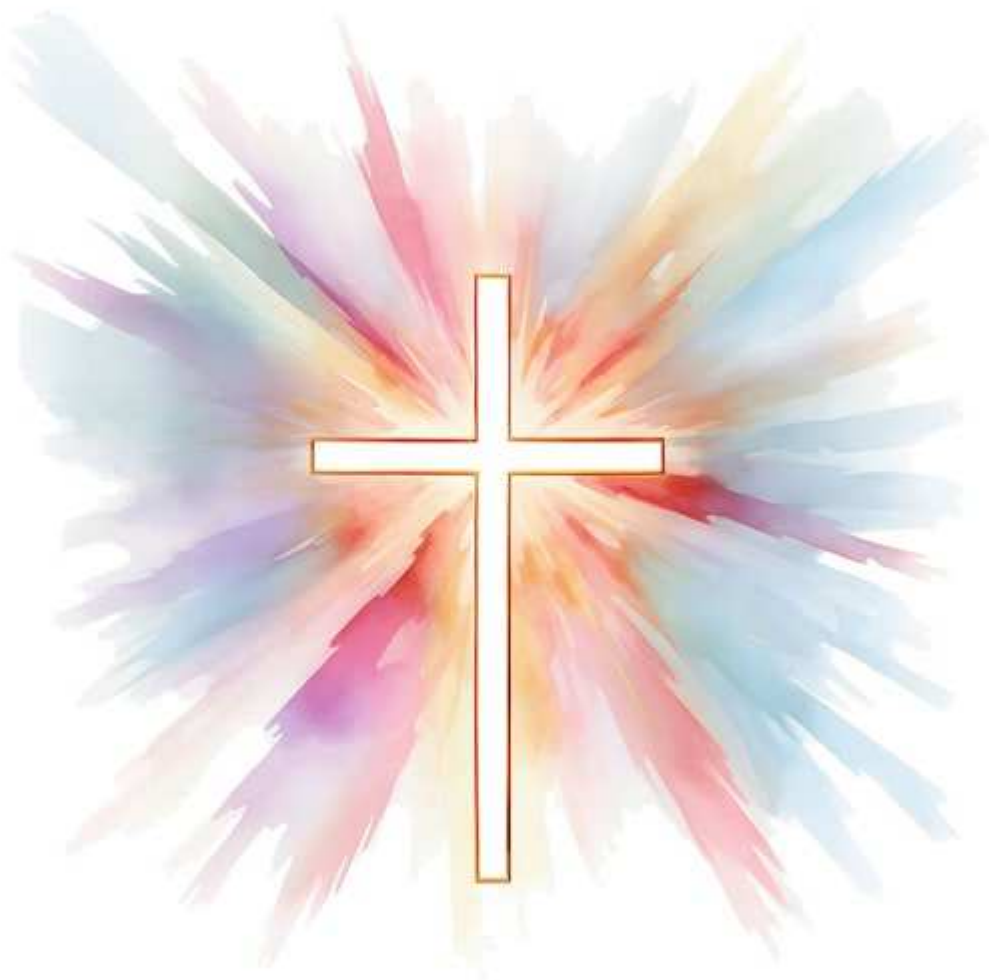


CHRIST IS RISEN!



Pascha Bulletin

– April 20-May 3, 2025 –



— CALENDAR OF SERVICES & EVENTS —

MON	4/21/2025	BRIGHT MONDAY
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy and Festal Procession
WED	4/23/2025	BRIGHT WEDNESDAY
		SAINT GEORGE THE GREAT-MARTYR AND TROPHY-BEARER
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
*SUN	4/27/2025	SECOND SUNDAY OF PASCHA — SAINT THOMAS
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
		<i>Sharing of the “Artos” (Paschal Bread)</i>

Perpetual Commemorations for April 27-May 3, 2025:

KROKO, John, Mary & Tom

LAZOR, George, Mary, John, Susan, John, Katherine,
Nicholas, Katherine

PENICK, Andrew

ANDRAS, Helen & John Jr.

POPADICS: John & Mary; Irene & Chester; Peter & Mary

MISINAY, Joseph, Mary, Joseph Jr. & Daniel

*No weekday services this week, as Fr. David will be attending
the Diocesan Clergy Convocation at Camp Nazareth.*

*SUN	5/4/2023	THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA — MYRRHBEARING WOMEN
		FIRST CONFESSION CELEBRATION
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy

Perpetual Commemorations for May 4-10, 2025:

TURCHAN, Andrew & Helen

PENICK, John

TACZAK, Mary and William Sr.

As we celebrate the “Feast of Feasts”—the RESURRECTION OF CHRIST—we express our thanks to our singers, servers, decorators, organizers, procession participants, Holy Saturday “guards,” and to everyone who helped throughout Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha. We thank ALL of our parishioners and friends who gave offerings and donations for this celebration of our Crucified and Risen Savior. May God Richly Bless You for Many Years!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all worshipping our Risen Lord on this great day of Pascha! This day is the high-point of our Christian year. Our celebration of the Resurrection encompasses every Sunday, with Divine Liturgy at 9:00 AM!

No Fasting for Bright Week (April 20-26) in celebration of the Resurrection!

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 will be attending the **Annual Diocesan Priest Convocation** at Camp Nazareth from Monday, April 28 to Thursday, May 1. 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).

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.



First Confession Celebration

Sunday, May 4, 2025

This year, we honor our 2025 Class—REMI, TENLEY, and TATIANA—for making their First Confession at the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, May 4. *Please plan to join us for cake and refreshments following Liturgy on Sunday in honor of their accomplishment!*

Thoughts on Stewardship

From Dan Hromyak

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'" - John 20:21

Peace - the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the Apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our "enemies." Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.

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!

Language	Greeting: “Christ is risen!”	Response: “Indeed, He is risen!”
<i>Albanian:</i>	Krishti U Ngjall!	Vertet U Ngjall!
<i>Arabic:</i>	El Messieh kahm!	Hakken kahm!
<i>Armenian:</i>	Kristos haryav ee merelotz!	Orhnial 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 to receive Confession and Communion. 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, but other days are possible as well. 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.

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!

Karsten Baker	April 21
Pauline Koval	April 23
Deborah Moon	April 27
Tom Tulip	April 28
Brent Hynes	April 29
Nona Kolbrich	April 29
Dina Fabian	May 1

Happy Anniversary!

Ristvey, Tom & Melinda	April 24
Chuba, David & Leeann	April 28

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

■ Our Sponsors ■

April 20, 2025

***Eternal Lamp**
In Loving Memory of husband
Joseph E. Blasko
by Mary Blasko*

***Candelabrum**
In Loving Memory of father,
Joseph Blasko
By Helen Blasko*

THE EASTER FLOWERS

that beautify our Church
have been donated
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of all parishioners.

Thank You!



Schedule of Men to Hold Candles During the Gospel

April 20, 2025
Dennis Burprich
Jerry Chupak
Ed Fabian
Matt Fabian
Chad Fette

April 27, 2025
Jim Hynes
Steven Lukac
Steve Lukac
John Lenhart
Ken Maceyko

May 4
Emil Maurer
Randy Martin
Paul McMahon
Robert Miller
John Moon