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## Divine Services

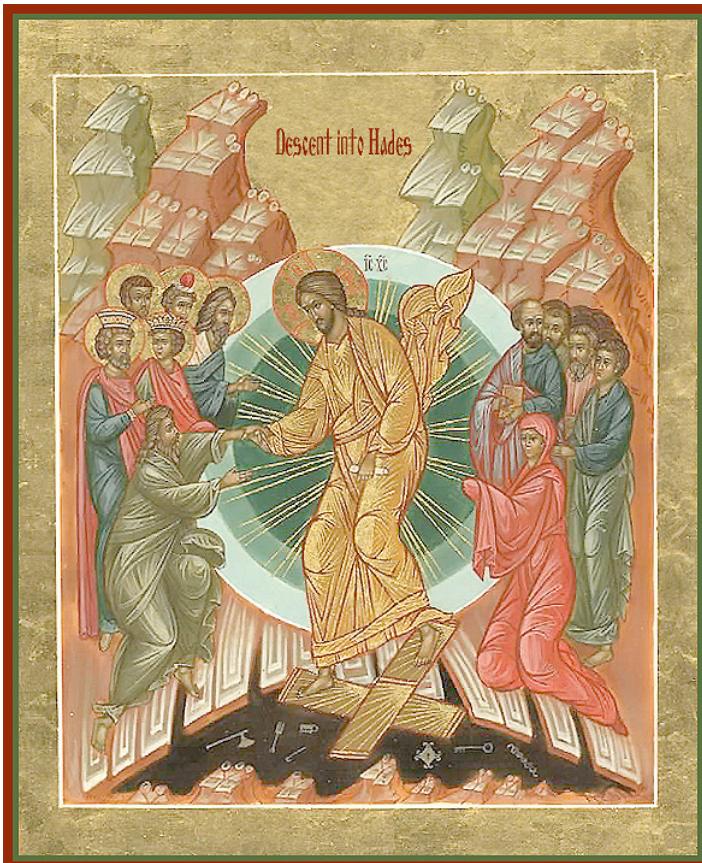
Eve Sundays & Feast Days  
5:00 PM Confessions  
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days  
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

April 23, 2006  
PASCHA  
The Resurrection of Our Lord



# Christ is Risen!



# Indeed He is Risen!

## *Prayer Requests*

### *Departed:*

Archpriest Victor Sokolov

### *III-afflicted:*

Helen Baldner  
 John Clements  
 John Conrad  
 Alex Dobay  
 Helen Smotzer  
 Eileen Eschuk  
 Janet Franks  
**Gayle & Joyce** Franks  
**Henry & Julia** Grabowski  
 Sergei Kluchnik & Family  
 Mary Ann Mishko  
 Margaret Rusynky  
**John & Ann** Shuleva  
 Jan Tkacz  
 Jeanne Twitchell  
 Alexander Kuzminec  
 Billy J Spurlock  
 James Sheehan  
 Infant Alaina Zdinak  
 Infant Jackson Donald

**Michelle & Kiplan** Frampton &  
 Unborn Child

# **Homily on Pascha**

## **Melito, Bishop of Sardis**

The Lord, having put on human nature, and having suffered for him who suffered, having been bound for him who was bound, and having been buried for him who was buried, is risen from the dead, and loudly proclaims this message:

Who will contend against me? Let him stand before me. It is I who delivered the condemned. It is I who gave life to the dead. It is I who raised up the buried. Who will argue with me? It is I, says Christ, who destroyed death. It is I who triumphed over the enemy, and having trod down Hades, and bound the Strong Man, and have snatched mankind up to the heights of heaven. It is I, says Christ. So then, come here all you families of men, weighed down by your sins and receive pardon for your misdeeds. For I am your pardon. I am the Passover which brings salvation. I am the Lamb slain for you. I am your lustral bath. I am your life. I am your resurrection. I am your light, I am your salvation, I am your King. It is I who brings you up to the heights of heaven. It is I who will give you the resurrection there. I will show you the Eternal Father. I will raise you up with my own right hand.

## **Parish News**

**Poppy & Apricot Rolls**  
**Kolachky & Tea Biscuits**  
 are available for purchase for info see at Coffee Hour or call Jeanne Homik (330-467-9419) or Sonia Vorell (440-238-6912)

## **Pascha Flowers**

Please consider contributing for the flowers to decorate the Tomb and for Pascha. Envelopes are in your mailing. Just like everything else, they keep going up in price!

