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HOLY PASCHA: THE REUSURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST [Beginning of the Pentecostarion]. Virgin Martyrs Agape, Irene and Chionia, in Illyria (304). Martyrs Leonidas, Chariessa, Nice (Nika, Victoria), Galina, Calista (Calisa), Nunechia, Basilissa, Theodora, and Irene, of Corinth (258). Monk Martyr Christopher of Dionysiou (Mt. Athos—1818). Hieromartyr Nicetas. The Weeping “IL’INSKO-CHERNIGOV” (1658) and the TAMBOV Icons of the Theotokos (1658).

EPISTLE: Acts 1:1–8: Jesus appears after His Resurrection and promises the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL: John 1:1–17: In the beginning was the Word...

COFFEE HOUR: This week: PASCHA! Next week: Brown & Brady

WELCOME to all of our visitors! We are glad to have you join us for the Feast of Our Lord’s resurrection. Please join us for a festive meal in the hall next door, and please come back and see us again! A schedule of services is included on the back of the bulletin.

BRIGHT WEEK: The celebration of our Lord’s Resurrection continues throughout this whole coming week: the Holy Doors are kept open to show how Our Lord’s Resurrection has thrown open the doors of the Kingdom, and there is no fasting throughout the week. The church services of this week also have an extremely festive character.

THANKS to all of those who’ve come and helped with services throughout Lent and Holy Week, and helped beautify the church interior for the Paschal festivities. It’s been a joy to make the Lenten journey with you.

FOOD PANTRY HELP: The Lansing Food Pantry would love to have people from our parish come and help distribute food. They are open two days per month; please see Fr Joel for more information.

CAMP OPEN HOUSE: St. Andrew’s Camp, in Jewell, NY, will be holding an open house on Bright Saturday, April 22. The day will begin with Hierarchical Liturgy at 9:30 AM, followed by lunch and tours of the camp. Please see Fr Joel for more information.

EASTER EGG HUNT: After Agape Vespers tomorrow, we’ll have an Easter egg hunt for the children. We’ll also have a small potluck meal at the church.

PRAYER SCROLL

LIVING:

Apr Timothy H
Apr Herman S
Apr Sergius K
Apr Thomas E
Apr Stephen M
Apr John R
Apr Patrick C
Pr Adam S & Angie
Mother Raphaela
Mother Christophora
Mat Joanna B
Mat Katya
Mat Mary G
Kh Lynn
Joshua
Brittany
Gretchen
Marianne
Terrence
Helen
Judy
Mary & Susan
John & Carmine

Nathan
Leah
Helen
Lindsey
Elizabeth
Mary
Joe A
Daniel
Andrew & family
Carol
Wilhelmina
Elizabeth
David
Shirley
Christina
Jim & Kim
Rachel
Constantine & Maria
Gaetan
Christine
Samuel
Lisa
Lyudmila
Nickolay

Anetta
Zachary
Iconographer Helena
Natasha, Lena, Vera,
Sergei
Caleb
Danielle
Larry, Mark, Katie
Ann
Dorothy
Ronald
Sheryl & Lacey
Alexander, Angela,
Anton
Peter
Gregory & Ann
Raymond
Vincent
Photini
Robert
Steven, Stephanie,
and family
Diana
Elizabeth

John
Felicia
Children: Anthony,
Mia, Isabel, Bear,
Victoria, Iva Bell,
Panagiotis, Ada,
Grace, Elias, Jack
Seminarians: Rdrs
Robert & Ivan
Birthdays: Alexander
Anniversaries:
Namesdays:

REPOSED:

Apr John U
Priest Matthew
Priest John
Apr Alexander
Dn Mark
Rdr Gregory
Daniel
Ada
Lillian
Joseph
Marie

Joseph
Laura
Martha
Stanley
Taissia
Stelufa
Theophan
Lynda
Florence
James
James R
James R
Vasily
Mordecai
Alexandr
Ron
John
Eleanor
Harold
Alfred
Edward
Michael
Mat Julianna
Newly Reposed:
Mario, Robert, James

BY THE NUMBERS: Last Collection: \$1509.00. Building Fund: \$14.
Weekly Budget: \$1150. MTD: \$2211.00. Monthly Budget: \$4600



The Angel came to the myrrh-bearing women at the tomb and said:
“Myrrh is fitting for the dead;
But Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption!”

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Confessions are heard before and after Vespers or by appointment.

