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Important This Week:

Agape Vespers, Sunday, 05May, 1130AM
Vespers, Saturday, 11May, 6PM
Divine Liturgy, 12May, 10AM

05May24

PASCHA!!!

Archpastoral Pascal Message—Metropolitan JOSEPH

Dearest Beloved Fathers, Brethren and Sisters in the Resurrected Lord,

Christ is risen! Christos Anesty! Hristos Voskrese!

Today is the Pascha of the Lord!

"This is the day, which the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!" (117:24)

The Resurrected Lord went down beneath the grave to Hades, where He toppled Satan's throne and destroyed the breeding-ground of all the wicked plots against the human race. From this grave the Lord arose to the highest heavens, opening up a new path- to the city of the living. He destroyed hell in His might and, in His might, glorified His body and rose from the grave – in His own might, that is indivisible from that of the Father and the Holy Spirit. Meek as a Lamb, the gentle Lord went to suffering and death, and mighty as God He endured the suffering and conquered death. His Resurrection is a real event, and is at the same time the prophecy and the image of our resurrection-

"for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible" (1 Corinthians 15:52).

There are some who will ask: how can it be said that the risen Lord has conquered death, when men still die? They who come into this world through their mother's womb will leave it through death and the grave. This is the rule. Only, death for us who die in Christ is no longer a dark abyss, but is birth into a new life and return to our homeland. The grave is for us no longer an eternal darkness but a gateway at which God's resplendent angels await us.

There are others who will ask: how can it be said that the risen Lord has conquered sin, when men still sin? The Lord has indeed conquered sin. He conquered it by His sinless conception and birth, then by His pure and His sinless life on earth; then by His suffering on the Cross, being righteous and finally He crowned this conquest by His glorious Resurrection. He became the medicine, the appropriate and infallible medicine against sin. He who is infected by sin can only be healed by Christ. He who wants not to sin can only with Christ's help makes this desire a reality.

Blessed are they who have tested and experienced this mystery in their lives. They can be called the sons of light and children of grace. When they pass from this life, they will, as it were, leave hospital, being no longer sick men.

So, come then, all you my beloved Fathers, Brethren and Sisters, who seek health, strength, beauty and joy. Lo, the risen Lord is the rich Source of them all. He awaits you with compassion and yearning, desiring that no one be lost.

CHRIST IS RISEN!

+ Metropolitan JOSEPH

This Week's Prayer Requests

For Health—St. Herman's: Met. Joseph, Pat Blazosky, Sandra, Richard, Sam, Judy, Mitchell

Others: Fr.Dn.Basil, Nikandra, Don, Hannah, Natalje & Scott, Nora & Bob
For the Departed: Patriarch Maxim, Metropolitan Theodosius and Maxi-

mos, Archpriest Stephan, Popadia Marika, Matushka Illaria, Nun Theophania, Matushka Theodora, Stephen, Reader Charles, Betty Lou, Lainey Kay, Katherine, Jeanne

In the News

Videos of services can be found at:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfAOKICLMmH_FIDe8SoWOW

Christ is Risen!

Weekly Statistics

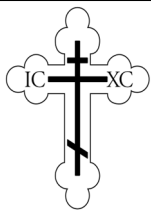
Saturday	Vespers	27Apr	11 faithful	16 views
Sunday	Divine Liturgy	28Apr	49 faithful	18 views
	Bridegroom Mat		5 faithful	12 views
Monday	Presanctified Lit	29Apr	13 faithful	4 views
	Bridegroom Mat		8 faithful	6 views
Tuesday	Presanctified Lit	30Apr	4 faithful	3 views
	Bridegroom Mat		10 faithful	6 views
Wednesday	Presanctified Lit	01May	11 faithful	5 views
	Holy Unction		27 faithful	6 views
Thursday	Divine Liturgy	02May	7 faithful	10 views
	12 Passion Gospels		20 faithful	10 views
Friday	Royal Hours	03May	7 faithful	3 views
	Vespers/Entombment		17 faithful	13 views

Return of the Jokes

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"You're doing a good job as an usher, but its called an offering, not a sin tax."



The all-gracious God today bestowed upon us gifts too great to be adequately expressed in words.

(St. John Chrysostom)

A Message that MUST remain on our lips/in our hearts**CHRIST IS RISEN!!!**

Since the Monday of Meatfare Week in February we have in some fashion been laboring within the Fast. We have labored in other ways as well—reading, praying, attending Divine services much more frequently. More recently we've been planning, making preparations for "the Feast of Feasts".

All our efforts have been focused on only one thing—our Lord's Triumph over Death. It is the one event in all of history that permits and promotes our joyous proclamation, "Christ is Risen!"

And so we gather on this day in that fullness of joy. And we proclaim with all our might His glorious Resurrection. As the Pascal Ode hymns,
Let us embrace each other. Let us call brothers even those that hate us, and forgive ALL by the Resurrection, and so let us cry,

Christ is Risen!

What a change we are called to bring to our lives, but also to any and all lives of those who encounter us, who might question, "Why are you filled with this joy?"

If we leave this Feast day with it being the only time we are filled with "Christ is Risen!",

we have lost the fullness of the Feast. It may as well have not occurred for us.

We must live each and every day with this supreme Joy of

Christ is Risen,

filling our hearts with the joy that conquered death, but which also conquers all troubles in the world, all need, all pain, all sorrow. All that separates us from any other disappears in the unity that comes from

Christ is Risen!

Let us ALL keep it in our hearts and on our lips throughout the year!

Sermon on Pascha *(St. John Chrysostom)*

If any man be devout and love God, let him enjoy this fair and radiant triumphal feast. If any man be a wise servant, let him rejoicing enter into the joy of his Lord. If any have labored long in fasting, let him now receive his recompense. If any have wrought from the first hour, let him today receive his just reward. If any have come at the third hour, let him with thankfulness keep the feast. If any have arrived at the sixth hour, let him have no misgivings; because he shall in nowise be deprived thereof. If any have delayed until the ninth hour, let him draw near, fearing nothing. If any have tarried even until the eleventh hour, let him, also, be not alarmed at his tardiness; for the Lord, who is jealous of his honor, will accept the last even as the first; He gives rest unto him who comes at the eleventh hour, even as unto him who has wrought from the first hour.

And He shows mercy upon the last, and cares for the first; and to the one He gives, and upon the other He bestows gifts. And He both accepts the deeds, and welcomes the intention, and honors the acts and praises the offering. Wherefore, enter you all into the joy of your Lord; and receive your reward, both the first, and likewise the second. You rich and poor together, hold high festival. You sober and you heedless, honor the day. Rejoice today, both you who have fasted and you who have disregarded the fast. The table is full-laden; feast ye all sumptuously. The calf is fatted; let no one go hungry away.

Enjoy ye all the feast of faith: Receive ye all the riches of loving-kindness. let no one bewail his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one weep for his iniquities, for pardon has shown forth from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Savior's death has set us free. He that was held prisoner of it has annihilated it. By descending into Hell, He made Hell captive. He embittered it when it tasted of His flesh. And Isaiah, foretelling this, did cry: Hell, said he, was embittered, when it encountered Thee in the lower regions. It was embittered, for it was abolished. It was embittered, for it was mocked. It was embittered, for it was slain. It was embittered, for it was overthrown. It was embittered, for it was fettered in chains. It took a body, and met God face to face. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took that which was seen, and fell upon the unseen.

O Death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are overthrown. Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life reigns. Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave. For Christ, being risen from the dead, is become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages. Amen.

