



*“This is the Resurrection Day! Let us be enlightened by this Feast,
and let us embrace one another.*

*Let us call brothers even those who hate us,
and in the Resurrection forgive everything and let us sing:
Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,
and to those in the tombs, bestowing life.”*

Pascha Bulletin

– May 5-18, 2024 –

CALENDAR OF SERVICES & EVENTS



MON 5/6/2024

BRIGHT MONDAY

ST. GEORGE THE GREAT-MARTYR (OBSERVED)

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy and Festal Procession

WED 5/8/2024

BRIGHT WEDNESDAY

Paschal Vespers and **FAST-FREE** Pot-Luck

6:00 PM

Bring Something to Share!

*SUN 5/12/2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF PASCHA – SAINT THOMAS

MOTHER'S DAY

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

- *Prayers for the Special Intention of All Mothers*
- *Panachida for All Departed Mothers*
- *+Deborah Anderson 40th Day Memorial (Observed)*
- *Sharing of the "Artos" (Paschal Bread)*

Perpetual Commemorations for Bright Week & May 12-18:

TURCHAN, Andrew & Helen

PENICK, John

TACZAK, Mary and William Sr.

KARAS, Agnes & Andrew (2008)

KRAYNAK, Anna & John Sr.

*SUN 5/19/2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA – MYRRHBEARING WOMEN

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

Served by Fr. Stephen Krivonak

Perpetual Commemorations for May 19-25:

VANSACH, John & Helen

BOGDAN, George

DOBROVOLSKI, Peter & Julia, Michael, Andrew & Peter, Rose,

Pauline, Helen, Anna, Julia, Mary

Words of Thanks

As we celebrate the Feast of Feasts, we express our thanks to many within our parish community:

- We thank Choir Director Paula Kudelko, weekday Cantor Dan Hromyak, Jerry Chupak, and all Choir Members for offering the responses, psalms and readings at the divine services throughout Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha.
- We thank our altar servers for their assistance at the Holy Altar, and all the men who participated in the Processions on Good Friday and Pascha.
- We thank all who donated towards the flowers that beautified the Tomb of Christ and our church for this holyday.
- We thank Board Secretary Francine Fabian for coordinating the flowers and to all those who helped decorate and prepare the church and hall for Good Friday and Pascha.
- We thank all those who kept vigil throughout the day on Holy Saturday, allowing our church to remain open.
- We thank Pañi Vikkie Mastroberte for organizing the Children's Easter Egg Hunt, all those who donated candy and eggs, and those who helped fill them.
- We thank all those who helped behind the scenes throughout Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha.
- And we thank ALL of our parishioners and friends who gave offerings and donations in honor of Pascha.

*May Our Risen Lord Richly Bless You
for Many Years! Christ is Risen!*



Happy Mother's Day

—May 12th, 2024—

*On Sunday, May 12th,
we pause to show our gratitude to our mothers,
both those living and those who have departed from us.*

*May the Risen Lord,
through the prayers of His most-pure Mother,
bless all mothers with many, blessed years.
May the example of the Holy Mother of God Mary,
inspire them in their maternal ministries.
God grant them many years – Christ is risen!*

*May the Risen Lord grant blessed repose and eternal rest
to all of our departed mothers.
Eternal Memory – Christ is risen!*



Congratulations and best wishes to **MARGIE HROMYAK**
as she celebrates her 90th birthday on May 15th!
May God grant her peace, health and long life
for many, blessed years—*na mnohaja i blahaja lita!*

**Join us as we celebrate Margie's birthday with a cake
after Liturgy on Sunday, May 12th!**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: UPCOMING EVENTS

Mother's Day: Sunday, May 12, 2024

Memorial Day Panachida at the Cemetery Cross: Sunday, May 26, 2024

Family Day at Camp Nazareth: Sunday, June 2, 2024

Father's Day and First Confession Sunday: Sunday, June 16, 2024

Graduate Sunday: TBA

Pentecost: Sunday, June 23, 2024

Nativity of St. John (Parish Holyday): Monday, June 24, 2024



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

*Bright Wednesday
Vespers & Potluck*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024

PASCHAL VESPERS AT 6:00 PM

FESTIVE (FAST-FREE) POTLUCK TO FOLLOW

Saint John's Orthodox Church
3180 Morefield Road
Hermitage, PA 16148

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all worshipping our Risen Lord on this great day of Pascha—our annual celebration of the Resurrection of Christ! This day is the high-point of our Christian year, but don't forget that every Sunday is a "Little Pascha" with Divine Liturgy at 9:00 AM.

