

*"Today, all things
are filled with light..."*

(From the Canon of Resurrection Matins)



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Bulletin for April 16-29, 2017

***Joyous Paschal Greetings
to One and All!***

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&

Pres. Steven Lukac and

Our Church Board Officers and Trustees

***CHRIST IS RISEN!
INDEED, HE IS RISEN!***

CALENDAR OF SERVICES & EVENTS

MON	4/17/2017	BRIGHT MONDAY
	8:45 AM	Hymns from Resurrection Matins
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy & Festal Procession with Reading of Gospels <i>(Outdoors, weather permitting!)</i>
	6:00 PM	Board Meeting
TUES	4/18/2017	BRIGHT TUESDAY
	8:45 AM	Hymns from Resurrection Matins
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
WED	4/19/2017	BRIGHT WEDNESDAY
	6:30 PM	Parish Outreach Meeting
SUN	4/23/2017	SUNDAY OF SAINT THOMAS SAINT GEORGE THE GREAT-MARTYR
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>and Distribution of the "Artos" (Paschal Bread)</i>
TUES	4/25/2017	
	8:30 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Perpetual Commemoration for those whose days fell during Holy Week and Bright Week: PENICK, Michael; BENIC Family; KARAS Family YARABINEC, Steve; KROKO, John, Mary & Tom; LAZOR Family</i>
 <i>Fr. David will be attending the Priest Convocation at Camp Nazareth from Tuesday afternoon, April 25th to Friday afternoon, April 28th. In case of a pastoral emergency, please try his cell phone first (724-813-3172). Since cell reception is poor at the Camp, you may also call the Camp number (724-662-4840).</i>		
*SUN	4/30/2017	THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA—MYRRHBEARING WOMEN
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida: +Andrew Penick; +Helen & +John Jr. Andras ++Popadics Family (Per.)</i>

Announcements

¶ **Welcome** to all worshipping with us on this great day of Pascha—Our Lord’s Resurrection! This day is the high-point of our year, but don’t forget that every Sunday is a “Little Pascha” and that Liturgy is every Sunday at 9 AM!

¶ **No Fasting** for Bright Week (April 16-22) in celebration of the Resurrection! Enjoy, for Christ is risen!

¶ **Outreach Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30 PM. (Disregard time on the monthly calendar—we will start at 6:30 PM, not 6:00.) All are welcome! Coffee and some goodies will be provided.

¶ **Perpetual Commemorations of the Departed** will not be made dur-

ing Bright Week, in order that our focus be fully on our Lord’s Glorious Resurrection. All commemorations will be made at a Divine Liturgy on Tuesday, April 25th.

¶ **Camp Nazareth Family Day Raffle Tickets** are available in the church office for a donation of \$20.

¶ **St. George Dinner/Dance** will be held on Saturday, April 29th at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 315 West Englewood Avenue, New Castle. Hors d’oeuvres will be served at 6 PM and the dinner served at 7 PM. Greek food and desserts. Live band. Tickets: \$30. Children under 15: \$15. To order tickets, call Artie Christou at 412.526.6750.

Pirohi Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped with the April pirohi sale! We made 387 dozen and had a profit of 2465.67. See you in the fall!

*Lorraine Amos
Pirohi Chairperson*

Schwan’s Thank You

Thank You to everyone that supported the Schwan's Cares fundraiser. Because of your help, we raised \$774 in 3 months. Our goal was \$500. This campaign has come to an end, but please continue to enjoy the delicious products they offer.

*Francine Fabian
Schwan’s Chairperson*

Words of Thanks for Pascha

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

- We thank all who donated towards the **flowers** that beautified the Tomb of Christ and our church.
- We thank all those who gave of their time to help **decorate** and **prepare** the church and hall for Good Friday and Pascha.
- We thank Cantor Professor **Joseph Jaeger**, Choir Director **Paula Kudelko**, and our **Choir Members**, and **Dan Hromyak** for offering the responses at the divine services during Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha.
- We thank our **altar servers** for their assistance at the Holy Altar.
- We thank Pani Vikkie for organizing the **Easter Egg Hunt**, and all those who donated candy and helped fill the eggs.
- We thank Gino Tofani for constructing the new **tetrapod icon stand**.
- We thank Renee Maceyko for decorating the **Resurrection Icon**.
- We thank Debra Souilliard (*Pani Vikkie's mom*) for making the **fitted white covers** for the base of the Cross.
- 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!
Many Years! Christ is Risen!*

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Diocesan Website: <http://www.acrod.org> Camp Nazareth: <http://www.campnazareth.org>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/acroddiocese> You Tube: <https://youtube.com/acroddiocese>

Thoughts on Stewardship

by Dan Hromyak

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." - Colossians 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God.

