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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!
El Messieh kahm! Hakken kahm!

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.

Irmos 8, Paschal Canon

This is the chosen and holy day, first of Sabbaths, king and lord of days, the feast of feast, holy day of holy days. On this day, we bless Christ forevermore.

Archpastoral Message on Pascha 2021 from Metropolitan Tikhon

“My brothers and sisters in the Lord: ‘Rejoice!’ Our sins are forgiven, our anxieties cease, and our temporary sufferings are given meaning through the Resurrection of the One who grants us eternal life. And while this eternal life is only fully manifest in the age to come, it is ours to experience joyfully even now. May we celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection in joy and love. From this day forward, may we never cease exulting in the Lord. Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!”

~ Excerpt, full text available on the OCA [website](#).



Welcome to everyone praying with us today in person and by live-stream. May we all experience the great joy in the Feastday Divine Liturgy.

Celebrating Holy Pascha!

- Pascha Baskets will be blessed at the end of Liturgy.
- We will break the fast together at our (modified) Pascha Luncheon. We thank everyone who ordered the food and donated desserts and beverages.
- Pascha donations may be placed in the basket at the luncheon or made [online](#).

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

This is truly a time of blessing even in the midst of a pandemic. Heartfelt thanks to Fr. John for his physical and spiritual energies in the liturgical services, hearing our Confessions, teaching the weekly study group and meeting with the Catechumens. We greatly appreciate Popadija Kitty for her coordination of the Church School Saturdays and weekday communal singing. Many thanks to the Altar Servers and gifted singers: David and Kathy Lumovich, Serge and Louise Romanchak, Sue Mezines and Rick Costello. Jim Karabin’s technical help significantly improved our audio/visual live-stream capabilities. Thank you to the Sisterhood for adapting our Sunday hospitality time safely to provide fulfilling fellowship. God bless our St. Luke parish family.

Bright Week

- This week of celebration is known as Bright Week and is fast-free.
- Orthodoxy 201 will not meet this Wednesday; it will resume on May 12.

St. Luke Gift Shop

There are Pysanky decorated eggs hand-painted by Matushka Julia Romanchak and other specialty items available at the Gift Shop. See Louise Romanchak.

God Grant You Many Years! Mnogaja ljeta!

May God bless Milica Whitestone, Rick Costello, Matthew Kassaye, Bratislav and Alexandar Saranac and Jan Zicha as they celebrate their May birthdays. We also congratulate Val and Wynne Maksimovic on their wedding anniversary today!