

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!

*Joyous Paschal Greetings
to One and All!*

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



Words of Thanks

We made it! It was a strange Lent and Holy Week, but in spite of the current limitations, we have reached the glorious celebration of the Feast of Feasts, the Resurrection of Christ! We express our thanks to a number of individuals this year:

- We thank Deacon John for his help serving throughout Lent and Holy Week.
- We thank Choir Director Paula Kudelko; Dan Hromyak; and Reader Greg Cross for offering the responses and readings at divine services throughout Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha.
- We thank President Steve Lukac for his many hours upgrading and fine-tuning our livestreaming equipment.
- We thank all who donated towards the flowers that beautified the Tomb of Christ and our church for Pascha.
- We thank all those members of our church who have been quietly working “behind the scenes” to continue all the necessary jobs that keep our church running efficiently.
- We thank ALL of our parishioners and friends who gave offerings and donations in honor of Pascha.
- We thank Sava Grkinich (*a member of St. George’s Serbian Orthodox Church*) who donated her time and talent to sew a white Paschal altar cover and gifted us with several communion cloths in memory of her late husband Božo (*who is buried in our cemetery*).

May Our Risen Lord Richly Bless You!

Many Years – Christ is Risen!

CALENDAR OF SERVICES & EVENTS

TUES	4/20/2020	BRIGHT MONDAY
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy (<i>Livestream</i>) Reading of Resurrection Procession Gospels
	6:00 PM	Online Church Board Meeting
TUES	4/21/2020	BRIGHT TUESDAY
	9:00 AM	Resurrection Matins (<i>Livestream</i>)
THURS	4/23/2020	BRIGHT THURSDAY; ST. GEORGE THE GREAT-MARTYR
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy (<i>Livestream</i>)
*SUN	4/26/2020	SECOND SUNDAY OF PASCHA – SAINT THOMAS
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy (<i>Livestream</i>)

Panachida

For the Perpetual Commemorations

which fell during Holy Week and Bright Week:

PENICK, Michael

BENIC Family

KARAS Family

YARABINEC, Steve

KROKO, John, Mary & Tom

LAZOR Family

Also: PENICK, Andrew

ANDRAS, Helen & John Jr.

POPADICS Family

*SUN	5/3/2020	THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA – MYRRHBEARING WOMEN
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
		<i>Panachida – Perpetual:</i>
		<i>MISINAY, Joseph, Mary, Joseph Jr. & Daniel</i>
		<i>TURCHAN, Andrew & Helen</i>
		<i>PENICK, John</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

¶ **Services** continue to be served in the “private” manner, without the congregation in attendance. Please utilize the YouTube live stream of services. The direct link is available on our website.

¶ **No Fasting** for Bright Week 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 special Panachida on Sunday, April 26.

New Issue of SPF50 Available

Scripture and Prayer for YOUR Family

The second Issue of SPF50 is available NOW! It is a digital edition. If you didn’t start with us on March 1, consider joining now. Make a commitment to reading Scripture and Praying together with your family. Visit the Diocesan Website at acrod.org and look for the SPF50 section or go directly to the SPF50 web page at <https://www.acrod.org/ministries/acrod-family/spf50> to find out more about SPF50 and how to help your family read Scripture and Pray together at home. Don’t forget to fill out the Commitment Card which is available in the SPF50 Section of the Diocesan Website, and return the Card to Fr. David.



*We express our deepest condolences upon the passing of **Mary Chupak** who fell asleep in the Lord on April 11th. May God grant her blessed repose. Eternal Memory! Vičnaja jej pamjat! Christ is risen! Christos voskrese!*



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 readjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment - I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me."

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS!

We are grateful to all of our parishioners for their continued stewardship during this period of non-public services at the church. Your contributions allow us to continue our ministries during this present time and into the future.

If you have not sent in your offerings, you may mail them to:

*Saint John's Orthodox Church
3180 Morefield Road
Hermitage, PA 16148*

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!

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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. 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. 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.

View Our Livestreamed Services

<https://www.youtube.com/user/saintjohnsharon/live>

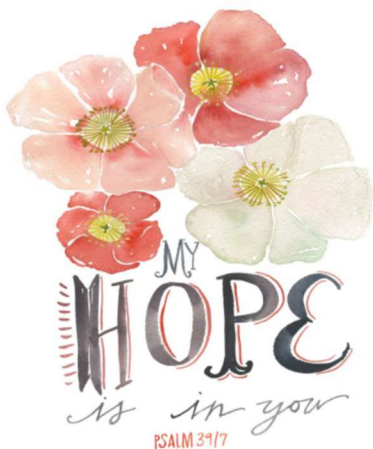
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*Easter flowers were
donated by all the
parishioners at St. John's*



Happy Birthday

Ryan Chupak - April 19
Matthew Fabian - April 19
Judy Ference - April 19
Christine Frejik - April 19
Karsten Baker - April 21
John Kraynak Jr. - April 21
Pauline Koval - April 23
Robert Maykowski - April 26
Debbie Moon - April 27
Tom Tulip - April 28
Brent Hynes - April 29
Nona Kolbrich - April 29
Dina Fabian - May 1

ETERNAL LAMP SPONSOR

April 19

In loving memory of
Joseph E. Blasko

By: Wife Mary Blasko

April 26

In honor of 70th Birthday for niece
Nona Kolbrich

By: Aunt Margie

CANDELABRA SPONSOR

April 19

In loving memory of Father

Joseph Blasko

By: Helen Blasko

BULLETIN SPONSOR

April 26

In loving memory of
Mother / Grandmother

Helen Andras

By: Dorothy Pacinda, Bob &
Michael Andras

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Melinda & Tom Ristvey
April 24

