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HOLY PASCHA — THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

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Schedule of Services

GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA, April 16th

8:30pm, April 15th	Paschal Nocturns (Midnight Office)
	Paschal Hours and Matins
	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
	Blessing of Baskets
Bright Monday:	Liturgy at 9 AM
Bright Saturday:	Vespers at 4 PM

Baptism, Chrismation and Marriages: Please contact Father George BEFORE making any other arrangements.

A Warm Welcome to all who celebrate the Lord's resurrection this morning with us. If you have a question, a prayer request, or any need, please speak with the priest, the attendant at the candle desk, or with any parish member. If you are a first time visitor to our parish, we invite you to sign our guest book, and partake of our hospitality in the coffee hour after the conclusion of the service. If you have questions about our practices or beliefs, please ask any parishioner or the priest.

A brief word about communion: For our friends present with us who are not Orthodox, please note that we have specific disciplines regarding receiving Communion, including fasting from midnight and having recently received confession and absolution. We ask that you refrain from going to Communion until you have spoken with the priest and understand our discipline and piety regarding this sacrament and its implication for responsibility towards and membership in the Orthodox Church.

Readings

Acts 1:1-8 ***(Epistle)***

[1] The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,
[2] until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen,
[3] to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.
[4] And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me;
[5] for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.
[6] Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"
[7] And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.
[8] But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

John 1:1-17 ***(Gospel)***

[1] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] He was in the beginning with God.
[3] All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. [4] In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.
[5] And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.
[6] There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
[7] This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe.
[8] He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.
[9] That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.
[10] He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.
[11] He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.
[12] But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:
[13] who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

[14] And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.
[15] John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.’ “
[16] And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.
[17] For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Spiritual Donations

Wine (April): In memory of Helen & Vincent Olejnick, Aunt Sophia and Leona, Love, JoAnne. Memory Eternal!
Prosphora (April): In memory of Mary & Ray Pisaneschi, Anna Motill and Helen Spinicci, Love, JoAnne. Memory Eternal!
Incense (April): In loving memory of Mary Kastelan, Irene Osolinksy and Brandyn Thomas Robbins from Kathryn Graham, Leo & Christine Adamski. Memory Eternal!
Cross Candles Christ: In memory of John, Androna, Elizabeth & John Berdy from Elizabeth Dutko. Christ Is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!
Cross Candles Theotokos: In memory of Anna Dutko from Elizabeth Dutko. Christ Is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!
Altar Candles (1): In loving memory of Jerry Conant from wife Olga. Christ Is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!
Altar Candles (2): In loving memory of Helen & Thomas Rushton from daughter Mary. Christ Is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!
Royal Doors (1): In loving memory of Richard Pocono from daughter Christine. Christ Is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!
Royal Doors (2): In loving memory of Helen & Thomas Rushton from daughter Helen. Christ Is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!
Tetrapod Candles (1): May Mary Berdy Skumanich Memory Be Eternal! From Godchild Elizabeth Dutko. Christ Is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!
Tetrapod Candles (2): In memory of granddaughter Kathryn Mary Cook & grandson Brandyn Thomas Robbins from Gram & Pop. Christ Is Risen! Indeed he Is Risen!
Eternal Candle: In memory of Mary & Ray Pisaneschi, Helen & Vincent Olejnick, Anna Motill & Helen Spinicci. Love, JoAnne. Christ Is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!
Tomb Candle: In loving memory of Raymond Kobusky from wife Helen & daughters. Christ Is risen! Indeed He Is Risen!
Bulletin Sponsor: In memory of Daniel, Anna, Emily, Harry, Sophia & William Holak from Rev Wesley & Anna H Cropmton. Christ Is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!

Our Family Prayer Needs

Those Ill and afflicted: Todd Collura, Fr. Emilian Hutnyan, Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan, Carolyn, Patrick, Julia Capp, Helen Grumblis, Jeanne Heusel, Mary Rilko, Julia Sitar, Julia Talpash, Helen Borden, Katherine Graham, Tatiana Radsavitch, Cheryl Rosencrans, Tom Podolak, Mary Cunius, Brian Lechak, Anna Antall, Edward Morgans, Sean Wolfe, Margiee, Robert Matthews

Those in Nursing Homes, and those homebound: Mary Kosciuszko, Helen Bray, Betty Ervin, Mary Nickett, Kathryn Prokopchak, David Price

Those serving in the Armed Forces: Priest Eugene Wozniak, Alexander Baney, Elliot Hurchalla

Announcements

Due to a scheduled event at the Holy Resurrection Cathedral on **April 23**, 2017 the **Divine Liturgy** at St. John's starts at **9:30 a.m**. St. Thomas luncheon will be held immediately after the liturgy. The grave blessing schedule is as follows: 1:00 p.m. Pringle, 2:30 p.m. Dallas.

