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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

*** AMBO: Articles for publication should be submitted to: sttheocemetery@yahoo.com by Wednesday of each week before noon.**

*** CALENDAR: Event dates must be submitted by the 15th of each month.**

MAY 1, 2016
HOLY PASCHA
RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

CHRIST IS RISEN!!!

Pascha (Easter)

Enjoy ye all the feast of faith; receive ye all the riches of loving-kindness.
(Sermon of St John Chrysostom, read at Paschal Matins)

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the center of the Christian faith. St 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).

PREPARATION

Twelve weeks of preparation precede the "feast of feasts." A long journey which includes five prelenten Sundays, six weeks of Great Lent and finally Holy Week is made. The journey moves from the self-willed exile of the prodigal son to the grace-filled entrance into the new Jerusalem, coming down as a bride beautifully adorned for her husband (Rev. 21:2) Repentance, forgiveness, reconciliation, prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and study are the means by which this long journey is made.

Focusing on the veneration of the Cross at its midpoint, the lenten voyage itself reveals that the joy of the resurrection is achieved only through the Cross. "Through the cross joy has come into all the world," we sing in one paschal hymn. And in the paschal troparion, we repeat again and again that Christ has trampled down death—by death! St Paul writes that the name of Jesus is exalted above every name because He first emptied Himself, taking on the lowly form of a servant and being obedient even to death on the Cross (Phil. 2:5-11). The road to the celebration of the resurrection is the self-emptying crucifixion of Lent. Pascha is the passover from death to life.

Yesterday I was buried with Thee, 0 Christ.
Today I arise with Thee in Thy resurrection.
Yesterday I was crucified with Thee:
Glorify me with Thee, 0 Savior, in Thy kingdom (Ode 3, Paschal Canon).

THE PROCESSION

The divine services of the night of Pascha commence near midnight of Holy Saturday. At the Ninth Ode of the Canon of Nocturn, the priest, already vested in his brightest robes, removes the Holy Shroud from the tomb and carries it to the altar table, where it remains until the leave-taking of Pascha. The faithful stand in darkness. Then, one by one, they light their candles from the candle held by the priest and form a great procession out of the church. Choir, servers, priest and people, led by the bearers of the cross, banners, icons and Gospel book, circle the church. The bells are rung incessantly and the angelic hymn of the resurrection is chanted.

The procession comes to a stop before the principal doors of the church. Before the closed doors the priest and the people sing the troparion of Pascha, "Christ is risen from the dead...", many tImes. Even before entenng the church the priest and people exchange the paschal greeting: "Christ is nsen! Indeed He is risen!" This segment of the paschal services is extremely important. It preserves in the expenence of the Church the primitive accounts of the resurrection of Christ as recorded in the Gospels. The angel rolled away the stone from the tomb not to let a biologically revived but physically entrapped Christ walk out, but to reveal that "He is not here; for He has risen, as He said" (Matt. 28:6).

In the paschal canon we sing:

Thou didst arise, 0 Christ, and yet the tomb remained sealed, as at Thy birth the Virgin's womb remained unharmed; and Thou has opened for us the gates of paradise (Ode 6).

Finally, the procession of light and song in the darkness of night, and the thunderous proclamation that, indeed, Christ is risen, fulfill the words of the Evangelist John: "The light shines in darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5).

The doors are opened and the faithful re-enter. The church is bathed in light and adorned with flowers. It is the heavenly bride and the symbol of the empty tomb:

Bearing life and more fruitful than paradise
Brighter than any royal chamber,
Thy tomb, 0 Christ, is the fountain or our resurrection (Paschal Hours).

MATINS

Matins commences immediately. The risen Christ is glorified in the singing of the beautiful canon of St John of Damascus. The paschal greeting is repeatedly exchanged. Near the end of Matins the paschal verses are sung. They relate the entire narrative of the Lord's resurrection. They conclude with the words calling us to actualize among each other the forgiveness freely given to all by God:

This is the day of resurrection.
Let us be illumined by the feast.
Let us embrace each other.
Let us call "brothers" even those who hate us,
And forgive all by the resurrection. . .

The sermon of St John Chrysostom is then read by the celebrant. The sermon was originally composed as a baptismal instruction. It is retained by the Church in the paschal services because everything about the night of Pascha recalls the Sacrament of Baptism: the language and general terminology of the liturgical texts, the specific hymns, the vestment color, the use of candles and the great procession itself. Now the sermon invites us to a great reaffirmation of our baptism: to union with Christ in the receiving of Holy Communion.

If any man is devout and loves God, let him enjoy this fair and radiant triumphal feast. . . the table is fully laden; feast you all sumptuously. . . the calf is fatted, let no one go hungry away. . .

