

# St. Herman of Alaska Eastern Orthodox Church

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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, Natalie & Scott, Nora & Bob For the Departed: Patriarch Maxim, Metropolitans Theodosius and Maximos, Archpriest Stephan, Popadia Marika, Matushka Illaria, Nun Theophania, Matushka Theodora, Stephen, Reader Charles, Betty Lou, Lainey Kay, Katherine, Jeanne

# Weekly Statistics

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1	Saturday	Vespers	27Apr		faithful	16 vie	
I	Sunday	Divine Liturgy	28Apr	49	faithful	18 vie	WS
I		Bridegroom Mat		5	faithful	12 vie	WS
I	Monday	Presanctified Lit	29Apr	13	faithful	4 vie	WS
I	·	Bridegroom Mat	•	8	faithful	6 vie	WS
I	Tuesday	Presanctified Lit	30Apr	4	faithful	3 vie	ws
I		Bridegroom Mat		10	faithful	6 vie	ws
J	Wednesday	Presanctified Lit	01May	11	faithful	5 vie	WS
	•	Holy Unction	•	27	faithful	6 vie	WS
	Thursday	Divine Liturgy	02May	7	faithful	10 viev	WS
	•	12 Passion Gospel	ls	20	faithful	10 viev	WS
	Friday	Royal Hours	03May	7	faithful	3 vie	WS
	•	Vespers/Entombm	nent	17	faithful	13 viev	WS

# In the News

Videos of services can be found at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UCfAOKICLMmH -FIDe8SoWOw

Christ is Risen!

# Return of the Jokes



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



# 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!

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

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# 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.

We welcome you to our humble church, and we pray that your experience here will be spiritually rewarding, calling you back to pray with us at our next scheduled service.

St. Herman of Alaska Eastern Orthodox Church is established with the blessing of His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH of New York, and is one of approximately 30 parishes or missions that are all part of the Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Diocese of the USA, Canada and Australia, Bulgarian Patriarchate.

Our worship is exclusively in English, and we use "contemporary" English translations of liturgical texts wherever possible. Singing is congregational. The Divine Liturgy is literally "the work of the people", and as such your presence and participation in the service are essential parts of our worship. The worship of others here present is diminished when you are absent or unable to participate.

Participation in the Eucharist is important to us, and as such we ask you to recognize that it is limited to Orthodox Christians who have prepared for receiving the very Body and Blood of our Lord. Preparation includes fasting from the previous evening and recent confession. If you are not known to our priest, please let him know as you approach that you are Orthodox and prepared to receive! Please do not be offended if the priest so questions your approach—this is important, truly "our Life"!

**Troparion for the Feast:** (Tone I) Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

#### Glory to the Father....

**Troparion for the Feast** (Tone 4): When we were buried with You in Baptism, O Christ our God, we were made worthy of eternal life by Your Resurrection! Now we praise You and sing: 'Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!'

#### Now and ever....

**Kontakion for the Feast:** (Tone 6) Sitting on Your throne in heaven, carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God, accept the praise of angels and the songs of children who sing: 'Blessed is He that comes to recall Adam!'

**Epistle:** Acts 1:1-8 **Gospel:** John 1:1-17

## **Monthly Financial Tracker**

March Total Income \$32,787 March Total Expenses \$4,050 Year Net Income (Loss) \$28,737

## Web Tracker

StHerman Google Bus Site 591 interacts/28 days
Blog Site Views 41987 Total Views
Web Site Views 14121 Total Views
Facebook Followers 5538 Total

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# CURRENT WEEK HIGHLIGHTED

		_	May 2024			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursda	y Friday	Saturday
Entry of Lord 28	Grt&HolyMon 29	Grt&HolyTue 3	0 Grt&HolyWed	1 Grt&HolyThu	ur 2 Grt&HolyFri	3 Grt&HolySat 4
Divine Liturgy T2	Presanctified Lit 430P	Presanctified Lit 43	OP Presanctified Lit	430P StBasil's Litu	rgy 10AM RoyalHours 9	OAM StBasil'sLitrgy 10AM
BridegrmMatins 10Al	M Bridegroom Mat 6PM	Bridegroom Mat 6F	PM Holy Unction	6PM 12 PassionGs	spls 6PM Vesp/Entombm 3	BPM Nocturnes 11:30PM
Phil 4:4-9	Ex 1:1-20, Job 1:1-12	Ex 2:5-10, Job 1:13-2	22 Ex 2:11-22;Job 2:1	-10 1Cor 11:23-3	2 Matins/Lament 6	5PM ResurMtns/Lit 12AM
John 12:1-18	Matt 24:3-35	Matt 24:36-26:2	Mat 26:6-16	Mat 26:2-27:	2 1Cor1:18-2:2/Mat2	7:1-(Rom6:3-11/Mat28 12AM
PASCHA! 5	Bright Monday 6	Bright Tuesday	7 Bright	8 Bright Thurs	day 9 Bright Friday	10 Bright 11
Agape Vespers 130A	м		Wednesday		Theotokos of the	Saturday
					Lifegiving Font	Vespers
Acts 1:1-8	Acts 1:12-17,21-26	Acts 2:14-21	Acts 2:22-36	Acts 2:38-43	Phil 2:5-11; Luke 1	0: Acts 3:11-16
John 1:1-17	John 1:18-28	Luke 24:12-35	John 1:35-51	John 3:1-15	38-42,11:27-28	John 3:22-33
St I nomas Sunday 12	13	лоу рау	4	15	16	1/
Divine Liturgy 10A	м					
						Vespers 6PM
Acts 5:12-20	Acts 3:19-26	Acts 4:1-10	Acts 4:13-22	Acts 4:23-31	Acts 5:1-11	Acts 5:21-33
John 20:19-31	John 2:1-11	John 3:16-21	John 5:17-24	John 5:24-30	John 5:30-6:2	John 6:14-27
Blind Man 19	20	2	1 Leave of Pacha	22 Feast of	23	24 25
StsConst/Helen T	5			Ascension		
Divine Liturgy 10Al	и		VespLiturgy	6РМ		Vespers 6PM
Acts 26:1-5, 12-20	Acts 17:1-15	Acts 17:19-28	Acts 18:22-28	Acts 1:1-12	Acts 19:1-8	Acts 20:7-12
John 10:1-9	John 11:47-57	John 12:19-36	John 12:36-47	Luke 24:36-5	John 14:1-11	John 14:10-21
MyrrhBearing 26	27	2	8 Mid	29	30	31 1
Women T	6		Pentecost			
Divine Liturgy 10Al	ч					Vespers 6PM
Acts 6:1-7	Acts 10:1-16	Acts 10:21-33	Acts 14:6-18	Acts 10:34-4	Acts 10:44-11:10	Acts 12:1-11
Mark 15:43-16:8	John 6:56-69	John 7:1-13	John 7:14-30	John 8:12-20	John 8:21-30	John 8:31-42