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Matins: Sundays 9:30am

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Sunday, April 20, 2014

Great and Holy Pascha (Easter)

Rush Procession and Orthros

SEE BOOKLET ↓

HOLY PASCHA

CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD!



AL'MASIAH

QAM

HAQQAN

QAM!

CHRIST IS RISEN
INDEED, HE IS RISEN !

CHRISTOS

ANESTI

ALÉTHOS

ANESTI!

**SAINTS PETER AND PAUL ANTIOCHIAN
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Acts: 1:1-8 (Pascha)

Deacon: Let us attend.

Reader: This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein.

Deacon: Wisdom.

Reader: The Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles

Deacon: Let us attend.

In the first book, O Theophilos, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by any proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

Gospel: John 1:1-17 (Pascha)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fulness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Orthodox Christians

Faithful Orthodox fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, communicants should not be conscious of grave sin, have fasted from the night before taking communion, and seek to live in charity and love with their neighbors. Persons conscious of grave sin must first be reconciled with God and the Church through the Sacrament of Penance (Confession and Absolution). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

Non-Orthodox

We welcome to this celebration of the Eucharist those Christians who are not fully united with us. It is a consequence of the sad divisions in Christianity that we cannot extend to them a general invitation to receive Communion. Orthodox believe that the Eucharist is an action of the celebrating community signifying a oneness in faith, life, and worship of the community. Reception of the Eucharist by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist, and for which we must all pray.

Not Receiving Communion

Those not receiving sacramental communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another by receiving a piece of blessed bread following the dismissal prayers.

Welcome to Ss. Peter and Paul

To encourage our worship in a proper spirit of prayer and devotion, we respectfully ask you enter the sanctuary quietly during the Divine Liturgy.

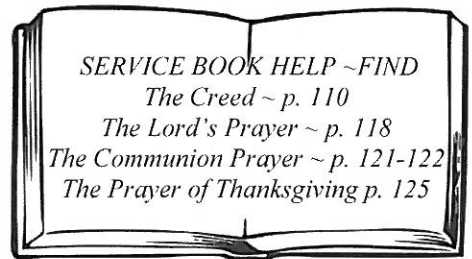
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- the clergy censes the sanctuary
 - the congregation is standing, or
 - during the Little Entrance with the Gospel
 - during the Reading of the Epistle and the Gospel
- Please enter the sanctuary upon the completion of*
- the sermon
 - the Great Entrance with the Holy Gifts
 - the Prayers of Consecration p. 112-113
 - the Hymn to the Theotokos "It is Truly Meet"

Please follow the directions of the ushers during Communion and dismissal; refrain from using cell phones in the narthex; and be considerate of those praying and converse in the hall, outside or downstairs.

Visitors

If you are visiting our parish, please let us get to know you. Complete a visitor card you will find in your pew, and drop it in the ushers tray or the collection box.



HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION: is offered by Zakieh Jweied

PASCAL AGAPE BREAKFAST: is prepared by Joe Ghanem &

Sam Sahouri-Ghanem

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Commemorations

For the Servants of God that they may have mercy, peace, health, salvation and visitation,
pardon and remission of sin; the Lord God remember them in his Kingdom always:
now and ever, and unto ages of ages

Parishioners who remain
in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley
Lulu & George Brown
Issa & Suad Shammass
Edmond Neam
Richie Kogok

LIVING

Nawal Musleh
Bassem Haddad
Ziad Deeb
Bassem El-Hage
The Jweied Family
All the Parish
The Ghanem Family
The Sahouri-Ghanem Family

Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News

SERMON OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPE

Deacon: Bless, O Master.

Priest: Whosoever is a devout lover of God, let him enjoy this beautiful bright Festival. And whosoever is a grateful servant, let him rejoice and enter into the joy of his Lord. And if any be weary with fasting, let him now receive his penny. If any have toiled from the first hour, let him receive his due reward. If any have come after the third hour, let him with gratitude join in the Feast. And he that arrived after the sixth hour, let him not doubt; for he too shall sustain no loss. And if any have delayed to the ninth hour, let him not hesitate, but let him come too. And he that hath arrived only at the eleventh hour, let him not be afraid by reason of his delay; for the Lord is gracious and receiveth the last even as the first. He giveth rest to him that cometh at the eleventh hour, as well as to him that hath toiled from the first. Yea, to this one he giveth and upon that one he bestoweth. He accepteth works as he greeteth the endeavour. The deed he honoureth and the intention he commendeth. Let all then enter into the joy of our Lord. Ye first and last receiving alike your reward; ye rich and poor, rejoice together. Ye sober and ye slothful, celebrate the day. Ye that have kept the fast and ye that have not, rejoice today; for the Table is richly laden. Fare ye royally on it. The calf is a fatted one. Let no one go away hungry. Partake ye all of the cup of faith. Enjoy ye all the riches of his goodness. Let no one grieve at his poverty; for the universal kingdom hath been revealed. Let no one mourn that he hath fallen again and again; for forgiveness hath risen from the grave. Let no one fear death; for the Death of our Saviour hath set us free. He hath destroyed it by enduring it. He spoiled hades when he descended thereto. He vexed it even as it tasted of his flesh. Isaiah foretold this when he cried, Thou, O hell, hast been vexed by encountering him below. It is vexed; for it is even done away with. It is vexed; for it is made a mockery. It is vexed; for it is destroyed. It is vexed; for it is annihilated. It is vexed; for it is now made captive. It took a body, and, lo! it discovered God. It took earth, and,

behold, it encountered heaven. It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it did not see. O death, where is thy sting? O hades, where is thy victory? Christ is risen and thou art annihilated. Christ is risen, and the evil ones are cast down. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life is liberated. Christ is risen, and the tomb is emptied of the dead; for Christ, having risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits of those that have fallen asleep. To him be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.



