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SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018
HOLY PASCHA
FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Epistle Reading
Acts 1:1-8

Christ is risen! Indeed he is risen!
Hristos voskrece! Voistinu voskrece!
Christos anesti! Alithos anesti!
Christos tenesa! A'wo tenesa!

Gospel Reading
John 1:1-17

**CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH BY DEATH,
AND UPON THOSE IN THE TOMBS BESTOWING LIFE!**

Kontakion: 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.

Paschal Message from Metropolitan Tikhon

“I greet all of you on this bright day, the radiant and holy day of Pascha, the day upon which the light of Christ has risen upon all mortal human beings. The light that now surrounds us in our Churches, in our Monasteries, and in all of creation, is greater than can be accounted for by physical candles, chandeliers, or the sun and the moon. It is the light of the Lord’s dramatic victory over hell, over corruption and over death itself ... As we share the joy of the Feast of Feasts in our communities, with our families, and even with strangers, let us all give thanks for the light in our hearts, for it is not a simple emotional response, but an experience of authentic life – life which pierces through the darkness of our earthly cares and passions. Let us rejoice in the Lord with thanksgiving for His great victory!” (Excerpt; full text is on the bulletin board and at www.oca.org.)

Welcome to our Guests

We offer a warm welcome to everyone celebrating with us today. May you experience along with us the fullness of the Orthodox Faith and the great joy of Pascha. Please join us afterwards for the Pascha Feastday Banquet.

Celebrating Holy Pascha!

- Red Eggs and Pascha Baskets will be blessed at the end of Liturgy.
- Children are invited to the big Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard after Liturgy!
- We again come together for our traditional Pascha agape meal. Thank you to the Sisterhood and the men of the lamb roasting crew who worked hard preparing the feast and to all who donated desserts. *Prijatno! Bon appetite!*

Second Day of Pascha – Monday, April 9

We will celebrate Bright Monday Divine Liturgy tomorrow at 10AM with Fr. Paul Harrilchak and our friends at Holy Trinity Church, 20937 Ashburn Rd., Suite 110, Ashburn, VA 20147. *Bright Week is fast free.*

With Gratitude for a Blessed Great Lent, Holy Week and Pascha

We thank Fr. John for his pastoral care and teachings, Fr. Dn. Patrick and the Altar Servers for the good order of services, Popadija Kitty for coordinating communal singing, and especially Alexia Koliass and the Choir for their faithful choral ministry.

Lenten Prayer Partners

Those who prayed for a fellow parishioner throughout Lent may now reveal themselves to them as their secret prayer partner. God bless all the participants!

This Week’s Schedule

- We will not meet for Vespers and Orthodoxy 201 this Wednesday.
- The Men’s Prayer Breakfast will be held Saturday, April 14 beginning at 9AM.

OCMC Benefit Dinner and Raffle – Sunday, April 22

St. Katherine’s Greek Orthodox Church will host the celebration of Orthodox missionaries: Vespers at 4:30PM followed by a wine reception, dinner and a raffle of Gift Bags. The guest speaker will be Fr. George Liacopoulos, Ph.D. Tickets are \$60; students are \$30; Contact Nia Vroustouris - evroustouris@gmail.com.

God Grant You Many Years!

God bless Rada Carmichael, Dan Mamula, Ron Kecman and Paul Bragulla on their birthdays! Mnogaja ljeta!