

“He is not here, for
HE IS RISEN,
as He said.
Come, see the place
where the Lord lay.”

Matthew 28:6



The chapel over the Empty Tomb of Christ in the Church of the Resurrection, Jerusalem.

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Bulletin for April 8-21, 2018

***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	4/9/2018	BRIGHT MONDAY
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy & Festal Procession with Reading of Gospels
TUES	4/10/2018	BRIGHT TUESDAY
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
SUN	4/15/2018	SECOND SUNDAY OF PASCHA – SAINT THOMAS
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Distribution of the “Artos” (Paschal Bread)</i> <i>Panachida for those whose days of Perpetual Commemoration fell during Holy Week and Bright Week:</i> <i>PAVLICK, Joseph & Katherine</i> <i>BALZIC, Joseph & Sophie, George</i> <i>REPASKY, Stephen</i> <i>PENICK, Michael</i> <i>BENIC Family</i> <i>KARAS Family</i> <i>YARABINEC, Steve</i>

MON	4/16/2018	
	6:00 PM	Board Meeting

Fr. David will be attending the Priest Convocation at Camp Nazareth from Tuesday afternoon, April 17th to Friday afternoon, April 20th. 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).

*SUN	4/22/2018	THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA – MYRRHBEARING WOMEN
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida – Perpetual</i> <i>KROKO, John, Mary & Tom</i> <i>LAZOR Family</i>

Christos Voskres! Christos Anesti! Christus Resurrexit!

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 8-14) in celebration of the Resurrection! Enjoy, for Christ is risen!

¶ **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. All commemora-

tions will be made at a Panachida on St. Thomas Sunday.

¶ **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 28th 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, visit stgeorge-newcastle.org or call 724-856-0080.

Congratulations to Anne Kudelko who turns 90 on April 10th! Anne, we wish you all the best, and pray that God continue to bless you abundantly and grant you many, blessed years! *Na mnohaja i blahaja l’ita—Christos voskres!*



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, Dan Hromyak**, and **Ray Mastroberte** for offering the responses 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 Pani Vikkie for organizing the **Easter Egg Hunt**, and all those who donated candy and helped fill the eggs.
- We thank Renee Maceyko for decorating the **Resurrection Icon** with flowers, and for the new floral sprays on the icon screen.
- 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!*

Visit our Diocesan Online Resources!

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

"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 and rose for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! He is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." - Acts 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents, your abilities and your money - these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with.

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.

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, and the other 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); 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.