

*“Today, all
things are filled
with LIGHT...”*



Pascha Bulletin

April 16-29, 2023

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!

*On this Feast of Feasts,
may you and all your loved ones
be filled with the boundless joy of
the Resurrection of Our Savior!*

With Paschal Greetings From

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

Archon Steven Lukac
and
Our 2023 Church Board Members



CALENDAR OF SERVICES & EVENTS



MON 4/17/2023 **BRIGHT MONDAY**
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy and Festal Procession

TUES 4/18/2023 **BRIGHT TUESDAY**
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

***SUN 4/23/2022** **SECOND SUNDAY OF PASCHA – SAINT THOMAS**
 ST. GEORGE THE GREAT-MARTYR
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 Weekly Perpetual Commemorations
 Sharing of the “Artos” (Paschal Bread)

Perpetual Commemorations for April 23-29:

KARAS, John, Martha, Andrew & Agnes,

George & Ann, Wesley, John & Mary

YARABINEC, Steve

KROKO, John, Mary & Tom

LAZOR, George, Mary, John, Susan, John, Katherine,

Nicholas, Katherine

PENICK, Andrew

TUES 4/25/2023 **ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST**
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Weekly Perpetual Commemorations

***SUN 4/30/2023** **THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA – MYRRHBEARING WOMEN**
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Perpetual Commemorations for April 30-May 6:

ANDRAS, Helen & John Jr.

POPADICS, John & Mary; Irene & Chester O'KRESIK;

Peter & Mary O'SHANICK

MISINAY, Joseph, Mary, Joseph & Daniel

TURCHAN, Andrew & Helen

SAINT JOHN'S ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

with

HIS EMINENCE, METROPOLITAN GREGORY

Marking the 85th Anniversary of Our Founding
and 10th Anniversary of Relocation

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

Celebratory Meal in the Fellowship Hall to Follow

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Sweet & Savory Roasted Chicken Breast

Orange & Pineapple Glazed Ham

Penne with Garlic Sauce

Roasted Redskin Potatoes

Vegetable Medley

Salad

Rolls & Butter

Blueberry-Lemon Cake

Tickets are required for the meal and are on sale now. Please see Francine Fabian to purchase. The parish will be underwriting part of the cost of this catered meal (catered by Giovanni's), to keep ticket costs affordable. **Adult Tickets are \$10, and Child Tickets are \$5. Deadline for ticket sales is April 28th.**

(We want EVERYONE to participate! If you have a financial need that would preclude you from purchasing a ticket, please speak to Fr. David privately.)

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 who helped decorate and prepare the church and hall for Good Friday and Pascha.
- We thank all those who kept vigil throughout the day on Holy Saturday, allowing our church to remain open.
- We thank Pañi Vikkie Mastroberte for organizing the Children's Easter Egg Hunt; all those who donated candy and eggs.
- 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!*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all worshipping our Risen Lord on this great day of Pascha—our annual celebration of the Resurrection of Christ! This day is the high-point of our Christian year, but don't forget that every Sunday is a "Little Pascha" with Divine Liturgy at 9:00 AM.

No Fasting for Bright Week (April 16-22) in celebration of the Resurrection!

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.

Priest Convocation. Fr. David will be attending the Priest Convocation at Camp Nazareth from Tuesday, April 25 to Friday afternoon, April 28. 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).

Graduate Sunday –INFO NEEDED: We are going to plan our annual Graduate Sunday in May or early June—once we can find a Sunday that works for the graduates. **Parents, please let Fr. David know NOW if you have a graduate in your household** by sending an e-mail to father.david@stjohnacroc.org with the following information: **Name** of graduate; **school** from which he/she is graduating from; any post-graduation **plans** (college/further education, job, etc.).

