



Beloved children of God! From the abundance of the otherworldly joy I am, too, greeting you, burning you with the power of the Divine words: “Christ is Risen!” The holy fire of the saving news, having again blazed up with a bright flame over the Tomb of the Lord, has started flowing through the world. And God’s Church, overflowing with the light of this fire, gives it to us: “Christ is Risen!”

Beloved in Christ brothers and sisters, my friends! No doubt, you have been noticing it yourselves that among the many great and joyful Christian feasts the feast of the Bright Resurrection of Christ stands out with its unique solemnity, its unique joy — this feast of feasts and triumph of triumphs!

Our Orthodox Church has no services more magnificent and more moving, than the Paschal Matins. This is why all the faithful rush to God’s temple on the Paschal night. The Paschal Divine Service is truly like the most magnificent banquet which the Lord has prepared for all who come under the blessed protection of His House.

There is no doubt that all of you, who were in the temple on the Paschal night, experienced unusual joy... Our souls were rejoicing, being filled beyond measure with the gratitude to Our Lord and Saviour for the eternal life He has granted to us. This is so, since the Risen Christ has brought the human race from earth to Heaven, imparted the exalted and noble meaning to existence of man.

Our souls long for the eternal happy life. And this is the reason why the people are sure that they simply must be in the temple for the Bright Matins. On this holy night, we feel so powerfully the radiant joy of Christ's Resurrection unstoppably gushing forth. And no one can doubt it, for the Resurrection of Christ is the foundation of our Faith, it is the unbreakable support of our life.

Archimandrite John (Krestiankin) (†2006)

Christ is Risen!
Христосъ Воскресе !
Χριστος Ανεστη!

Sunday, April 24
Radiant Resurrection of Christ
Pascha of the Lord
Divine Liturgy 9:30 A.M.

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Bright Monday, April 25
Paschal Moleben 9:30 A.M.

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Bright Wednesday, March 27
Paschal Moleben 6:00 P.M.

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Sunday, May 1
Second Sunday of Pascha (Anti-Pascha)
Saint Thomas Sunday
Divine Liturgy 9:30 A.M.



Starting Saturday night, April 23rd and through Sunday morning May 1st, instead of our usual Morning and Evening Prayers, we are to read the following Paschal Hours:

PASCHAL HOURS

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ, Our God, have mercy on us.

Amen.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. *Thrice.*

Having beheld the resurrection of Christ, let us worship the Holy Lord Jesus, the only Sinless One. We venerate Thy Cross, O Christ, and we praise and glorify Thy Holy Resurrection; for Thou art Our God, and we know no other but Thee, and we call upon Thy Name. O come, all ye faithful, let us venerate Christ's Holy Resurrection, for behold, through the Cross joy hath come to all the world. Ever blessing the Lord, we hymn His Resurrection; for, having endured crucifixion, He hath destroyed death by death. *Thrice.*

Before the dawn Mary came with the women and found the stone rolled away from the Tomb. And they heard from the Angel: He abides in life everlasting. Why seek Him among the dead as if He were a man? Behold the burial shroud! Go and proclaim to the world: the Lord is risen and has conquered death. For He is the Son of God and He is the Saviour of mankind.

You descended into the grave, O Immortal One, yet You destroyed the power of death. As Conqueror, You arose, O Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice! Granting peace to Your Apostles, and offering resurrection to the fallen.

In the grave with the Body, in hell with the soul as God, in Paradise with the thief, and on the throne with the Father and the Spirit wast Thou, O Boundless Christ, fulfilling all things.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Bearing life, more fruitful than Paradise, and brighter than any royal palace, Thy Tomb, O Christ, is the fountain of Resurrection.

Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

O sanctified and divine tabernacle of the Most High, rejoice! For through thee, O Theotokos, joy is given to them that cry: Blessed art thou among women, O all-spotless Lady.

Lord, have mercy. *Forty times.*

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

More honourable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, who as a virgin gave birth to God the Word, true Birthgiver of God, we magnify you.

