



He is not here  
**HE HAS  
RISEN**  
just as he said

Matthew 28:6

*Pascha Bulletin*  
*April 24-May 8, 2022*

*Joyous Paschal Greetings  
to One and All!*

*Rev. David M. Mastroberte  
Very Rev. Thomas Blaschak  
Rev. Deacon John Anderson  
&*

*Archon Steven Lukac and  
Our Church Board Officers and Trustees*

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



## CALENDAR OF SERVICES & EVENTS

- MON 4/25/2022**      **BRIGHT MONDAY & ST. GEORGE THE GREAT-MARTYR**  
9:00 AM      Divine Liturgy and Festal Procession
- TUES 4/26/2022**      **BRIGHT TUESDAY**  
9:00 AM      Divine Liturgy
- WED 4/27/2022**      **BRIGHT WEDNESDAY**  
6:00 PM      Bowling Tournament Volunteers Meeting
- \*SUN 5/1/2022**      **SECOND SUNDAY OF PASCHA – SAINT THOMAS**  
9:00 AM      Divine Liturgy  
*Sharing of the “Artos” (Paschal Bread)*  
*Panachida For the Perpetual Commemorations*  
*which fell during Holy Week and Bright Week:*  
    ++BENIC Family  
    ++KARAS Family  
    +Steve YARABINEC  
    ++KROKO Family  
    ++LAZOR Family  
    +Andrew PENICK  
    +Helen & +John Jr. ANDRAS  
    ++POPADICS Family  
    ++MISINAY Family  
    +Andrew & +Helen TURCHAN
- \*SUN 5/8/2022**      **THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA – MYRRHBEARING WOMEN**  
                         **MOTHER’S DAY**  
9:00 AM      Divine Liturgy  
*Prayers for the Special Intention of All Mothers*  
*Panachida for All Departed Mothers*  
*Panachida – Perpetual:*  
    +Mary and +William TACZAK  
    +John PENICK  
    +Agnes & +Andrew KARAS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome** to all worshipping Our Lord with us on this great day of Pascha – Christ’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 24-30) 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 St. Thomas Sunday, May 1.

**Priest Convocation:** Fr. David will be attending the Priest Convocation at Camp Nazareth from Tuesday, May 3 to Friday afternoon, May 6. 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).

**Mark Your Calendar! Our Annual Cemetery Blessing** will be on Sunday, May 22, 2022. This is one week earlier than we ordinarily do it (on Memorial Day weekend) due to the ACRY Bowling Tournament Liturgy that weekend.

### CEMETERY DECORATION REMOVAL REMINDER

**All winter decorations MUST be removed from the graves in the cemetery by May 1, 2022. Thank you for your attention to this important matter! If you have any relatives or friends who do not go to our church but have loved ones buried in our cemetery, please share this timely information.**

### TRAVELING ICON SCHEDULE

April 24, 2022: Pauline Koval

May 1, 2022: David & Irene Beight

## *Words of Thanks*

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

- We thank Choir Director Paula Kudelko, weekday Cantor Dan Hromyak, Jerry Chupak, Reader Greg Cross, and all Choir Members for offering the responses, psalms and readings 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 all who donated towards the flowers that beautified the Tomb of Christ and our church for this holyday.
- We thank all those Board Members and volunteers who helped decorate and prepare the church and hall for Good Friday and Pascha.
- We thank Pañi Vikkie Mastroberte for organizing the Children's Easter Egg Hunt; all those who donated candy and eggs; and the "Easter Bunny" for making a "surprise" appearance!
- We thank all those who helped out in ways too many to number, especially throughout Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha.
- 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 for Many Years!*

*Christ is Risen!*

*Christos Voskres!*

*Christos Anesti!*

*Christus Resurrexit!*



*We thank our parishioners who donated  
the following new liturgical items:*

**10 White Altar Boy Robes**

*Reader Gregory and Debbie Cross*

**10 Green Altar Boy Robes**

*Donald and Joann Yasnowsky*

**Black/White Covers for the Tomb**

*Edward and Francine Fabian*

**American Flag and Base**

*Gary and Kathy Yonchak*

*Thank  
You*

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## **Thoughts on Stewardship**

*by Dan Hromyak*

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

We can't give what we don't have. Open your heart to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God's adopted sons and daughters, we are made in His image and likeness. Let our lives reflect His light to others. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!

