

Christ is Risen!
Χριστός Воскресе!
Χριστός ἀνέστη!

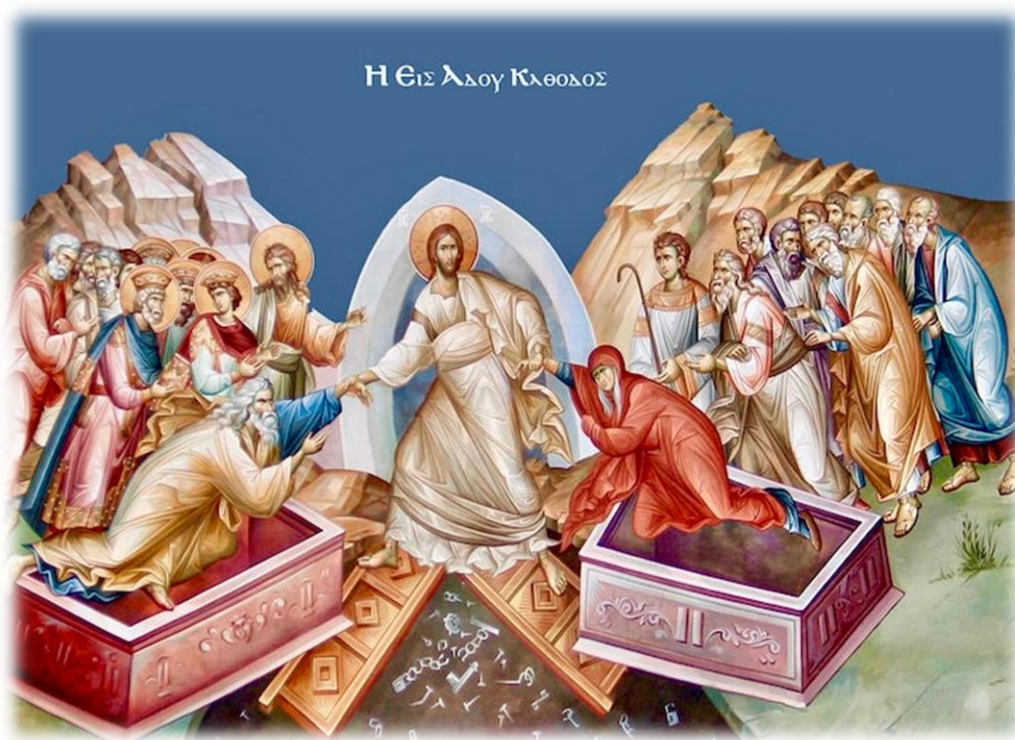
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Indeed He is Risen!
Воистину Воскресе!
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17 April 2022 / 7530 GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. Apr. 16 17:00 VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT BASIL

Sun. Apr. 17 09:30 RESURRECTION MATINS followed by the
DIVINE LITURGY OF PASCHA w/ Mirovaniye and the
Blessing of the Artos Suffrages pro populo. Blessing of Paschal foods
and Paschal Luncheon in Church Basement after the Divine Liturgy

Sat. Apr. 23 17:00 THOMAS SUNDAY Suffrages for Helen DeFlorio – 100th
Birthday; Suffrages for +John & Helen Krynicky – daughter Joanne

Sun. Apr. 24 10:30 THOMAS SUNDAY w/ Mirovaniye and the Breaking
of the Artos Suffrages pro populo



04/ 10 / 2022 Adults: \$2045 Children: \$14 Flowers: \$5
COLLECTION Candles: \$77 Holy Week:\$95 Pascha: \$40
TOTAL: \$2276



During the 50 days of the paschal season, in Church and at your icon corner at home – the domestic church, there is **NO KNEELING** at any time. Standing is always a sign of the RESURRECTION OF CHRIST!



Ambon Prayer for Bright Monday: «Passover, Passover», and again I say, «Passover», for Christ our Passover, has been sacrificed for us. He alone is immortal; He alone cannot be seen or grasped. The Angels and Principalities, the Authorities, Dominions and Powers, and the Cherubim and Seraphim praise Him. With these heavenly powers, we, Your unworthy servants, praise, bless, and worship You, O Lord our God, for in these last day You came into the world, took flesh from our holy and pure Lady, the Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary, and suffered crucifixion that You might free us from the curse of the tree. For all this, how can we repay You, O God according to nature and Father according to grace? We offer You praise from our lips: Glory to You Who were baptized! Glory to You Who were crucified! Glory to You Who were buried! Glory to You, for You are risen and raise us with You! Glory to You together with Your eternal Father and Your all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Bright Week: The first six days after Pascha constitute what is known in the Slave tradition as *Bright Week* [*Renewal Week* in the Greek Church]. All the doors of the Iconostasis remain open during these six days, even when the services are concluded. The open doors remind us of the stone rolled away from the empty tomb of Christ. It also allows us to see the *Plashchenitsa* (symbol of the burial cloths left in the tomb) on the Holy Table. There is no fasting during this joyous week. Funeral services held during Bright Week have a special rite, consisting entirely of joyous Paschal hymns from Resurrection Matins and only the litanies are funereal.



Why look among the dead for someone who is alive?

Commentary by 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 sheds its radiance everywhere, and He Who was begotten before the morning star

and all the stars of heaven, Christ, mighty and immortal, shines 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 hell. 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 loosen death's bonds even during His lifetime, as for example when He gave the commands, "Lazarus, come out" 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 throughout all ages. Amen.

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



~ Announcements ~

- ❖ **NEW PASCHAL PARAMENTS!** The parish is very grateful for the new liturgical hangings made to adorn the Holy Table, Tetrapod, and tabletops before the icons of the Incarnation and the Resurrection.
- ❖ **DONATIONS!** The following are needed before the **Ethnic Dinner** on **May 7th**: 40-50 lbs. **flour**, 30 lbs. **butter**, gallon of **vegetable oil**, 6 large bags of **onions**, **5 sheet cakes**. Cash donations are also welcome.
- ❖ **REJOICE AND BE GLAD!** The Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial Choir returns to St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Munhall on **April 24th** – Thomas Sunday – for prayer and a program of hymns of the glorious Resurrection of our Lord. The program will begin at **3:00 p.m.** with the **Moleben for the Living**. A cake-and-coffee reception will follow in the Cathedral's lower level.
- ❖ **MOTHER'S DAY** is **May 8th** this year. **Spiritual Bouquet Cards** will be available on the tables in the Narthex starting next weekend. If you are writing a check, make it payable to «Benedictine Fathers», NOT to the parish.