



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

Bulletin for May 1-14, 2016

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¶ **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** (May 1-7) 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 commemorations will be made at a Panachida on Sunday, May 8th.

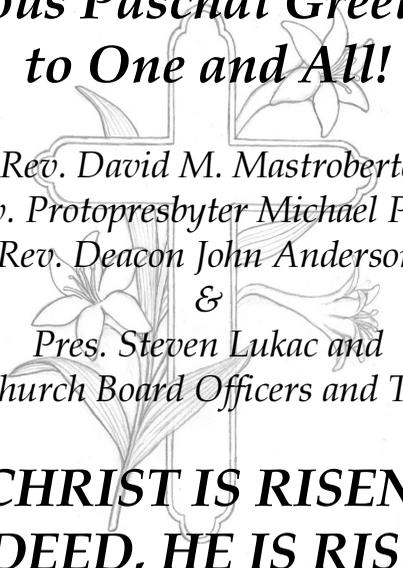
¶ **Camp Nazareth Family Day Raffle Tickets** are available in the church office for a donation of \$20.

¶ **Camp Nazareth needs help** getting ready for the Summer Season. There is a good amount of cleaning yet to be done at the end of the Cabin Expansion Project. Faithful are being asked to help clean the cabins on Bright Thursday, Bright Friday and / or Bright Saturday (5/5, 5/6 and 5/7). Work will begin each day at 10am. Lunch will be provided by the Camp. Anyone willing to help is asked to contact Fr. Stephen at 724-662-4840 or orcampnazareth@acrod.org.

¶ Fr. David will be attending the **Priest Convocation** at Camp Nazareth from Tuesday, May 10th to Friday, May 13th. 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).

CALENDAR OF SERVICES & EVENTS

MON	5/2/2016	BRIGHT MONDAY
	8:45 AM	Hymns from Resurrection Matins
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy and Festal Procession with Reading of Gospels
TUES	5/3/2016	BRIGHT TUESDAY
	8:45 AM	Hymns from Resurrection Matins
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
*SUN	5/8/2016	SUNDAY OF SAINT THOMAS MOTHER'S DAY
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy with Prayers for All Mothers Cutting and Distribution of the "Artos" (Paschal Bread) <i>Before Dismissal: Panachida for All Departed Mothers</i> <i>Panachida for those whose days of Perpetual Remembrance</i> <i>fell during Holy Week and Bright Week:</i> <i>KROKO, John, Mary & Tom; LAZOR, George, Mary, John, Susan, John, Katherine, Nicholas, Katherine; PENICK, Andrew; ANDRAS, Helen & John Jr.; POPADICS, John & Mary; Irene & Chester O'KRESIK; Peter & Mary O'SHANICK; MISINAY, Joseph, Mary, Joseph Jr. & Daniel; TURCHAN, Andrew & Helen; PENICK, John; KARAS, Agnes & Andrew</i>
MON	5/9/2016	
	8:30 AM	Divine Liturgy (+Anna Gladysz, by niece Karen Nealis)
WED	5/11/2016	SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS, APOSTLES TO THE SLAVS PATRON SAINTS OF THE CAMP NAZARETH CHURCH
	8:00 AM	Divine Liturgy at <u>Camp Nazareth</u>
	10:00 AM	Blessing of the Cabin Expansions <i>(All are welcome at the services, but lunch is by reservation only!)</i>
*SUN	5/15/2016	THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA – MYRRHBEARING WOMEN
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida: +Anna & +John Sr. Kraynak; +John & +Helen Vansach (Per.)</i> <u>Junior ACRY Meeting will be held after Church School classes.</u>



*Joyous Paschal Greetings
to One and All!*

*Rev. David M. Mastroberte
Very Rev. Protopresbyter Michael Polanichka
Rev. Deacon John Anderson
&
Pres. Steven Lukac and
Our Church Board Officers and Trustees*

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As we celebrate this festive season, 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.
- 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.
- 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!