Sunday, April 16: 2 PM Agape Vespers
Monday, April 17: 9 AM Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, April 18: 9 AM Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, April 19: 8:30 AM Paschal Matins
Thursday, April 20: 8:30 AM Paschal Hours
Friday, April 21: 8:30 AM Paschal Hours
Saturday, April 22: 6 PM Great Vespers
Sunday, April 23: 9:10 AM
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

PRAYER FOR CHURCH GROWTH

Again, we pray to Thee, O Lord our God, that Thou wouldst renew us and this parish by the Power of the Holy Spirit. Fill us with love and longing for Thee. Grant that we would seek not our own will, but to do Thy will in all things and to be willing to lay down our lives out of love for Thee and for our neighbor. Draw thirsty souls to this place and remove their spiritual blindness, granting them through Thy grace to see the beauty of Thy Holy Glory in this place. Fill this community with new life, spiritual vigor, and an insatiable desire to live godly and holy lives. Forgive us all of our sins as we fall down before Thee. Bring us all to a greater repentance and to an amendment of our lives as we look to Thee, the only merciful and loving Lord, Who calls all to salvation. We beg Thee, our merciful Lord, hear us, grant all of these petitions and all of our requests unto salvation: we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

FROM THE PASCHAL HYMNS

Multiplying visions, you revealed symbols of your burial, while now, as God and man, you have also made clear your secrets, Master, to those in Hell, who cry, 'None is holy but you, O Lord'.

You opened out your palms and united things that before were separated, while by being closed in a shroud and a grave, O Saviour, you loosed those who were fettered. None is holy but you, O Lord.

By your will, O uncontainable, you were held fast by grave and seals; and by your energies you made known your power as God to those who sing, 'None is holy but you, O Lord, lover of humankind'

Glory to God for all things!

HOLY APOSTLES ORTHODOX CHURCH LANSING, NEW YORK



SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017
HOLY PASCHA

THE PASCHAL HOURS

During Bright Week, these are sung or read in place of the usual morning prayers.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. (3 times)

Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ, let us worship the Holy Lord Jesus, the only sinless One. We venerate Thy Cross, O Christ, and we praise and glorify Thy Holy Resurrection. For Thou art our God, and we know no other than Thee; we call on Thy Name. Come, all you faithful, let us venerate Christ's Holy Resurrection, for by enduring the Cross for us, He has destroyed death by death. (3 times)

Before the dawn Mary and the women found the stone rolled away from the tomb. They heard the angelic voice: "Why do you seek among the dead as a man the One Who is Everlasting Light? Behold the clothes in the grave! Go and proclaim to the world: the Lord is risen; He has slain death. For He is the Son of God, saving the race of men."

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal Life; Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming "Rejoice!" to the myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Thine apostles, and granting resurrection to the fallen.

In the tomb with the body and in hades with the soul, in paradise with the thief, and on the throne with the Father and the Spirit, wast Thou, O Christ, filling all things, Thyself infinite.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit...

Bearing life and more fruitful than paradise, brighter than any royal chamber, Thy tomb, O Christ is the fountain of our resurrection.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages, amen.

Rejoice, O sanctified and divine tabernacle of the Most High, for through thee, O Mother of God, joy is given to those who cry: blessed art thou among women, most immaculate Lady!

Lord, have mercy. (40 times)

More honorable than the cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim, without corruption thou gavest birth to God the Word. True Theotokos, we magnify thee.

or

Shine, Shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has shone on Thee. Dance now, and be glad, O Zion! And thou, O pure Theotokos, rejoice in the resurrection of thy Son.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. (3 times)

THE ARCHPASTORAL MESSAGE OF HIS BEATITUDE, METROPOLITAN TIKHON ON THE GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA 2017

To the Venerable Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, Monastics, Distinguished Stewards, and the entire family of the Orthodox Church in America:

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

The radiant day of the Resurrection of Christ has dawned and our Paschal celebrations have bathed us in the glorious light of renewal and regeneration. Today is a completely new day, a day which began when the divine brilliance pierced and dispelled the darkness of Hades and ended with the remarkable explosion which took place when Eternal Life crushed death and corruption.

On this new and bright day, our faith is renewed along with that of the Myrrhbearing Women standing by the open tomb; our hope is confirmed along with that of the Apostles on the road to Emmaus; and our love is strengthened along with that of the Mother of God who remained ever at the side of her Son. Even if we count ourselves among the numbers of those who previously denied or deserted the crucified Lord, such hesitation or shame cannot withstand the force of the new life of this day.

We know too well that there is no human being who lives and yet does not sin, and the consequences of the Fall are reflected in a world overshadowed by war, terrorism, and human misery. Nevertheless, this dark reality loses its hold on us today because we have tasted of the new drink from the fountain of incorruption which fills us with spiritual courage and divine hope.

This courage and hope are not simply fleeting emotions of the moment but rather an experience of the life of the risen Lord Who fills our hearts with such joy that every day and every moment of our existence we can sing paschal hymns such as this:

How divine! How beloved!

How sweet is Thy voice, O Christ!

For Thou hast faithfully promised to be with us

To the end of the world.

Having this as our anchor of hope,

We the faithful rejoice.