No Fasting for Bright Week (May 5-11) in celebration of the Resurrection. Enjoy!

Perpetual Commemorations of the Departed will not be made during Bright Week, in order that our focus be fully on our Lord's Glorious Resurrection.

Fr. David at Priest Convocation: Fr. David will be attending the Annual Diocesan Priest Convocation at Camp Nazareth from Monday, May 13 to Thursday, May 16. In case of a pastoral emergency, please call his cell phone (724-813-3172). Since cell reception is hit-or-miss at Camp, you may also call the Camp number (724-662-4840).

Fr. David is Graduating! Over the past year, Fr. David has been working towards earning a Master of Theology (ThM) degree from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, Massachusetts. He will be graduating on Saturday, May 18, 2024. He will be away from Thursday afternoon, May 16th until Sunday evening, May 19th. In case of any pastoral emergencies during this time, please call the nearest Orthodox priest.

Graduate Sunday—INFO NEEDED: We are planning our annual Graduate Sunday in June—once we can find a Sunday that works for the graduates. **Parents, please let Fr. David know NOW if you have a graduate in your household** by sending an e-mail to father.david@stjohnacroc.org with the following information: **Name** of graduate; **school** from which he/she is graduating from; any post-graduation **plans** (college/further education, job, etc.).

Send Your Kids to Camp Nazareth This Summer! Our Diocesan camping program is incredible and helps strengthen our children in their Orthodox faith. Our parish will cover 100% of tuition for all parish youth to attend. Parents, if you need the registration code, please speak with Fr. David.



*We offer our condolences to Gino and Mary Ann Tofani and to all family members at the passing of Gino's father **+VINCENT TOFANI** on Thursday, May 2, 2024. May the Risen Christ grant +Vincent blessed repose! Eternal Memory – Christ is risen!*

Thoughts on Stewardship

by Dan Hromyak

"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." - Colossians 3:2

On this Easter we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

The Many Languages of the Paschal Gospel

According to a very old tradition, the Gospel at the Divine Liturgy on Pascha – John 1:1-17 – is read in many languages in twelve sections, to signify that the 12 Apostles proclaimed the message of the Risen Lord to all the world.



Daily Prayers for Bright Week

Bright Week – the entire week after Pascha – is a special time in the life of the Church. Our joy in the Resurrection overflows from the church into our daily life. In place of your regular morning and evening prayers, offer these Resurrectional hymns:

In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

+ Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death and to those in the tombs, bestowing life. *(three times)*

Having beheld the resurrection of Christ, let us worship + the holy Lord Jesus, the only sinless One. We venerate + Your Cross, O Christ, and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection; for You are our God, and we know no other than You; we call on Your name. Come, all you faithful, let us venerate + Christ's holy resurrection. For, behold, through the Cross joy has come into all the world. Let us ever bless the Lord, praising His resurrection, for by enduring the Cross for us, He has destroyed death by death.

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 Savior 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.

+ Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, through the prayers of Your most-pure Mother and all the saints, have mercy on us. Amen.

+ Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death and to those in the tombs, bestowing life. *(three times)*

And He bestowed upon us eternal life, therefore let us worship + His resurrection on the third day!



THE RESURRECTION GREETING FROM AROUND THE GLOBE!