Happy Mother's Day

—May 8th, 2016—

*On Sunday, May 10th,
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!*



Thoughts on Stewardship

by Dan Hromyak

"I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." - Luke 22:34

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about Jesus or the Orthodox faith? How do you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance or worst yet, because you don't want your friends or family to think negatively about you? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue.

"He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." - Acts 10:38

On this Easter Sunday, allow Jesus to fill your mind, body and soul. Pray for guidance on how to live your life, open your heart to those in need and give thanks to God for all that He has given you.

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2016 Paschal Message of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops

The day of Resurrection; let us be radiant for the festival, and let us embrace one another. Let us say, brethren, even to those that hate us, 'Let us forgive all things on the Resurrection', and so let us cry, 'Christ has risen from the dead: by death he has trampled on death, and to those in the graves given life' (Paschal Sticheron)

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 brothers and sisters in Christ,

For more than forty days, we have walked upon the most blessed path of Great and Holy Lent. During this time, we have engaged in a spiritual struggle to grow closer to Christ; we have increased our fasting; we have intensified our prayers; we have expanded our charitable love for our neighbor; we have cried, confessed, and repented. Perhaps more significant than any of our individual achievements is the fact that we have embarked upon this journey as brothers and sisters, joined to one another as members of the Body of Christ. In this way, our common spiritual labors do not lead in isolation but in communion; together we can offer the common proclamation: Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

This salvific message is proclaimed by each of us in our daily lives. However, it is also a message that is proclaimed by the Church, that is, by all men and women, ordained and lay, young and old. In this way, each time we proclaim the Resurrection of Christ, we convey to the world a message of communion and solidarity with God and with the least of our brethren. Our calling to charity, service, and love is even more pronounced during this period of joy. After all, how can we ever proclaim the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Who so loved the world that He humbled himself to the point of death (Phil 2: 8), if we don't first express our love for our brothers and sisters? (cf. 1 John 4: 21).

For forty days following Holy Pascha, as we greet each other with the Paschal message, Christ is Risen, we must remain vigilant and search for bold new ways to share the unwaning Light of Pascha with those whose lives have been overwhelmed by darkness and despair. Let us remember in thought and prayer—and in word and action—the countless men, women, and children who face unspeakable hardships and persecutions in all corners of the world. May we bear witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and in so doing, may we not only become recipients of God's abundant grace (Acts 4:33), but also be transformed into merciful hands that offer to our spiritually-thirsty world the eternal waters of the Resurrection.

All of us, the Hierarchs of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States, with profound love extend to you our fervent prayers that you and your loved ones continue to walk in the newness of life of the Holy Resurrection (Romans 6:4). Together, we join you in declaring, with one voice and one mind, Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

+Archbishop Demetrios of America, Chairman

Altar Flowers

Sunday, May 1, 2016—Easter Sunday

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

Sunday, May 8, 2016—Mother's Day

*In Honor and Memory of all Mothers on Mother's Day
By St. John's Mother's & Daughter's Club*

Eternal Lamp ~ Sunday, May 8th

Helen Blasko, In Loving Memory of Sister, Ann Blasko

BIRTHDAYS

- May 1 Dina Macchia
4 David Dias
9 Corey Kupensky
Jordan Polanichka
10 Pani Eleanor
Polanichka
12 Helen Cook
13 Diane Kupensky
Elias Mastroberte
Taylor Polanichka
Mary Jane Roman

MEN TO HOLD CANDLES

- Sunday, May 8th*
Fred Meiss
Robert Miller
John Moon
Nick Orras
Alex Parimuha
Sunday, May 15th
John Parimuha
Tom Patrick
Michael Polanichka
Dan Ristvey
Joel Ristvey

ANNIVERSARIES

- May 6th*
Diane & Kyle Kupensky
May 9th
Robert & Rebecca Kapusta