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HOLY PASCHA

FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Epistle Reading

Acts 1:1-8

Gospel Reading

John 1:1-17

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!

Troparion

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

Kontakion

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of death.
In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming, "Rejoice!" to the myrrhbearing
women, granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

Archpastoral Message of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon for Pascha 2024

In his message of encouragement to the Church, His Beatitude offers us reason for "hope
beyond this world, yet already present in this world." See www.oca.org for the full text.

"May he who rose from the dead on the third day, kindling the light of hope for all the
world, always shine upon our hearts with Paschal light, filling us with a joy-making desire
for the good things to come and changing all our troubles and cares into opportunities to
hope and trust." (Excerpt)

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

We have completed the Great 40 Days and Holy Week. We thank Fr. John for his pastoral
care and the beautiful Lenten services offered along with Deacon Stefan and the Altar
Servers. We thank Serge Romanchak and Elizabeth Minahan for directing the choir, those
who decorated Christ's tomb and the chapel, and all who helped make this such a
beautiful journey to Pascha.

Welcome to all guests via livestream and in person today. We invite you to join us for
the Pascha celebration. If you are interested in learning about the Orthodox Faith and St.
Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John or Deacon Stefan. Please come again!

Pascha Feast and Lamb Roast

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.

Lenten Prayer Partners

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

Bright Week

We continue our Paschal celebration this coming week. It is fast-free

- Bright Monday: Fr. John will be serving Divine Liturgy at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church
at 10AM. Everyone is invited: 20937 Ashburn Road, Suite 110, Ashburn, VA 20147.
- Bright Saturday, May 11: Archdiocesan Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Cathedral at 9AM;
3500 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20007.

Mother's Day Memorial Prayers and Luncheon - Sunday, May 12

- Next Sunday, we will pray for our departed mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and
others. Add their names to the Mother's Day Prayer List at the candle table.
- Deacon Stefan and the men of the parish will host a special Mother's Day Luncheon
following Divine Liturgy.

Schedule Change: Monthly Food Collection for the Needy – Sunday, May 12

Orthodoxy 201 Resumes after Pascha – Wednesday, May 15

The next study will be Fr. Alexander Schmemmann's "For the Life of the World". Books may
be ordered from [St. Vladimir's Seminary Press](http://St.Vladimir'sSeminaryPress.com) or [St. Tikhon's Monastery Press](http://St.Tikhon'sMonasteryPress.com).

Retreat by Archimandrite Sergius - Saturday, May 18th at 5pm

Holy Apostles Church in Sterling, VA will host a retreat led by Archimandrite Sergius,
Abbot of St. Tikhon's Monastery. Come to 21580 Atlantic Blvd #160, Sterling, VA 20166.
Details at <https://www.holyapostlesgreekorthodox.org/post/visit-archimandrite-sergius>

Professional Music Lessons

Choir Director Serge Romanchak is graciously offering free music lessons to anyone
interested in learning more about church music and singing.

God Grant You Many Years!

God bless Reader David and Kathy Lumovich on their wedding anniversary this week. We
give our birthday greetings to Lily Eve Kecman, Milica Whitestone, Rick Costello, Jan Zicha
and to Anthony Crisalfi's stepfather Joshua Lynch. Many Years! Mnogaja ljeta!