*"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'" - John 20:21*

Peace - the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our "enemies." Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.

# 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*

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!

# ACRY BOWLING TOURNAMENT MEETING

## Wednesday, April 27, 2022

### 6:00 PM

*All volunteers are kindly asked to attend!*

The main aspects of the weekend are in place, but there are a number of smaller tasks that need to be finalized. Would you be interested in such things as...

- Coordinating a Cookie Table for the Banquet?
- Baking cookies for a Cookie Table?
- Arranging Centerpieces for the Banquet?
- Helping with Set-Up and Clean-Up at Our Church and/or Camp?

*These are just a few of the jobs we will need filled for the weekend!*

Please come to the meeting with ideas and a willingness to help!

**Flower Donor(s) Needed:** We are looking for a donor (or donors) for the altar flowers for the Bowling Tournament Liturgy. These will also be used on the head table at the Grand Banquet later that day. We will be ordering the same arrangements that we have for Easter. Each arrangement is \$150 (\$300 for both). If you would be interested in donating one or both arrangements, please speak with Fr. David. Your sponsorship will be listed in the Bulletin and the Program Book for the weekend.

#### **ACRY Bowling Commemorative Book: Ads, Patron and Booster Listings**

Ads for the Grand Banquet Booklet are currently being accepted:

\$100	Full Page Ad (“Half Letter” size—5.5”x8.5”)
\$60	Half Page Ad
\$35	Quarter Page Ad
\$10	Patron Listing
\$5	Booster listing

## ACRY Bowling Weekend Meals—Order Tickets Now!

We now have an order form specifically for our parishioners so that you can order tickets for the meals for the ACRY Bowling Tournament Weekend (Memorial Day Weekend). You do **NOT** need to be a member of the ACRY or participate in the bowling to come to the meals! There are three main meals:

- **Saturday Evening Luau at Camp Nazareth**
- **Sunday Brunch AT OUR CHURCH**
- **Sunday Grand Banquet at Tiffany's**

Please fill out an order form and return it to the church office with your payment if you would like to get tickets for any or all of the meals. **You will need tickets for the catered Sunday Brunch at our church on May 29th.** (The actual tickets will be distributed closer to the date of the event.)

### CALLING ALL BOWLERS!

What's a bowling tournament without bowling?! You do NOT need to be a member of the ACRY to bowl. 10 Pin Alley in Hermitage has been reserved for our tournament. The entry fee is \$18.00 per bowler. Please let Fr. David know if you are interested in bowling and he will give you the relevant information—or access it on [acrod.org](http://acrod.org).

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### *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. This year, the 12 sections of the Gospel were offered in the following languages – alternating with English – in this order: 1) Greek, 2) Latin, 3) Church Slavonic, 4) Carpatho-Rusyn, 5) Romanian, 6) Ukrainian, 7) Slovak, 8) Serbian, 9) Greek, 10) Latin, 11) Italian, 12) Church Slavonic.*



# UPCOMING DIOCESAN EVENTS AT CAMP NAZARETH AND BEYOND!

Friends, there is **A LOT** happening in our Diocese this summer—and lots of promotional materials that we will be including in full in subsequent bulletins. In the meantime, please take note of the following events:

**Senior (55+) Retreat** May 10-12, 2022 at Camp Nazareth.  
*Registration closes Friday, May 6, 2022.*

**Family Camp** June 3-5, 2022 at Camp Nazareth.  
*Space is limited to the first 10 families, so register soon!*

**Family Day** Sunday, June 5, 2022 at Camp Nazareth.  
10 AM Liturgy and Fr. Michael and Pani Eleanor Polanichka Dedication.  
*Lunch/Picnic, Entertainment, and More!*

**Camp Nazareth Summer Camp**  
*Registration Open Now!*

**Young Women's (12-18) Encounter** June 26-29, 2022 in Windber, PA.

**To Register for Any of These Events, or to learn more,  
go to the Diocesan Website: [acrod.org](http://acrod.org)**

*(Or ask Fr. David for more information.)*

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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.

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**Our Church’s Website:** [stjohnacroc.org](http://stjohnacroc.org)  
**Our YouTube Live Stream:** [youtube.com/user/saintjohnsharon](http://youtube.com/user/saintjohnsharon)  
**Our Facebook Page:** [facebook.com/SaintJohnHermitagePA](http://facebook.com/SaintJohnHermitagePA)  
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