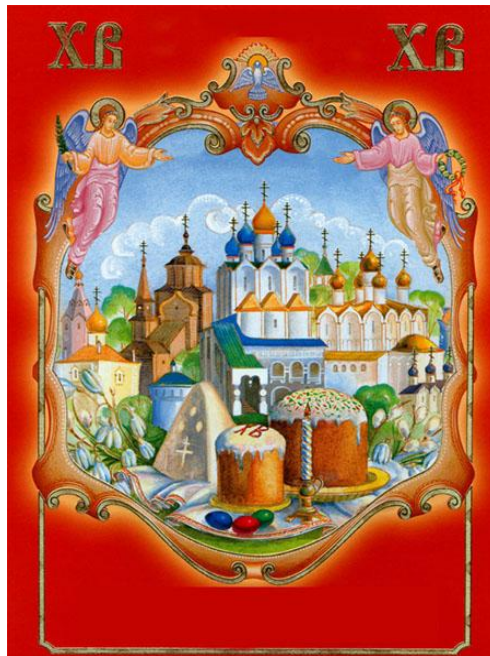
O Lord, bless.

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Amen.



CHRIST IS RISEN!
Христосъ Воскресе!
Χριστος Ανεστη!

We wish all the parishioners of Saint Nicholas Church
a most joyful and long-awaited Feast of feasts —
the Radiant Pascha of the Lord!

May the Paschal joy fill our hearts today
and may it never depart from us even in the moments
when everything seems dark and hopeless.

Rejoice, be quick to forgive, be merciful and full of light,
for Christ — Our Eternal Joy — is risen!

Father Sergii, Matushka Svetlana, John and Melania



On Holy and Great Saturday, around 3:00 P.M. local time, the Holy Fire descended upon the Church of the Resurrection in the Holy City of Jerusalem and lit the lampadas over the Tomb of the Lord. This miracle has been happening for centuries on the day when the Holy Orthodox Church prepares to celebrate the Pascha of Lord. God is with us!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. April bulletin covers' sponsors are Petyo family — birthdays and anniversary.
2. This Sunday, April 24, the Eternal Light is offered by Ann Hakos.
3. Yesterday, on Great and Holy Saturday, when from the Christian antiquity catechumens were received into the Church, Patrick Ryan Campbell entered the Mystical Body of Christ — His Holy Church through the mystery of Chrismation. Now the little church of the Campbell family is complete and we wish to the newly-illuminated Patrick, his wife Nicole and their children Christian and Liam health and salvation for many blessed years.



4. We are grateful to all our faithful who enabled us to purchase pussy willows and branches for Palm Sunday and flowers to adorn the Tomb of the Lord on Holy Friday and to remain in the church through the Bright Weeks and the following days. There were more contributors than the names on the sign-up sheet for the flowers. The records show that we have collected \$265.00. We are thankful to the anonymous donors, as well as to those whose names are known to us: Robert and Maryann Polomchak, the Djuric family, Mary Yacko, Praskoviia, the Springman family, Jenny Yacko and the Petyo family. Quite unexpectedly, on Holy and Great Thursday, Lyudmila Sadchikova brought more beautiful flowers to adorn the temple of God. May Our Risen Lord be merciful to all who love His Holy Temple.
5. Last Monday a small group gathered in the morning to clean the temple and thus prepare it for the solemn days of the Passion Week and Pascha. As was mentioned before, our untiring worker John Springman had been working even before the set day. That Monday morning he was joined by Diane Anthony and Helen Urban. We are thankful to them for doing the work we couldn't find time to do. Thank you very much!
6. When on Palm Sunday we asked for donations to prepare the egg hunt for the little ones, we didn't expect such a generous response. Generosity is a very rare virtue in our age of

individualism and self-satisfaction. On behalf of our children, we would like to thank all the sponsors of the egg hunt.

7. Among other preparations for Pascha, Dorothy Mastronicola took it upon herself to have white altar clothes dry-cleaned. Thank you, Dorothy.

8. Late on Holy Saturday, stained glass panels were installed in the new doors separating narthex from the nave. Both the doors and the stained glass in them are donated by Ann Hakos and Maryann Polomchak, who worked for a very long time baking nut rolls and pastries to be able to make this beautiful gift to the church.

9. Next Sunday, May 1, we are going to collect non-perishable food items for Hobart Food Pantry.

10. There is no fasting this Bright Week either Wednesday or Friday.

11. Camp Nazareth raffle tickets are on sale for \$20.00 and kept in the Camp Nazareth envelope in the office.