THE DIVINE LITURGY

The sermon announces the imminent beginning of the Divine Liturgy. The altar table is fully laden with the divine food: the Body and Blood of the risen and glorified Christ. No one is to go away hungry. The service books are very specific in saying that only he who partakes of the Body and Blood of Christ eats the true Pascha. The Divine Liturgy, therefore, normally follows immediately after paschal Matins. Foods from which the faithful have been asked to abstain during the lenten journey are blessed and eaten only after the Divine Liturgy.

THE DAY WITHOUT EVENING

Pascha is the inauguration of a new age. It reveals the mystery of the eighth day. It is our taste, in this age, of the new and unending day of the Kingdom of God. Something of this new and unending day is conveyed to us in the length of the paschal services, in the repetition of the paschal order for all the services of Bright Week, and in the special paschal features retained in the services for the forty days until Ascension. Forty days are, as it were, treated as one day. Together they comprise the symbol of the new time in which the Church lives and toward which she ever draws the faithful, from one degree of glory to another.

0 Christ, great and most holy Pascha.
0 Wisdom, Word and Power of God,
grant that we may more perfectly partake of Thee in the never-ending day of Thy kingdom
(Ninth Ode, Paschal Canon).

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 1

May 1 Acts 1:1-8
John 1:1-17

May 2 Acts 1:12-17,21-26
John 1:18-28

May 3 Acts 2:14-21
Luke 24:12-35

May 4 Acts 2:22-36
John 1:35-51

May 5 Acts 2:38-43
John 3:1-15

May 6 Acts 3:1-8
John 2:12-22

May 7 Acts 3:11-16
John 3:22-33

Please contact Frank Tkacz at 216-351-1838 for more info and to purchase tickets

EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD
OF GREATER CLEVELAND
53rd Anniversary Year

MAY

Saturday
May 21, 2016

Pan-Orthodox Luncheon
12:30pm

ARCHANGEL MICHAEL SHANTY
5025 East Mill Road
Broadview Hts., OH 44147

Chinese Auction
Door Prizes
Reservations Required

Tickets: $15.00/Adults
$7.50/Under 12

Tickets to be obtained from your Parish Representative
or
Contact: Karen Felon 440-238-3837
Helen Beverly 440-212-5545

Parish Council Meeting & Agostino's Committee Meeting will be Friday, May 6th at 6:15 PM at Agostino's.

Men's group will meet at the church on Saturday, May 7th at 10:00 AM to powerwash the house and paint the porches and the base of the house. Lunch will be provided. Please bring paint supplies if possible.

Thanks,
Deacon Dan and Wayne

PRAYER REQUESTS

Departed:

Michael Buza (Patty Sankovic's father)
03-28-16

Julia Grabowski
04-05-16

Michael Evans (Kate Zolikoff's father)
04-08-16

Kathleen Swires (Debbie Ellis's sister)
04-16-16

Vladimir Fowler
04-26-16

Ill Afflicted & Special Intentions:

Matushka Catherine Jula
Archpriest Theodore Bobosh
Mary
Michael
Iris Agin (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Judith Allgire (*friend of Sonia Vorell*)
Betty Balasz
David C. Baringer (*friend of Karen Felon*)
Judy Baughman
Christopher Baymiller *(friend of Paul Pangrace)*
Paula Baymiller *(friend of Paul Pangrace)*
Tony Boccheccio
Carol Bohurjak
Christopher Byndas
Julie Byndas
Elsie Conrad
John Conrad
Jerry Czajkowski
Metodije Damljanovic (*Child)*
Horia Dascalescu (*Lavinia Morris's brother*)
Cindy Durkalski
Nadine Ellis
Nashwa Fam
Dorothy Fowler
Roger Haupt *(Lisa Theodore's cousin)*
Janet Hennig (*friend of Judy Schwind*)
Sandee Holod
Matthew Hunley *(Phyllis Gindlesperger's brother-in-law)*
Donna Jacak
Victor Jacak
Kevin Jackam (*Sonia Vorell's cousin*)
Patrick Jacobson (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Joy Jahans *(friend of Paul Pangrace)*
Stephen Jahans *(friend of Paul Pangrace)*
Diane Kearsey **(***Janice Tkacz's sister***)**
Maher Khalil
Thomas Khalil
John Kovalski *(friend of Paul Pangrace)*
Dorothy Laskovich
Jethro Miles
Paul Mihal
Anna Mysiw (*friend and neighbor of Helen Antonik)*
Andy Mytrohovich
Lydia Mytrohovich
Maude Palumbo *(Michelle Rajisch's mother)*
Debra Parhamovich *(Karen Felon's sister)*
Grace Parhamovich **(***Karen Felon's mother)*
Cindy Powkowski
Cheryl Regrut (*Deb Ellis's sister-in-law)*
Valerie Rolls (*Fr. John's cousin*)
Dorothy Romig
Julia Sankovic *(Child)*
Elaine Sudnick *(Joy Pfeiffer's mother)*
Janice Tkacz
Elisabeth Wright (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Erin Zawolowycz
Elizabeth Zimmerman
Peter Zimmerman
Theodore Zolikoff (*Nick Zolikoff's father*)
Alice Zdinak (*Fr. John's Mother*)

