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Welcome to our parish!

Thank you for choosing to worship with us on the Lord's Day. We are grateful for your prayers and participation!

Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Our priest, Father Alessandro, would love to greet and welcome you.

Holy Eucharist requires full communion of faith, so if you are not an Orthodox Christian, please do not approach the Chalice. If you are an Orthodox Christian, please note that communion must be preceded by fasting, recent Confession, and reconciliation with all people.

MAY 5, 2024

**HOLY PASCHA
THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST**

HOLY PASCHA: The Resurrection of Our Lord

Enjoy ye all the feast of faith; receive ye all the riches of loving-kindness. (Sermon of Saint John Chrysostom, read at Paschal Matins) The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the center of the Christian faith. Saint Paul says that if Christ is not raised from the dead, then our preaching and faith are in vain (I Cor. 15:14). Indeed, without the resurrection there would be no Christian preaching or faith.

The disciples of Christ would have remained the broken and hopeless band which the Gospel of John describes as being in hiding behind locked doors for fear of the Jews. They went nowhere and preached nothing until they met the risen Christ, the doors being shut (John 20: 19). Then they touched the wounds of the nails and the spear; they ate and drank with Him. The resurrection became the basis of everything they said and did (Acts 2-4): “. . . for a spirit has no flesh and bones as you see that I have” (Luke 24:39).

The resurrection reveals Jesus of Nazareth as not only the expected Messiah of Israel, but as the King and Lord of a new Jerusalem: a new heaven and a new earth. Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. . . the holy city, new Jerusalem. And I heard a great voice from the throne saying “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people. . . He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away (Rev. 21:1-4).

In His death and resurrection, Christ defeats the last enemy, death, and thereby fulfills the mandate of His Father to subject all things under His feet (I Cor. 15:24-26). Worthy is the Lamb

who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing (Rev. 5: 12)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: The Ries family, Jackson, John, Michelle, Larissa, Cristina, Jerry, Davide, Andra and her unborn child

NEWBORN: Everett James

DEPARTED: Child of God Daniel, Edward

CATECHUMEN: Brooke

MISSIONARIES: The Brandow family serving in Guatemala

BIRTHDAYS: Luke Garber

NAMEDAYS: Irina Dolgopolov, Calvin Harned

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASCHAL FLOWERS: If you would like to make a special donation to offset the cost for flowers for the Feast of Feasts, please write “flowers” in the memo line of a check or donate through our website.

BRIGHT SATURDAY MATINS & LITURGY: His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon will preside at the Matins and Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Cathedral on Bright Saturday, May 11 at 9:00a. This is an Archdiocesan-wide event and everybody is invited to this joyous celebration. The Archdiocesan Choir, under the leadership of our own choir director, Juliana Woodill, will be signing the responses.

PASCHA BASKETS: In many Orthodox countries, it is the custom to bring foods in a basket to be blessed at Pascha. The foods traditionally brought in the basket have special significance, but many people will add the foods they've missed the most during the Fast. It is customary to have a candle to light at the blessing. Fr. A. will bless the baskets right after the Paschal Liturgy.

CHURCH SCHOOL: Please note that Church School will be on break on Palm Sunday, Pascha, and Thomas Sunday. It will resume on Sunday, May 19.

CHOIR REHEARSALS: Choir members, please note that our next rehearsalS scheduled for May 18 after Vespers (6-7).

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

May 5, Sun 12:00 AM 1:00 AM	Paschal Liturgy Agape Meal
May 11, Sun 5:00 PM	Great Vespers
May 12, Sun 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy

MINISTRY ROTATIONS

	May 5	May 12
<i>Coffee Hour:</i>	Agape Meal	Garber
<i>Reader:</i>	Barr	TBA

Fr. Alessandro is available for Confession on Saturday after Vespers or by appointment