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 16: Anna Marie Shears

April 30: Ed & Francine Fabian

April 23: Pauline Koval

May 7: Gino & Mary Ann Tofani

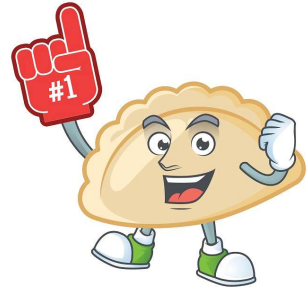
SPRING 2023 PIROHI REPORT

245 Dozen in March 290 Dozen in April

535 Dozen Total

\$ 2043.91 in March \$ 2297.92 in April

\$ 4341.83 Total



We want to express our sincerest gratitude to all **St. John's Members** who gave of their time and talents to participate in our Spring pirohi sales. We had an awesome turnout in April with 40 workers. There were several "newbies" among us who quickly became "experts" after an hour!! We also want to give a HUGE SHOUT-OUT to **Tommy Ristvey of Vey's Pub and Grill** who graciously donated the 25# cheese and the 300# of potato used in the two sales. We also want to thank **Jerry Chupak** who supplies the morning donuts and to all the **ladies** who provide the foods for our lunch afterwards. Our next pirohi sale will be July 14. Please join us. We begin at 8am and are usually finished by 11am. COME, LAUGH and have FUN with us!!

We thank Pirohi Chairperson Lorraine Amos for all her work with this popular parish fundraiser!

April 10, 2023

SMART MONEY: FINAL UPDATE

The Smart Money Program was discontinued as of February 28, 2023. All the remaining inventory as of December 31, 2022, was sold and all proceeds have been transferred to St John's checking account. Karen, Cynthia and I want to thank all of the parishioners that supported the program from 2001 through February 2023 earning a profit of \$106,483.94 for St John's.

Respectfully,
Stephen Saluga

We thank Steve & Cyndi Saluga and Karen Hynes for all their work with this program for over two decades!

Thoughts on Stewardship

by Dan Hromyak

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." - Matthew 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

"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.

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.



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 Resurrectional hymns:

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!



THE RESURRECTION GREETING FROM AROUND THE GLOBE!

Language	"Christ is risen!"	"Indeed, He is risen!"
<i>Albanian:</i>	Krishti U Ngjall!	Vertet U Ngjall!
<i>Arabic:</i>	El Messieh kahm!	Hakken kahm!
<i>Armenian:</i>	Kristos haryav ee merelotz!	Orhnial eh harootyunuh kristosee!
<i>Chinese:</i>	Helisituosi fuhuole!	Queshi fuhuole!
<i>French:</i>	Le Christ est réssuscité!	En verite il est réssuscité!
<i>Georgian:</i>	Kriste aghsdga!	Cheshmaritad aghsdga!
<i>German:</i>	Christus ist auferstanden!	Wahrlich Er ist auferstanden!
<i>Greek:</i>	Christos anesti!	Alithos anesti!
<i>Hawaiian:</i>	Ua ala hou 'o Kristo!	Ua ala 'I 'o no 'oia!
<i>Hungarian:</i>	Krisztus feltamadt!	Valoban feltamadt!
<i>Indian (Malayalam):</i>	Christu uyirthezhunnettu!	Theerchayayum uyirthezhunnettu!
<i>Italian:</i>	Cristo e' risorto!	Veramente e' risorto!
<i>Japanese:</i>	Harisutos Fukkatsu!	Jitsu ni Fukkatsu!
<i>Latin:</i>	Christus resurrexit!	Vere resurrexit!
<i>Latvian:</i>	Kristus ir augsham sales!	Teyasham ir augsham sales vinsch!
<i>Polish:</i>	Khristus zmartwyckwstal!	Zaprawde zmartwykwstal!
<i>Portuguese:</i>	Cristo ressuscitou!	Em verdade ressuscitou!
<i>Romanian:</i>	Hristos a inviat!	Adevărat a înviat!
<i>Serbian:</i>	Hristos vaskrse!	Vaistunu vaskrse!
<i>Slavonic:</i>	Christos voskrese!	Voistinu voskrese!
<i>Slovak:</i>	Christos vstal z mŕtvych!	Vpravde vstal z mŕtvych!
<i>Spanish:</i>	Cristo ha resucitado!	En verdad ha resucitado!
<i>Swahili:</i>	Kristo amefufukka!	Kweli amefufukka!
<i>Ukrainian:</i>	Christos voskres!	Voistinu voskres!
<i>Welsh:</i>	Atgyfododd Crist!	Atgyfododd yn wir!
<i>Zulu:</i>	UKristu uvukile!	Ngempela uvukile!

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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 YouTube Live Stream: youtube.com/user/saintjohnsharon
Our Facebook Page: facebook.com/SaintJohnHermitagePA
Our Diocesan Website: acrod.org

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