pasternak; Ellen, Steve, Faye, Stephen Pasternak by Marie Pasternak; Lillian & Michael Keslosky Jr. by Sonia & Tom Maciorowski; Sonia, Ethel & Michael Keslosky by Sonia & Tom Maciorowski; Lillian & Michael Keslosky Jr. by Olivia & Julia Keslosky; Beloved daughter Dr. Natasha Stavisky by Dr. Eli and Paula Stavisky.

Pascha Offering: In Memory of: Michael, Eva, Diane and Dennis Pregmon by Sandra & Daniel Pregmon; Michael, Mary & John Marko by Helen Wytovich; Jacob & Margaret Barsigian by David Barsigian Family; Mary Pritchyk from her children Sandra Pritchyk, Sharon Shewczyk & Michael Pritchyk.

Pascha Flowers: For the Health of: Abigail Grace & Aubri Earl by Aunt Marie; Tammy Wytovich by Mom & Roman; The Cushner Family by David Cushner; Condon, Cadden, Franko & Heck Families by Sandra Condon; Rose Krenitsky by Gregory & Emily Krenitsky.

Pascha Altar Candles: In Memory of: Helen & Andrew Stavisky & Natasha Stavisky by Mrs. Eugenia Mori; Michael & Helen Sokol by Michael Sokol Jr.; Charles Sigman Jr. by Nadia Macheska; Michael Buday by Ann Buday; William & Rose Macheska by Nadia Macheska.

Pascha Vigil Lights: In Memory of: Harry Krevko, Frank & Anna Orzolek, Basil & Harpina Krevko by Mary Krevko; Rose Macheska by Nadia Macheska; Steve & Julia Hubiak, Harrison Hubiak, Peter Hubiak, John Hubiak, Michael & Nancy Buday, Helen & Millie Krenitsky by Ann Buday; Marie Horek by Maryann, Mike & Katlyn Sanders; Philip, Skip, Helen & Theresa Polanchik by Mia & Nicholas Polanchik.

Pascha Vigil Lights: For the Health of: Al Horek by Maryann, Mike & Katlyn Sanders.

Pascha Calla Lilies: In Memory of: Deceased members of the Harrison and Tekla Krenitsky family from their Granddaughters and Great-Grandchildren.

Vigil Lights: In Memory of: Michael, Mary & John Marko by Helen Wytovich; Diane Yacopchak by Helen & Tammy Wytovich; Marie Horek by Al Horek; Metro, Mary, John Horek by Al Horek; Stemi Gorman by Dorothy Polanchik; Diane Yacopchak by Dorothy Polanchik; Steve & Phillip Polanchik by Dorothy Polanchik; George W. Krenitsky by Ilaria Krenitsky.

Parastas: In Memory of: Diane Yacopchak, Anna Metrko (4/14), Jean Wasko (4/18), Your Grace & the late Matushka Karen Mahaffey (40th day – 4/19), Helen & Tammy Wytovich (4/21), Rosalie Hish (4/27), Barbara Marko (4/28), Marie Pasternak (5/5).

Cemetery Fund: In Memory of: Jacob & Margaret Barsigian by Alexa Barsigian.

Choir Fund: In Memory of: Jacob & Margaret Barsigian by Alexa Barsigian.

Announcements:(Please submit any announcements no later than the Thursday before they are to be posted)

Christ is Risen. Indeed He is Risen.

A Brief word about Communion: For our friends present with us who are not Orthodox, please note that we have specific disciplines regarding receiving Communion, including fasting from midnight and having recently received confession and absolution. We ask that you refrain from going to Communion until you have spoken with the priest and understand our discipline and piety regarding this sacrament, its responsibility to and towards membership in the Orthodox Church.

St. Michael's Orthodox Church Food Pantry: The food pantry will be open Saturday, (4/21), from 11 AM – 12 Noon. The following individuals / organizations made donations to the pantry in the last couple of weeks: Anonymous, Anonymous, Romar Dance Studio (Mary Lou Lloyd), JOA Transit (Jeff Casella), **Kris Mitchell & Taylor Library.** Thank you to all who donated plastic bags. We have plenty of plastic bags now. There is no need to donate any more plastic bags.

Pierogie Project: Thank you to all who volunteered to help make Pierogies on February 26th & 27th. The total profit for our Church was \$3,420.38.

Charitable outreach to St. Tikhon's Diocesan Seminarians: Thank you to all who contributed to the appeal for St. Tikhon's Diocesan Seminarians. Our Church sent a check to our Diocese for \$283 and they will distribute the money to these families. Thank you for your generosity.

ATTENTION: ALL DIOCESAN GRADUATES

Add one more thing to your post-graduation to-do list! The Fall issue of *Alive in Christ* will feature our Diocesan graduates. *Alive in Christ* would be honored to share your accomplishment with the Diocese.

To make this happen:

Graduates / Graduate's Families should submit a photo and brief biography.

The biography: should include these items ONLY: name of student, name of parents, name of school from which they have graduated, parish, future plans. This is the exact information that will appear in the magazine.

The photo: should be a high-resolution jpeg submitted separately from the write-up - please do not put all info into one Microsoft word document.

Please send a separate JPG image and separate text document attached to email. **DO NOT SEND AN MS WORD DOCUMENT WITH PHOTO EMBEDDED** (Doing this degrades the quality for print).

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Today's Holy Scripture Readings:

Acts 1:1-8 (Epistle)

1 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)

1 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.

8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

9 That 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.

HOLY PASCHA: The Resurrection of Our Lord

Enjoy ye all the feast of faith; receive ye all the riches of loving-kindness.

(Sermon of Saint John Chrysostom, read at Paschal Matins)

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the center of the Christian faith. Saint Paul says that if Christ is not raised from the dead, then our preaching and faith are in vain (I Cor. 15:14). Indeed, without the resurrection there would be no Christian preaching or faith. The disciples of Christ would have remained the broken and hopeless band which the Gospel of John describes as being in hiding behind locked doors for fear of the Jews. They went nowhere and preached nothing until they met the risen Christ, the doors being shut (John 20: 19). Then they touched the wounds of the nails and the spear; they ate and drank with Him. The resurrection became the basis of everything they said and did (Acts 2-4): "... for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have" (Luke 24:39).

The resurrection reveals Jesus of Nazareth as not only the expected Messiah of Israel, but as the King and Lord of a new Jerusalem: a new heaven and a new earth. Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. . . the holy city, new Jerusalem. And I heard a great voice from the throne saying "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people. . . He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away (Rev. 21:1-4).

In His death and resurrection, Christ defeats the last enemy, death, and thereby fulfills the mandate of His Father to subject all things under His feet (I Cor. 15:24-26). Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing (Rev. 5: 12)

THE FEAST OF FEASTS

The Christian faith is celebrated in the liturgy of the Church. True celebration is always a living participation. It is not a mere attendance at services. It is communion in the power of the event being celebrated. It is God's free gift of joy given to spiritual men as a reward for their self-denial. It is the fulfillment of spiritual and physical effort and preparation. The resurrection of Christ, being the center of the Christian faith, is the basis of the Church's liturgical life and the true model for all celebration. This is the chosen and holy day, first of sabbaths, king and lord of days, the feast of feasts, holy day of holy days. On this day we bless Christ forevermore (Irmos 8, Paschal Canon).