

Christ is Risen!  
Χριστός Ανέστη!

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Indeed He is Risen!  
Востину Воскресе!  
Άληθῶς ἀνέστη!

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## 31 March, 2013: Resurrection of Our Lord — Pascha

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sun. Mar. 31	<b>Pascha – Resurrection of Our Lord &amp; Savior Jesus Christ</b> <b>10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom w/Mirovanije</b>		
Sat. Apr. 06	<b>5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil</b> <i>+George &amp; Christine Kopcho requested by Michael Soich &amp; Tamara Kopcho Soich</i>		
Sun. Apr. 07	<b>10:30 AM: Thomas Sunday:</b> For Our Parishioners		
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	<b><u>Acolytes</u></b>	<b><u>Readers</u></b>	<b><u>Ushers</u></b>
Sun. Mar. 31	All Present	L. Cianciotti	G. Krynicky, W. Furwa
Sat. Apr. 06	M. Mihalko	L. Knouse	J. Snitzer, D. Mihalko
Sun. Apr. 07	E. & R. Hess	J. Hess	J. & B. Knouse

**Collection: 03/24/13:** Adult \$988; Candles \$60; Student \$11; Lenten Offering \$55; Easter Flowers \$20; **Total: \$1134.00.**



**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.

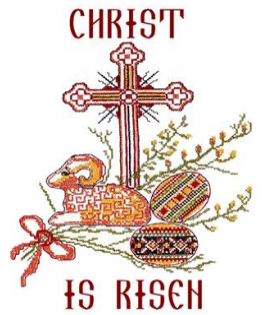
**Большое спасибо** for your many expressions of kindness and generosity to me, your priest, on this joyous day of Pascha. Together on this glorious day of Resurrection, let us partake of the fruit of the new vine, the divine joy of Christ's kingdom, ever praising Him, our God!

### Paschal Greeting in Greek.

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

### From a Paschal Homily by Hesychius of Jerusalem (+ a.d. 451):

The festival we celebrate today, is one of victory – the victory of the Son of God, King of the whole universe. On this day the devil is defeated by the Crucified One; our race is filled with joy by the Risen One. In honor of my resurrection in Christ this day cries out: «In my journey I beheld a new wonder – an open tomb, a man risen from the dead, bones exulting, souls rejoicing, men and women refashioned, the heavens opened, and powers crying out: *Lift up your gates, you princes; be lifted up, you everlasting doors, that the king of glory may come in.* On this day I saw the king of heaven, robed in light, ascend above the lightning and rays of the sun, above the sun and the sources of water, above the dwelling place of the angelic powers and the city of eternal life.»



Hidden first in a womb of flesh, He sanctified human birth by His own birth; hidden afterward in the womb of the earth, He gave life to the dead by His resurrection. Suffering, pain, and sighs have now fled away. For who has known the mind of God, or who has been His counselor, if not the Word made flesh, Who was nailed to the cross, Who rose from the dead and Who was taken up into heaven?

This day brings a message of joy: it is the day of the Lord's resurrection when, with Himself, He raised up the race of Adam. Born for the sake of all human beings, He rose from the dead with them. On this day paradise is opened by the Risen One, Adam is restored to life and Eve is consoled. On this day the divine call is heard, the kingdom is prepared, we are saved and Christ is adored. On this day, when He tramped death under foot, made the tyrant prisoner, and despoiled the underworld, Christ ascend into heaven as a king in victory, as a ruler in glory, as an invincible charioteer. He said to the Father: Here AM I, O God, with the children You have given Me and He heard the Father's reply: *Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies Your footstool.* To Him be glory, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

**Hesychius of Jerusalem** was a monk who about 412 was highly esteemed as a priest and preacher in Jerusalem. He was a defender of orthodoxy and a gifted interpreter of scripture. His surviving homilies show that he followed the Alexandrian method of exegesis.

*Taken from «Journey with the Fathers, Commentaries on the Sunday Gospels»  
Edited by Edith Barnecut, O.S.B.*



~ Announcements ~

- **Heating Oil** – 600 gallons – was purchased this week at a cost of \$1950. Our total for the 2012 – 2013 winter season is now **\$18,085.00 (!)** as compared with \$13,506.00 the previous year.
- **Special Thanks to:** Brook Prue from Open Pantry for donating Easter Lilies to our church every year.

~ April Birthdays ~

We wish the following parishioners many spiritual blessings on their birthday and many happy years! **Mnohaja L'ita !**

1—Barbara Chirdon  
3—Robert Spirko, Jr.  
6—Michael Brehun  
16—Joseph Stephen Wasil  
20—Celeste Byrd  
21—Joanne Gayton



24—Frieda Kutch  
26—Laura Henry  
27—Sue Mihalko  
27—Peter Shultz  
28—Joan Mott