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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.

Metropolitan Tikhon’s Paschal Message (excerpt)

I greet you in the joy of the Resurrection on this “chosen and holy day, first of sabbaths, king and lord of days, the feast of feasts, holy day of holy days” (Paschal Canon, Ode 8). On this day our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ shines with the victory of life over death, life which is given by Him as a gift to the whole human race. Amidst the daily news that prompts feelings of anxiety and despair, the present feast offers us our only true help. We take comfort that, in His great love for mankind, our Lord has forever banished the futile senselessness of death, which is the “last enemy” (1 Cor 15:26). Our slavery to fear and sin and death is abolished by the King of Glory, “The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle” (Ps 23[4]:8).

On this Paschal day, my prayer is that you allow the joyful light of Christ fully into your hearts. In the coming days of celebration, let all men and women see this spiritual light shining from you, and let them hear your evangelical proclamation that “Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.”

The White Angel Greet the Holy Myrrhbearers

“Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here.
HE IS RISEN!”

It is the day of resurrection! Let us be illumined for the feast! Pascha!
The Pascha of the Lord! From death unto life, and from earth unto
heaven has Christ our God led us! (First Ode of the Easter Canon)



Welcome to all guests with us today in person and by livestream as we celebrate Holy Pascha. You are invited to join us for the Pascha Luncheon. If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, please talk with Fr. John and our parishioners. We look forward to seeing you again for worship and fellowship.

Celebrating Holy Paschal!

- Red Eggs and Pascha Baskets will be blessed at the end of Liturgy.
- Children are invited to the Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard after Liturgy!
- We break bread together at our Pascha Feastday Luncheon. Many thanks to the Sisterhood and the men of the lamb roasting crew who prepared the feast and to all who provided desserts. There is no charge, donations are welcomed. *Prijatno! Bon appetite!*

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

We thank Fr. John for his pastoral care and teachings throughout the Lenten season. We are grateful to him, Deacon Stefan and the Altar Servers for the good order of services, to Popadija Kitty for leading weekday communal singing, and to Serge Romanchak and the Choir for their faithful choral ministry.

Second Day of Pascha – Bright Monday - April 25

We will celebrate Divine Liturgy tomorrow at 10AM at our sister church, Holy Trinity, 20937 Ashburn Rd., Suite 110, Ashburn, VA 20147. *Bright Week is fast free.*

Orthodoxy 201

The regular Wednesday Zoom class will not meet this week. It will resume on May 4 at 7PM with a discussion on *The Gospel of St. Luke – Good News for the Poor.*

St. Luke Faith in Action – Food for the Needy – Sunday, May 1

The First-Sunday-of-the-Month food collection is next Sunday. All donations of canned and boxed non-perishable food will be delivered to the SERVE Food Bank in Manassas.

Memorial Day Pilgrimage to St. Tikhon’s Monastery – Sunday-Monday, May 29-30

Everyone interested in joining the two-day one-night trip to St. Tikhon's Monastery in PA may sign up with Louise Romanchak louiseromanchak@yahoo.com. Today is the last day.

God Grant You Many Years!

May the Lord bless Carolyn Connor on her birthday. Many Years! Mnogaja ljeta!