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Important This Week
THIS IS A FAST-FREE WEEK!

05Apr26

PASCHA!!!

Archpastoral Pascal Greeting

Yesterday and the day before—on Good Friday and Holy Saturday—we were as if speechless, because Life was descending into the grave; but today, it is as if we are awestruck with joy because Life has once and for all defeated death.

Christ is Risen from the dead and tells us: "Rejoice!" (Matt. 28:9). Rejoice, for the eternal has conquered the temporal. For the meaning of the human has finally triumphed over its meaninglessness.

Christ is Risen from the dead and has made it possible for each one of us to look upon God face to face. To look upon one another, face to face, with sincere, ineffable love. And to be able to say, "I love you!", words that will echo in eternity.

Christ is Risen from the dead and gave hope to everything from which human life had lost its meaning. For no matter what a person does—whether they become wealthy, acquire something, or grow wiser—they cannot save their own soul from death. "Christ is Risen!" is the only human hope.

Remember the faces of those we have sent forth, those who were close to us, our most beloved who have departed from this world. Multiply this by the billions of deaths in this world. And then say: "Christ is Risen!" He is Risen, and to these loved ones of ours, to all His children, He has granted life.

Christ is Risen from the dead, and His enemies are scattered, and those who hate Him flee from before His face. Those who until yesterday were terrifying to us—the enemies of our salvation—flee in terror from the power of Christ's Resurrection. Christ is Risen and has opened the gates of Paradise for us, who were impoverished of the riches of this world and the next, and gave us everything. Christ is Risen and gave us, who were poor in hope, a pledge that our lives now have meaning.

Through the Resurrection of Christ, man becomes a companion of the Angels and their fellow dweller. In a person's life, much time may pass in which they do not know Christ and somehow live without Him. But once they have known Christ, they can no longer live without Him. Through the Resurrection, we can remain with the Lord—who loved us and is beloved by us—forever.

Christ is Risen from the dead and spoke to the Holy Apostle Thomas: "Do not be unbelieving, but believing," and He calls those who have believed "blessed," confirming the confession: "My Lord and my God" (John 20:27-29). Faith in our Lord and God makes people blessed; it makes them happy here and now in its beginning, and beyond in its fullness.

Christ is Risen from the dead and, as He walked with Luke and Cleopas, He set their hearts on fire. Along with this, He becomes a companion to all who wish to reach the Heavenly City and ignites their hearts with love as well. And He invites them to be His table-companions, as He "blesses, breaks, and gives them" His precious Body and His honorable Blood, so that they may "know" Him, just as the two apostles knew Him (Luke 24:30-32).

Christ is Risen from the dead and wipes the tears from the eyes of the Apostle Peter, and opens the eyes of the Apostle Paul to see. He forgives their sins and makes them shepherds of the rational lambs. Through this, He shows us that there is no sin that cannot be forgiven, erased, or smoothed over. There is no drop of wickedness that cannot be swallowed up by the ocean of the Risen One's love for mankind.

Christ is Risen! And He gave an eternal perspective to you and to me and to all of us in the Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Diocese of the USA, Canada, and Australia.

BLESSED RESURRECTION OF CHRIST!

With Paschal Joy,
+ Metropolitan Joseph

This Week's Prayer Requests

For Health—St. Herman's: Met. Joseph, Pat, Sandra, Richard, Sam, Judy, Mitchell, Joe, Christian, Al, Sam, Fr.Dn.Basil, Nikandra, Fr.Jerome, Nora & Bob, Lori, Bill
For the Departed: Patriarchs Maxim and Neofit, Metropolitans Theodosius and Maximos, Archpriest Stephan, Popadia Marika, Matushka Illaria, Nun Theophania, Matushka Theodora, Stephen, Reader Charles, Betty Lou, Lainey Kay, Katherine, Jeanne, Margaret, Lenni, Deaconessa Nana

Weekly Statistics

Saturday	Lazarus Sat + Vespers	04Apr	19 faithful	25 views
Sunday	Divine Liturgy+Matins	05Apr	62 faithful	26 views
Monday	Presanct Lit + Matins	06Apr	28 faithful	20 views
Tuesday	Presanct Lit + Matins	07Apr	22 faithful	23 views
Wednesday	Presanct Lit + Unction	08Apr	52 faithful	40 views
Thursday	DivineLiturgy+Matins	09Apr	32 faithful	80 views
Friday	All Services	10Apr	77 faithful	— views

In the News

Videos of services can be found at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfAOK1CLMmH_-FIDe8SoWOW

NO HOLY LIGHT THIS PASCHA!