Emilee McPhillips & Unborn Children (Wayne & Gayle Vidovich's niece)

Congratulations:

Gabriel & Shyanne Tabeling & Newborn Sophia Maria

Newly Baptized & Chrismated
Ellie Peacock

Welcome Visitors

Our parish welcomes you and thanks you for joining us at today's Divine Liturgy.
While only Orthodox Christians may approach the chalice for Holy Communion,
everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after Liturgy.
You are also invited to join us for fellowship in the Parish Hall following Liturgy.

COFEE HOUR & GREETERS SCHEDULES

	Coffee Hour:	Greeters:
5/1/16	No Coffee Hour	Debby Pinta & Michael Tabeling (Midnight)
5/8/16	Irina Chovelidze	Nina & Elizabeth Antonik
5/15/16	Joyce Tabeling & Judy Schwind	Linda Smotzer & Sonia Vorell
5/22/16	Nick & Kate Zolikoff	Paul Pangrace & Igor Gajewsky
5/29/16	Cathy Weber & Mat. Jenn Boerio	Tammy & Eva Ponomarenko
6/5/16	Mat. Cindy Zdinak & The Van Sickles	Karen Felon & Virginia Medvec
6/12/16	Lauren Miklos & Chandra Czaruk	Mat. Jenn Boerio & Michael Tabeling

GOD'S GIFTS TO US - OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly expenses:	$ 6,538.00
Last week's collection	$ 4,005.00
Over/**Under**	< $ 2,533.00 >

FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry ministry continues through Merrick House. They currently use the bags in their Moms First program. We can always use your help by "sponsoring a bag". Envelopes are in the foyer, $10 fills a bag. Thank you and God bless you for helping those in need. - Dan Morris

Dome Lighters

Donations to offset the cost of lighting the domes can be made for *The Health Of* or *In Memory Of* your loved ones. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

For the entire 2016 year:

In loving memory of Olga Fritskey

from John & Ruth Fritskey

Paschal Greetings from around the World

Aleut:	Khristus anahgrecum!	Alhecum anahgrecum!
Aleut:	Khris-tusax agla-gikux!	Agangu-lakan agla-gikux!
Albanian:	Krishti U Ngjall!	Vertet U Ngjall!
Alutuq:	Khris-tusaq ung-uixtuq!	Pijii-nuq ung-uixtuq!
Amharic:	Kristos tenestwal!	Bergit tenestwal!
Anglo-Saxon:	Crist aras!	Crist sodhlice aras!
Arabic:	El Messieh kahm!	Hakken kahm!
Armenian:	Kristos haryav ee merelotz!	Orhnial eh harootyunuh kristosee!
Athabascan:	Xristosi banuytashtch'ey!	Gheli banuytashtch'ey!
Bulgarian:	Hristos voskrese!	Vo istina voskrese!
Byelorussian:	Khrystos uvaskros!	Saprawdy uvaskros!
Chinese:	Helisituosi fuhuole!	Queshi fuhuole!
Coptic:	Pchristos aftooun!	Alethos aftooun!
Czech:	Kristus vstal a mrtvych!	Opravdi vstoupil!
Danish:	Kristus er opstanden!	Ja, sandelig opstanden!
Dutch:	Christus is opgestaan!	Ja, hij is waarlijk opgestaan!
English:	Christ is risen!	Indeed He is risen!
Eritrean-Tigre:	Christos tensiou!	Bahake tensiou!
Esperanto:	Kristo levigis!	Vere levigis!
Estonian:	Kristus on oolestoosunt!	Toayestee on oolestoosunt!
Ethiopian:	Christos t'ensah em' muhtan!	Exai' ab-her eokala!
Finnish:	Kristus nousi kuolleista!	Totistesti nousi!
French:	Le Christ est ressuscite!	En verite il est ressuscite!
Gaelic:	Taw creest ereen!	Taw shay ereen guhdyne!
Georgian:	Kriste ahzdkhah!	Chezdmaridet!
German:	Christus ist erstanden!	Wahrlich ist er erstanden!
Greek:	Christos anesti!	Alithos anesti!
Hawaiian:	Ua ala hou 'o Kristo!	Ua ala 'l 'o no 'oia!
Hebrew:	Ha Masheeha houh quam!	Be emet quam!
Hungarian:	Krisztus feltamadt!	Valoban feltamadt!

