

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Pascha Bulletin

– April 12-25, 2026 –

— CALENDAR OF SERVICES & EVENTS —

MON	4/13/2026 9:00 AM	BRIGHT MONDAY Divine Liturgy and Festal Procession
TUES	4/14/2026 9:00 AM	BRIGHT TUESDAY Divine Liturgy at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church (Camp Nazareth)
*SUN	4/19/2026 9:00 AM	SECOND SUNDAY OF PASCHA—SAINT THOMAS Divine Liturgy <i>Sharing of the “Artos” (Paschal Bread)</i>

Perpetual Commemorations for the Week of April 19-25, 2026

PENICK, Michael

BENIC, Anna & John, John Jr. & Carole

*KARAS, John Sr., Martha, Andrew & Agnes, George & Ann, Wesley,
John, Mary*

YARABINEC, Steve

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

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

*SUN	4/26/2026 9:00 AM	THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA—MYRRHBEARING WOMEN Divine Liturgy
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Perpetual Commemorations for This Week:

KROKO, John, Mary & Tom

PENICK, Andrew

ANDRAS, Helen & John Jr.

*POPADICS, John & Mary; Irene & Chester O'KRESIK; Peter & Mary
O'SHANICK*

MISINAY, Joseph, Mary, Joseph Jr. & Daniel

A Word of Gratitude

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 12-18) 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 20 to Thursday, April 23. 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 honor our parish graduates every year. **Please let Fr. David know NOW if you have a graduate in your household (or yourself are a graduate)** 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.

Thoughts on Stewardship

From Dan Hromyak

"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" - John 20:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a neighbor, a new colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships - with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too - just as God, Our Father, sees us.

"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?" - Luke 22:32

How often do you take the time to discern what Jesus is calling you to do with your life? Are your prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for you? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time, in silence, to listen to what Jesus is asking of you today.

Did You Know?

The Royal Doors (the central doors of the ikonostas) and the Deacon Doors (the two side doors of the ikonostas) are left open all Bright Week to signify that Christ opened the doors of the Kingdom of Heaven for us.

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>Greeting: "Christ is risen!"</i>	<i>Response: "Indeed, He is risen!"</i>
<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 zmartwykwstal!	Zaprawde zmartwykwstal!
<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.

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Our Diocesan Website: acrod.org

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

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April 12, 2026

THE EASTER FLOWERS
that beautify our Church
have been donated
through the generosity
of all parishioners!
Thank You!

Eternal Lamp

*In Memory of mother Catherine Paolick
On the 22nd Anniversary of Her Repose
By Debbie & Greg Cross*

April 19, 2026

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

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

***Schedule of
Men to Hold
Candles During the
Gospel***

April 12

Gus Redick
Dan Ristvey
Joel Ristvey
Matt Ristvey
Tom Ristvey

April 19

Thomas Ristvey
Steve Saluga
Milan Shumkaroff
Gino Tofani
Aaron Van Zanten

April 26

Donald Yasnowsky
Kevin Yasnowsky
Gary Yonchak
Bob Amos
Jason Baker