| <i>Language</i> | <i>"Christ is risen!"</i> | <i>"Indeed, He is risen!"</i> |
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| <i>Albanian:</i> | Krishti U Ngjall! | Vertet U Ngjall! |
| <i>Arabic:</i> | El Messieh kahm! | Hakken kahm! |
| <i>Armenian:</i> | Kristos haryav ee merelotz! | Orhnia! eh harootyunuh kristosee! |
| <i>Chinese:</i> | Helisituosi fuhuole! | Queshi fuhuole! |
| <i>French:</i> | Le Christ est réssuscité! | En verite il est réssuscité! |
| <i>Georgian:</i> | Kriste aghsdga! | Cheshmaritad aghsdga! |
| <i>German:</i> | Christus ist auferstanden! | Wahrlich Er ist auferstanden! |
| <i>Greek:</i> | Christos anesti! | Alithos anesti! |
| <i>Hawaiian:</i> | Ua ala hou 'o Kristo! | Ua ala 'I 'o no 'oia! |
| <i>Hungarian:</i> | Krisztus feltamadt! | Valoban feltamadt! |
| <i>Indian (Malayalam):</i> | Christu uyirthezhunnettu! | Theerchayayum uyirthezhunnettu! |
| <i>Italian:</i> | Cristo e' risorto! | Veramente e' risorto! |
| <i>Japanese:</i> | Harisutos Fukkatsu! | Jitsu ni Fukkatsu! |
| <i>Latin:</i> | Christus resurrexit! | Vere resurrexit! |
| <i>Latvian:</i> | Kristus ir augsham sales! | Teyasham ir augsham sales vinsch! |
| <i>Polish:</i> | Khristus zmartwyckwstal! | Zaprawde zmartwyckwstal! |
| <i>Portuguese:</i> | Cristo ressuscitou! | Em verdade ressuscitou! |
| <i>Romanian:</i> | Hristos a inviat! | Adevărat a înviat! |
| <i>Serbian:</i> | Hristos vaskrse! | Vaistunu vaskrse! |
| <i>Slavonic:</i> | Christos voskrese! | Voistinu voskrese! |
| <i>Slovak:</i> | Christos vstal z mŕtvych! | Vpravde vstal z mŕtvych! |
| <i>Spanish:</i> | Cristo ha resucitado! | En verdad ha resucitado! |
| <i>Swahili:</i> | Kristo amefufukka! | Kweli amefufukka! |
| <i>Ukrainian:</i> | Christos voskres! | Voistinu voskres! |
| <i>Welsh:</i> | Atgyfododd Crist! | Atgyfododd yn wir! |
| <i>Zulu:</i> | UKristu uvukile! | Ngempela uvukile! |

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Sacramental and Membership Information

Sick Calls can be made at any time. Please phone the rectory (724-346-4457) when a family member is admitted to the hospital, or to request a home visit. Hospitals do *not* call to alert the parish when someone is admitted.

Marriages are solemnized on Saturdays or Sundays. Circumstances may require a dispensation from the diocesan bishop. Consult the pastor at least six months in advance and before any plans have been made for the wedding reception. Marriages cannot be celebrated during the fasting seasons of the church, or on Fridays.

Baptisms are usually scheduled on Saturdays or Sundays. Consult the pastor. Two godparents (godfather and godmother) are required, at least one of whom must be a practicing Orthodox Christian in good standing at an Orthodox parish, and the other (at least) a practicing, baptized Christian.

Church Funerals are, under ordinary circumstances, provided for practicing Orthodox Christians who are current in their spiritual and material obligations to the parish; otherwise, the funeral service is conducted at the funeral home. **The Church does not permit cremation.**

Parishioners in “good standing” are those Orthodox Christians who, as members of Saint John’s Orthodox Church, strive to live according to the teachings of the Orthodox Church; participate in the life of the parish through regular church attendance, regular reception of Holy Communion and periodic Holy Confession (and receive these sacraments no less than once a year); if married, having been married in the Orthodox Church; and financially support the parish (especially through an annual “pledge”).

Prospective members and returning members are asked to fill out an application form, copies of which are available in the church office.

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| Our Church’s Website: | stjohnacroc.org |
| Our YouTube Live Stream: | youtube.com/user/saintjohnsharon |
| Our Facebook Page: | facebook.com/SaintJohnHermitagePA |
| Our Diocesan Website: | acrod.org |

For Online Giving Options, please visit our website: stjohnacroc.org

Happy Birthday!

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| Linda Kohut | May 7 |
| Damon McMahon | May 11 |
| Helen Cook | May 12 |
| Diane Kupensky | May 13 |
| Elias Mastroberte | May 13 |
| Irene Beight | May 14 |
| Margaret Hromyak | May 15 |
| Renee Maceyko | May 15 |
| Dorothy Pacinda | May 17 |

Happy Anniversary!

David & Michelle Firster May 17

*"God Grant You
Many, Blessed
Years!"*

■ Our Sponsors ■

Eternal Lamp: Week of May 5, 2024

In Memory of Kyle Kupensky + Anniversary, by Diane Kupensky

Easter Flowers on Sunday, May 5, 2025

Our Beautiful Easter Flowers Have Been Offered by ALL Parishioners

Eternal Lamp: Week of May 12, 2024

In Loving Memory of sister Ann Blasko, by Helen Blasko

Altar Flowers on Mother's Day, May 12, 2024

In Honor of All Mothers and In Loving Memory of All Departed Mothers

Schedule of Men to Hold Candles During the Gospel

May 5, 2024

Tom Ristvey
Pete Roman
Steve Saluga
Milan Shumkaroff
Gino Tofani

May 12, 2024

Donald Yasnowsky
Kevin Yasnowsky
Gary Yonchak
Bob Amos
Jason Baker

May 19, 2024

Dave Beight
Dennis Burprich
Jerry Chupak
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