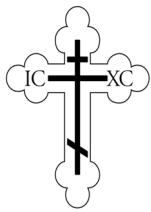
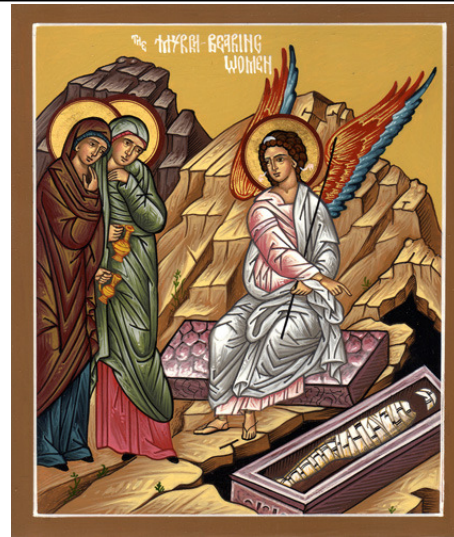
With the escalation of the war in the Middle East, the Church of the Resurrection of Christ in Jerusalem has been closed for weeks, halting services during the Lenten period. For Christians, this church represents the center of the key story of their faith. According to tradition, within its walls are both Golgotha, where Jesus was crucified, and the tomb from which believers say he rose. That is why its prolonged closure during the current conflict in the Middle East is echoing across the Christian world.

Authorities closed the church's doors on February 28 due to the deteriorating security situation as the war in the region intensified. Since then, access to the main holy sites in the Old City has been severely restricted.

For the first time in modern memory, services in the basilica have been suspended for weeks. Normally, prayers continuously rotate in this sanctuary, led by the three communities that share custody of the church — the Greek Orthodox, Armenian Apostolic, and Roman Catholic churches.

On Monday afternoon local time, Israeli police said that parts of projectiles fell on locations in Jerusalem's Old City, including the area near the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. According to The New York Times, the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem stated that one fragment fell just a few hundred meters from the church, injuring at least one person.

He is not here.... He is Risen!



Christ is Risen!

Hristos Voskrese!

Christos Anesti!

On the Resurrection [St. Theophan the Recluse]

Pascha, the Lord's Pascha!

The Lord has led us from death to life by means of His Resurrection. And “the angels in heaven hymn” this Resurrection, having seen in the countenance of the Lord and Redeemer the brightness of the deified human nature in the glory foreordained for it.

All who truly believe in Him and cleave to Him with all their soul are changed into His image by the power of His Resurrection.

Glory, O Lord, to Your most glorious Resurrection.

The angels hymn, rejoicing with us and foreseeing the filling of their assembly.

Vouchsafe us also with pure hearts, O Lord, to glorify You resurrected, seeing in Your Resurrection the cutting off of our consuming decay, the sowing of a most bright new life, and the dawn of future eternal glory, into which You have gone before us by Your Resurrection for our sake.

The tongues not only of men but also of angels have insufficient strength to express Your unspeakable mercy toward us, O most gloriously resurrected Lord!

Pascal Sermon of 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 1) *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

Feb Total Income \$ 7,396
 Feb Total Expenses \$ 4,637
 Feb Net Income (Loss) \$ 2,759

Web Tracker

Web Searches 558 interacts/28 days
 Blog Site Views 119193 Total Views
 Web Site Views 20212 Total Views
 Facebook Views 3240 views/28 days

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**CURRENT WEEK
 HIGHLIGHTED**

April 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
St. Mary of Egypt 29 Divine Liturgy 10AM St. Nicholas Unct 5P 10AM Heb 9:11-14 Mark 10:32-45	30 Grt&HolyMon 6 Divine Liturgy 10AM Bridegroom Matins 6PM Phil 4:4-9 John 12:1-18	31 Grt&HolyTue 7 Divine Liturgy 10AM Bridegroom Mat 6PM Matt 24:3-35	1 Grt&HolyWed 8 Divine Liturgy 10AM Holy Unction 6PM Mat 26:6-16	2 Grt&HolyThur 9 Divine Liturgy 10AM 12 Passion Gspels 6PM 1Cor 11:23-32 Mat 26:2-27:2	3 Grt&HolyFriday 10 Divine Liturgy 10AM Royal Hours 10AM Vespers Entmb 3PM Lamentations 6PM John 5:30-6:2	4 Lazarus Satrdy 4 Divine Liturgy 10AM Vespers/Conf 6PM Heb 12:28-13:8 John 11:1-45
PASCHA! 12	Bright Monday 13	Bright Tuesday 14	Bright Wednesday 15	Bright Thursday 16	Bright Friday 17	Bright Saturday 18
Agape Vespers 1130A Acts 1:18 John 1:1-17	Acts 1:12-17:21-26 John 1:18-28	Acts 2:14-21 Luke 24:12-35	Acts 12:1-11 John 15:17-18:2	Acts 2:38-43 John 3:1-15	Phil 2:5-11; Lk 10:38-42, 11:27-28	Vespers 6PM Acts 3:11-16 John 3:22-33
Thomas Sunday 19 Divine Liturgy 10AM Acts 5:12-20 John 20:19-31	20 Acts 3:19-26 John 2:1-11	21 Acts 4:1-10 John 3:16-21	22 Acts 4:13-22 John 5:17-24	23 Acts 4:23-31 John 5:24-30	24 Acts 19:1-8 John 5:30-6:2	Vespers 6PM Acts 5:21-33 John 6:14-27
Myrrhbearers 26 Divine Liturgy 10AM Acts 6:1-7 Mark 15:43-16:8	27 Acts 6:8-7:5, 47-60 John 4:46-54	28 Acts 8:5-17 John 6:27-33	29 Acts 8:18-25 John 6:35-39	30 Acts 8:26-39 John 6:40-44	1 Acts 8:40-9:19 John 6:48-54	Vespers 6PM Acts 9:20-31 John 15:17-16:2