

Christ is Risen!
Χριστός Ανέστη!

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Indeed He is Risen!
Воистину Воскресе!
Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!

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8 April, 2012: Resurrection of Our Lord-- Pascha

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sun.	Apr.	08	Pascha—Resurrection of Our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ 10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom w/Mirovanije					
Sat.	Apr.	14	5:00 PM, Sunday Vigil Health & Well-Being of Johnathan Osif req. by Martin Osif Family					
Sun.	Apr.	15	10:30 AM: Thomas Sunday: For Our Parishioners					
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				<u>Acolytes</u>		<u>Readers</u>		<u>Ushers</u>
Sun.	Apr.	08	All Present	J. Hess	G. Krynicky, B. Knouse			
Sat.	Apr.	14	M. Mihalko	J. Kontir	J. Snitzer, J. Knouse			
Sun.	Apr.	15	D. Cianciotti	L. Cianciotti	D. & C. Cianciotti			

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Total: \$1747



**Why do you seek among the dead, as a mortal,
the One who abides in everlasting light?
He is not here, but is risen!**

Commentary attributed to Hippolytus of Rome

Now the holy rays of the light of Christ shine forth, the pure stars of the pure Spirit rise, the heavenly treasures of glory and divinity lie open. In this splendor the long dark night has been swallowed up and the dreary shadows of death have vanished. Life is offered to everyone; the whole world is filled with glory. A heavenly light more brilliant than all others shed its radiance everywhere and He Who was begotten before the morning star and all the stars of heaven, CHRIST, light and immortal, shone upon all creatures more brightly than the sun.

For us who believe in Him a glorious day has dawned, a long unending day, the mystical Passover symbolically celebrated by the Law and effectually accomplished by Christ, a wonderful Passover, a miracle of divine virtue, a work of divine power. This is the true festival and the everlasting memorial, the day upon which freedom

from suffering comes from suffering, immortality from death, life from the tomb, healing from a wound, resurrection from the fall, and ascension into heaven from the descent into Hades. So does God perform His mighty works, bringing the incredible from the impossible to show that He alone can do whatever He wishes.

To show that He had power over death, Christ had exercised His royal authority to loose death's bonds even during His lifetime, as for example when He gave the commands, *Lazarus, come forth* and *Arise, my child*. For the same reason He surrendered Himself completely to death so that in Him that gluttonous beast with his insatiable appetite would die completely. Since *death's power comes from sin*, it searched everywhere in His sinless body for its accustomed food, for sensuality, pride, disobedience or, in a word, for that ancient sin which was its original sustenance. In Him, however, it found nothing to feed on and so, being entirely closed in upon itself and destroyed for lack of nourishment, death became its own death.

Many of the just, proclaiming the Good News and prophesying were awaiting Him who was to become by His resurrection *the firstborn from the dead*. And so, to save all members of the human race, whether they lived before the Law, under the Law, or after His own coming, Christ dwelt three days beneath the earth.

After His resurrection it was the women who were the first to see Him, for as a woman brought the first sin into the world, so a woman first announced the news of life to the world. Thus they heard the holy words, *Women, rejoice*, for sadness was to be swallowed up by the joy of the resurrection.



O heavenly bounty, spiritual feast, divine Passover, coming down from heaven to earth and ascending again into heaven! You are the light of the new candles, the brightness of the virgins' lamps. Thanks to you the lamps of souls filled with the oil of Christ are no longer extinguished, for the spiritual and divine fire of love burns in all, in both soul and body.

O God, spiritual and eternal Lord, and Christ, Lord and king, we entreat You to extend your strong protecting hands over your holy Church and over your holy people, forever devoted to You. Raise high in our defense the trophies of your triumph and grant that we like Moses may sing a hymn of victory, for yours is the glory and the power, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

(Paschal Homily: SC 27, 116 – 118. 164 – 190)



The hieromartyr **Hippolytus of Rome** was a priest and an ecclesiastical writer of the third century. He is considered to have been antipope of the Church of Rome from about 217 to 235. He was among the most important Christian theologians of the third century, and a saint. His feast day is 30 January.

CHRIST



IS RISEN

During the Feast of Feasts, Pascha and continuing until Pentecost Sunday, we do **NOT** kneel at any point during the Divine Liturgy. Kneeling is most often seen as a sign of penance and contrition – the joy of Pascha is so much greater in this season that we stand instead in celebration.

VOBIS MULTAS GRATIAS AGO for your many expressions of kindness and generosity to me, your priest, on this joyous day of Pascha. Together on this glorious day of Resurrection, let us partake of the fruit of the new vine, the divine joy of Christ's kingdom, ever praising Him, our God.

Paschal Greeting in Greek.

Χριστός ἀνέστη! Christós A-néh-stee!
Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη! A-lee-thós A-néh-stee!