"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, a new neighbor, a new work colleague, a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. A simple "hello" and a smile goes a long way."

2017 Paschal Message of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops

To the Reverend Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, the Presidents and Members of Parish Councils, the Day, Afternoon, and Church Schools, the Members of Philanthropic Organizations, the Youth and Youth Workers, and the entire Orthodox Christian Family in the United States of America

Beloved and faithful children of the Lord, Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

On the festive occasion of the glorious Resurrection of Christ, and on behalf of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America, I greet you with the life-giving and joyous message of Holy Pascha: Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

As the great Feast of the Resurrection is upon us once again, we are invited to draw our hearts and minds away from that which is dark and to turn toward the Light of Christ; to avoid that which destroys and draw near to the renewal emanating from the Holy Sepulcher. The Feast of Feasts—Holy Pascha—is the renewal of our minds (Rom 12:2) and the restoration of our souls (Psalm 23:3). The Light of Christ shines out of darkness and into our hearts (2 Cor. 4:6).

We are also encouraged by the Lord to extend our personal experiences of Pascha to all people, in fact, to the entire world. And we know that our Lord urges us to love not just those who love us, but even those who hate us and persecute us.

Our hearts and minds, therefore, are with the unnamed man, woman and child living along the margins of our own neighborhoods, and with the countless people enduring persecution around the world. We offer our condolences and prayers for the dozens of Coptic Christians who tragically lost their lives as they celebrated Palm Sunday. And we remain vigilant and prayerful that the two Hierarchs who were kidnapped on April 22, 2013, Metropolitan Paul of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and Syriac Archbishop John, both of Aleppo, will safely return to us. The Light of the Holy Resurrection of Christ gives us hope, and while, Prophet Isaiah says, youths grow weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly, those who wait for

the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary (Isa. 40:31).

Together with my brother Hierarchs, the members of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America, I extend to you my fervent prayers that you and your loved ones continue to walk in the newness of life of the Holy Resurrection (Romans 6:4). Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

Prayerfully and with love in the Risen Lord,
† Archbishop Demetrios of America, Chairman

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:

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!

Altar Flowers

April 16th—Easter Sunday

The flowers that beautify our Church, the Cross and the Tomb of Christ were donated through the generosity of all our parishioners

Eternal Lamp ~ Sunday, April 16th

In Loving Memory of Mother, Catherine Pavlick by Daughter, Debbie Cross on the 13th Anniversary of her Repose

Candelabrum ~ Sunday, April 16th

In Loving Memory of Father, Joseph Blasko, Sr. by Helen Blasko

Eternal Lamp ~ Sunday, April 23rd

In Loving Memory of Dorothy and George Shumkaroff,
by Milan and Stephanie Shumkaroff

BIRTHDAYS

Apr. 17 Steven Lukac
April 19 Ryan Chupak
Matthew Fabian
Judy Ference
Christine Frejik
April 21 Karsten Baker
Daniel Burns
John Kraynak, Jr.
April 23 Pauline Koval
April 26 Robert Maykowski
April 27 Deborah Moon
April 28 Tom Tulip
April 29 Brent Hynes
Nona Kolbrich

MEN TO HOLD CANDLES

Sunday, April 23rd

Matt Fabian
Ron Figiel
Michael Holmes
Jim Hynes
Bob Kapusta

Sunday, April 30th

Jim Kudelko
Matt Kulusich
Steve Lukac
Andy Lutz
Ken Maceyko

ANNIVERSARIES

April 24th

Tom & Melinda Ristvey

April 28th

David & Leeann Chuba