With my archpastoral blessing and love in the Risen Lord,

✠ TIKHON

Archbishop of Washington

Metropolitan of All America and Canada

A PASCHAL ORATION

By Saint Gregory the Theologian

It is the Day of the Resurrection, and my Beginning has good auspices. Let us then keep the Festival with splendour (Isaiah 66:5), and let us embrace one another. Let us say Brethren, even to those who hate us; much more to those who have done or suffered anything out of love for us. Let us forgive all offenses for the Resurrection's sake...

Yesterday the Lamb was slain and the door-posts were anointed, and Egypt bewailed her Firstborn, and the Destroyer passed us over, and the Seal was dreadful and reverend, and we were walled in with the Precious Blood. Today we have clean escaped from Egypt and from Pharaoh; and there is none to hinder us from keeping a Feast to the Lord our God – the Feast of our Departure; or from celebrating that Feast, not in the old leaven of malice and wickedness, but in the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth (1 Corinthians 5:8), carrying with us nothing of ungodly and Egyptian leaven.

Yesterday I was crucified with Him; today I am glorified with Him; yesterday I died with Him; today I am quickened with Him; yesterday I was buried with Him; today I rise with Him. But let us offer to Him Who suffered and rose again for us – you will think perhaps that I am going to say gold, or silver, or woven work or transparent and costly stones, the mere passing material of earth, that remains here below, and is for the most part always possessed by bad men, slaves of the world and of the Prince of the world. Let us offer ourselves, the possession most precious to God, and most fitting; let us give back to the Image what is made after the Image. Let us recognize our Dignity; let us honour our Archetype; let us know the power of the Mystery, and for what Christ died.

Let us become like Christ, since Christ became like us. Let us become God's for His sake, since He for ours became Man. He assumed the worse that He might give us the better; He became poor that we through His poverty might be rich (2 Corinthians 8:9); He took upon Him the form of a servant that we might receive back our liberty; He came down that we might be exalted; He was tempted that we might conquer; He was dishonoured that He might glorify us; He died that He might save us; He ascended that He might draw to Himself us, who were lying low in the Fall of sin. Let us give all, offer all, to Him Who gave Himself a Ransom and a Reconciliation for us. But one can give nothing like oneself, understanding the Mystery, and becoming for His sake all that He became for ours.

As you see, He offers you a Shepherd; for this is what your Good Shepherd, who lays down his life for his sheep, is hoping and praying for, and he asks from you his subjects; and he gives you himself double instead of single, and makes the staff of his old age a staff for your spirit. And he adds to the inanimate temple a living one; to that exceedingly beautiful and



heavenly shrine, this poor and small one, yet to him of great value, and built too with much sweat and many labours. Would that I could say it is worthy of his labours. And he places at your disposal all that belongs to him (O great generosity! – or it would be truer to say, O fatherly love!) his hoar hairs, his youth, the temple, the high priest, the testator, the heir, the discourses which you were longing for; and of these not such as are vain and poured out into the air, and which reach no further than the outward ear; but those which the Spirit writes and engraves on tables of stone, or of flesh, not merely superficially graven, nor easily to be rubbed off, but marked very deep, not with ink, but with grace.

These are the gifts given you by this august Abraham, this honourable and reverend Head, this Patriarch, this Restingplace of all good, this Standard of virtue, this Perfection of the Priesthood, who today is bringing to the Lord his willing Sacrifice, his only Son, him of the promise. Do you on your side offer to God and to us obedience to your Pastors, dwelling in a place of herbage, and being fed by water of refreshment; knowing your Shepherd well, and being known by him (John 10:14); and following when he calls you as a Shepherd frankly through the door; but not following a stranger climbing up into the fold like a robber and a traitor; nor listening to a strange voice when such would take you away by stealth and scatter you from the truth on mountains (Ezekiel 34:6), and in deserts, and pitfalls, and places which the Lord does not visit; and would lead you away from the sound Faith in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the One Power and Godhead, Whose Voice my sheep always heard (and may they always hear it), but with deceitful and corrupt words would tear them from their true Shepherd. From which may we all be kept, Shepherd and flock, as from a poisoned and deadly pasture; guiding and being guided far away from it, that we may all be one in Christ Jesus our Lord, now and unto the heavenly rest. To Whom be the glory and the might for ever and ever. Amen.

FROM THE PASCHAL HYMNS

Becoming a creature formed of dust, our Fashioner, you make new those born of earth, and the shroud and the tomb point to the mystery within you, O Word; for the noble counsellor fulfils the counsel of your Begetter, who in you gloriously makes me new.

Through death you transform mortality, through burial corruption; for in a manner fitting God you make incorruptible the nature you took on and make it immortal. For your flesh did not know corruption, Master, nor was your soul, like a stranger, abandoned in Hell.

You came forth from a birth without travail and, pierced in your side, my Fashioner, you wrought the refashioning of Eve by becoming Adam, sleeping supernaturally a life-producing sleep and raising life from sleep and corruption, as all-powerful.