The community of **Saint Tikhon's Monastery** and **Seminar**y extends a cordial invitation to all faithful to attend the 113th Annual Pilgrimage May 26-29, 2017—Memorial Day weekend. Consult the monastery website http://sttikhonsmonastery.org for the latest updates.

A **rummage sal**e is scheduled for **May 12 & 13**! Start cleaning your cupboards now and bring the items after St Thomas Sunday April 23. As always the items should not be ripped, stained or broken. Baked goods are needed for Friday only. Anyone who can help with set up, the kitchen bake sale or clean up sign the sheet or talk to Shirley. This will offset the cost of the roofs.

Pascha Basket Raffle Winners - Basket #1 - Theresa Bradley; #2 - Ann Souchick; #3 - Marge Hoidra. Congratulations!

Financial Report for March 2017:

Receipts (money taken in) - $10,131.04 (includes $3,000.00 transfered from Fundraiser Acct)
Disbursements (money paid out) - $9,928.38
Balance - $202.66

Rectory & church roof replacements donations as of April 09, 2017 - $ 17,598.00. **Total cost** of new roofs and steeples repair is $46,340.00

Pascha flowers 2017

In memory of

1. Nicholas &Mary Kastelan, Alexander Graham, William & Irene Osolinsky, Brandyn Thomas Robbins, Kathryn Mary Cook, Martha Zuk. From- Kathryn Graham, Christine Adamski.
2. Andrew & Catherine Lukachick, John & Margaret Amos, Marion Koval, Betty Morgans. From- Doris & Bill Amos.
3. Dear husband David Antall, dear parents John & Anna Bromuko. From- Anna Antall.
4. Raymond Kobusky, Ray Michael Kobusky. From- Lorraine Brader.
5. George & Helen Piskorik. From- Chris Collura.
6. Jerry Conant. From- Olga Conant.
7. Thomas & Helen Rushton. From- daughter Mary.
8. William & Helen Deletconich, Scott Christopher Thomas. From- Bill Deletconich.
9. Scott Christopher Thomas, William & Helen Deletconich, Benjamin & Genevieve Dragan. From- Ben & Lucille Dragan.
10. John & Androna Berdy, Anna Dutko, Elizabeth Berdy, John Berdy. From- Elizabeth Dutko.
11. Fedrow & Hydock Grand Parents, Aunt Betty, Aunt Rita. From-Eddie & Bill Fedrow.
12. Michael Hoidra, Sister Anne Evans. From- Margaret Hoidra.
13. Michael Hoidra, Departed Choir members. From- Matthew Hoidra.
14. Ray Michael Kobusky, Raymond Kobusky, Mischak Family, Mary Haduca. From- Helen Kobusky.
15. Michael & Mary Kulikowich, Harold & Mary Miller. From- Pat Kulikowich.
16. Maceiko Family. From- Jule Maceiko.

17. Mary & Ray Pisaneschi, Helen & Vincent Olejnick,, Anna Motill, Helen Spinicci, Aunts Sophie & Cathy, Leona. From- JoAnne Olejnick.
18. Michael & Mary Yurchak. From- Elizabeth Rilko.
19. Michael Yurchak. From- Mary Rilko.
20. Andrew & Catherine Lukachick. From- Dorothy Roberts.
21. Andrew Romanchick, Betty Maher Mischak. From- Janet Romanchick.
22. Metro & Helen Souchick. From- Anna & Eva Souchick.
23. Marie & Paul Souchick. From- Peter Souchick.
24. Richard Swetts, Gram Bridget, Mom & Dad Hydock, Sisters Rita & Betty, Mom & Dad Swetts. From- Evelyn Swetts.
25. Dad Richard, Gramma & Grandpa Hydock, Gramma & Grandpa Swetts, Aunts Rita & Betty. From- John Swetts.
26. Johanna & Peter Fedrow. From- Eva Turaj.
27. Charles & Catherine Van Camp, George & Libbie Rotko. From- Ed & Elaine Van Camp.
28. Anne & George Beretsky, William Walsh. From- Joyce Walsh.
29. Joseph Wozniak Sr. from- Elizabeth & Joseph Wozniak.
30. John Kosciuszko. From- Mary Kosciuszko.

In Honor of:

1. Kathryn Graham. From- Adamski family.
2. Grandchildren- Patrick, Carolyn, James, Julia & Sarah Antall. From- Grandma.
3. Elizabeth Dutko.
4. Those who labor & those who sing. From- Kathy Harmanos.
5. Margaret Hoidra. From- Matthew Hoidra.
6. Ed Morgans. From- Chris Adamski & Kathryn Graham.
7. Colin James Gilligan. From- Grandma & Grandpa.
8. Helen Walsh. From - Joyce Walsh.