**Information for the AMBO should be emailed to**

[ambo@sttheodosisius.org](mailto:ambo@sttheodosisius.org)

## **Parish Council News**

 The Finance Committee will meet at 6:00 PM in The Parish Ministries Building on Tuesday April 25, 2006

 The next Parish Council Meeting is 6:00 PM, Thursday, April 27, 2006. Any parish member is welcome.

## **Coffee Hour & Greeters Schedules**

### **Coffee Hour Hosts:**

4/23 NO COFFEE HOUR  
 4/30 Patti Sankovic & Natalie Pricinovskis  
 5/7 Maca Tyler & Judy Schwind  
 5/14 Joyce Tabeling  
 5/21 Wojnicz Family  
 5/28 Mary Swit/Tammy Ponomarenko  
 6/4 Mat. Cindy & Mat. Jeanne

### **Greeters:**

Pascha  
 P. Gindlesberger/L. Smotzer  
 D. Pinta/D. Pinta  
 P. Pangrace/Pangrace  
 Steve & Eileen Bondor  
 Mike & Joyce Tabeling  
 Paul Pangrace

### **2006 Dues**

**\$250.00 per**

**Adult member**  
**(18 and older)**

# The Lord's descent into the underworld

Something strange is happening - there is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness.

The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep.

The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began.

God has died in the flesh and hell trembles with fear.

He has gone to search for our first parent, as for a lost sheep.

Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, he has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve, he who is both God and the son of Eve.

The Lord approached them bearing the cross, the weapon that had won him the victory.

At the sight of him Adam, the first man he had created, struck his breast in terror and cried out to everyone: "My Lord be with you all." Christ answered him: "And with your spirit."

He took him by the hand and raised him up, saying: "Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

I am your God, who for your sake have become your son. Out of love for you and for your descendants I now by my own authority command all who are held in bondage to come forth all who are in darkness to be enlightened, all who are sleeping to arise. I order you, O sleeper, to awake.

I did not create you to be held a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead. Rise up, work of my hands, you who were created in my image.

Rise, let us leave this place, for you are in me and I am in you; together we form only one person and we cannot be separated.

For your sake I, your God, became your son; I, the Lord, took the form of a slave; I, whose home is above the heavens, descended to the earth and beneath the earth. For your sake, for the sake of man, I became like a man without help, free among the dead. For the sake of you, who left a garden, I was betrayed to the Jews in a garden, and I was crucified in a garden.

See on my face the spittle I received in order to restore to you the life I once breathed into you.

See there the marks of the blows I received in order to refashion your warped nature in my image.

On my back see the marks of the scourging I endured to remove the burden of sin that weighs upon your back.

See my hands, nailed firmly to a tree, for you who once wickedly stretched out your hand to a tree.

I slept on the cross and a sword pierced my side for you who slept in paradise and brought forth Eve from your side. My side has healed the pain in yours. My sleep will rouse you from your sleep in hell. The sword that pierced me has sheathed the sword that was turned against you.

Rise, let us leave this place. The enemy led you out of the earthly paradise.

I will not restore you to that paradise, but I will enthroned you in heaven.

I forbade you the tree that was only a symbol of life, but see, I who am life itself am now one with you. I appointed cherubim to guard you as slaves are guarded, but now I make them worship you as God.

The throne formed by cherubim awaits you, its bearers swift and eager.

The bridal chamber is adorned, the banquet is ready, the eternal dwelling places are prepared, the treasure houses of all good things lie open.

The kingdom of heaven has been prepared for you from all eternity."

*From an ancient homily for Holy Saturday (P.G. 43, 439, 451, 462-463)*

# **Weekly Schedule**

## **Sunday April 23, Great and Holy Pascha of Our Lord**

12:00 Midnight Paschal Matins & Divine Liturgy  
11:00 AM Agape Paschal Vespers

## **Bright Monday April 24**

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

## **Bright Tuesday April 25**

6:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting

## **Bright Wednesday April 26**

## **Bright Thursday April 27**

11:00 AM Faith Enrichment Brunch  
6:00 PM Parish Council Meeting

## **Bright Friday April 28**

**Bright Saturday April 29**  
6:00 PM Great Vespers

## **Sunday April 30, Thomas Sunday**

9:00 Am Divine Liturgy  
12:00 Noon Blessing of Graves



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*Addressee*