Ibo (Nigeria):	Jesu Kristi ebiliwo!	Ezia o' biliwo!
Indian (Malayalam):	Christu uyirthezhunnettu!	Theerchayayum uyirthezhunnettu!
Indonesian:	Kristus telah bangkit!	Benar dia telah bangkit!
Italian:	Cristo e' risorto!	Veramente e' risorto!
Japanese:	Christos fukkatsu!	Jitsu ni fukkatsu!
Javanese:	Kristus sampun wungu!	Tuhu sampun wungu!
Korean:	Kristo gesso!	Buhar ha sho nay!
Latin:	Christus resurrexit!	Vere resurrexit!
Latvian:	Kristus ir augsham sales!	Teyasham ir augsham sales vinsch!
Lugandan:	Kristo ajukkide!	Amajim ajukkide!
Norwegian:	Christus er oppstanden!	Sandelig han er oppstanden!
Polish:	Khristus zmartwyckwstal!	Zaprawde zmartwyckwstal!
Portugese:	Cristo ressuscitou!	Em verdade ressuscitou!
Romanian:	Hristos a inviat!	Adeverat a inviat!
Russian:	Khristos voskrese!	Voistinu voskrese!
Sanskrit:	Kristo'pastitaha!	Satvam upastitaha!
Serbian:	Cristos vaskres!	Vaistinu vaskres!
Slovak:	Kristus vstal zmr'tvych!	Skutoc ne vstal!
Spanish:	Cristo ha resucitado!	En verdad ha resucitado!
Swahili:	Kristo amefufukka!	Kweli amefufukka!
Swedish:	Christus ar upstanden!	Han ar verkligen upstanden!
Syriac:	M'shee ho dkom!	Ha koo qam!
Tlingit:	Xristos Kuxwoo-digoot!	Xegaa-kux Kuxwoo-digoot!
Turkish:	Hristos diril - di!	Hakikaten diril - di!
Ugandan:	Kristo ajukkide!	Kweli ajukkide!
Ukrainian:	Khristos voskres!	Voistinu voskres!
Welsh:	Atgyfododd Crist!	Atgyfododd yn wir!
Yupik:	Xris-tusaq Ung-uixtuq!	Iluumun Ung-uixtuq!
Zulu:	Ukristu uvukile!	Uvukile kuphela!

The Highway to Heaven is a Staircase

A Study of the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew Chapters 5, 6, and 7

With H. Paul Finley, Local Director

St. Herman House - FOCUS Cleveland

May 15th, Session 1: **Christ's Road Map to the Kingdom of Heaven - The Staircase**

Matthew 5:1-16 (The Beatitudes)

May 22nd, Session 2: **What Christ Expects Along the Way**

Matthew 5:17-47

********no session Memorial Day weekend********

June 5th, Session 3: **Staying in Shape for the Journey**

Matthew 6:1-18

June 12th, Session 4: **Trusting Christ to Survive the Trip**

Matthew 6:19-34

June 19th, Session 5: **Avoiding Traps on the Highway to the Kingdom of Heaven**

Matthew 7

All Sessions are held on Sunday evening beginning at 6:00 PM
followed by refreshments and Q&A

at

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

2016

Sunday, May 1
HOLY PASCHA
RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST
12:00 Midnight Paschal Vigil (Matins & Divine Liturgy)
Followed by Agape Meal

Monday, May 2
BRIGHT MONDAY
9:00 Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, May 3
VEN. THEODOSIUS OF THE KIEV CAVES

Wednesday, May 4
VIRGIN MARTYR PELAGIA OF TARSUS

REMINDER:

Please be sure that cell phones are turned off before entering the temple.

MAY
Special Collection
ST. MARY OF EGYPT

Thursday, May 5
GREATMARTYR IRENE OF THESSALONICA
11:00 AM Faith Enrichment @ Agostino's

Friday, May 6
RIGHTEOUS JOB THE LONGSUFFERING
6:15 PM Parish Council & Committee Meetings @ Agostino's

Saturday, May 7
ST. ALEXIS TOTH, CONFESSOR & DEFENDER OF ORTHODOXY IN NORTH AMERICA
10:00 AM Men's Group Painting @ Cathedral
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, May 8
ST. THOMAS SUNDAY
HOLY APOSTLE JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

St. Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral
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