STEWARDSHIP

"You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give." ~ Khalil Gibran

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

We are looking for you! All of our graduating seniors will be recognized May 18th immediately following Divine Liturgy. Fill out a short form so we can include you in this recognition.

Deadline is April 27th. Access the form at <http://tinyurl.com/peterpaul-seniors>.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN APRIL 27TH

The Antiochian Women or Ladies Auxiliary of Ss. Peter & Paul will meet Sunday, April 27th immediately after Liturgy in the lower level hall.

We meet for fellowship, encouragement and lunch—bring a dish to share!

All ladies are welcome.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN FASHION SHOW

Our 11th Annual show and luncheon is Saturday, May 10th at 11:30am at the Congressional Country Club. Tickets are \$50; proceeds to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. For more information contact Rida Boulos at frita18@aol.com.

Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News

THE THOUGHTS OF METROPOLITAN PHILIP ON ECCLESIOLOGY (Part III of III)

St. James was concerned with the dead and legalistic approach to faith, while St. Paul was concerned with the self-righteousness of the Judaizing elements in the early Church. Their basic teaching was that salvation can be achieved through the legal piety of the law. St. Paul emphasized that we win salvation only through Christ and in response to divine grace, apart from the Mosaic Law.

"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have access by faith through grace" (Romans 5: 1, 2). There is a fundamental difference between the old law and the grace brought by Christ. "For what the law could not do... God did by sending His own Son" (Romans 8:3).

If we claim that we love God and our neighbor, but fail to translate this love into acts of mercy and compassion, we are living a false faith, a dead faith, and our Ecclesiology is left empty.

There were other Fathers who later taught this message. For example, St. Clement of Alexandria said, "When you see your brother you see God." Likewise, Evagrius taught: "After God, we must count all men as God Himself" Paul Evdokimov adds: "The best icon of God is man."

St. Anthony the Great put it this way: "From our neighbor is life, and from our neighbor is death. Therefore, if we win our neighbor, we win God, but if we harm our neighbor, we sin against Christ."

More profoundly, St. Basil the Great expands on this theme even more graphically, when he asks:

If I live alone, whose feet will I wash? What scope will a man have for showing humility if he has no one before whom to show himself humble? What chance of showing compassion, when cut off from the fellowship of other men? The Lord washed the disciples' feet. Whose feet will you wash?

I would like to reemphasize here that the purpose of all these quotations from the Fathers is not to impress on you that we are saved by good

works alone. If good works are not a genuine response to the divine grace and an expression of our deep faith in Christ Jesus, then such good works are to no avail.

Professor John Karmiris can summarize this issue for our clear understanding of Orthodox Ecclesiology. He writes:

Generally, then, we can say that man's justification and salvation is first and foremost an action and a gift of the divine grace; secondly, it is by the intention and free cooperation of man in the form of concrete faith and good works. While, to the contrary, a fall from faith and good works entails a fall from Divine Grace.

Our Orthodox Ecclesiology, then, entails the fullness of the Body of Christ, which means both the clergy and laity in a healthy dynamic, and then, together, fulfilling the ministry of that Body through common faith and philanthropic work.

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Edited by Father Joseph Allen and Joseph Antypas

LOOKING AHEAD *Upcoming events...*

- Apr 26 - Wedding Downing/Getahun @ 1pm
- Apr 27 - Antiochian Women lunch meeting @ 12p
- Apr 27 - Baptism Shereen & Nicole Hani @ 1pm
- Apr 29 - Men's Club Meeting @ 7:30pm
- May 3 - Byzantine Music Workshop @ 1pm
Arabic Liturgy @ 5pm
- May 4 - 40-Day Memorial Metropolitan PHILIP
- May 6 - Adult Education Forum @ 7:15pm
- May 13 - Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm
- May 20 - Adult Education Forum @ 7:15pm

THE STING OF DEATH HAS BEEN REMOVED

On this glorious Resurrection morning, we should reflect back on the events of the last several days. Let us ponder the words of St. Gregory of Nyssa: “Yesterday I hung on the cross with Christ; today I am glorified with Him. Yesterday I was dying with Him; today I am brought to life with Him. Yesterday I was buried with Him; today I rise with Him. Let us become gods for Him, since He became man for us.”



Ever since man set foot on the earth, Death has been his arch-enemy. This mysterious conqueror evoked fear and trembling in the hearts of mankind. But this is so no more! Death has been slain, conquered and defeated! So St. John Chrysostom says, “It is

true, we still die, yet we do not remain in death . . .” St. Paul expresses the same thought: “O Death, where is thy sting? O Death, where is thy victory?”

The One who conquered Death is Christ our Lord. The way He defeated Death was by dying, and then rising from the grave. Death could not hold Him. The seals of His tomb were of no avail. He trampled down Death by death. He emerged the mighty Victor over the grave.

No wonder we proclaim “This is the day which the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice in it!” Our rejoicing will be genuine and overflowing . . . if we understand the true significance of our Lord’s Resurrection from the dead.



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FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
Apr 27	FSJD & Barbari family	FSJD & Barbari family
May 4	Special Guest	Special Guest
11	Jamileh Taweel	Jamileh Taweel
18	Sunday School & Hier extended family	Alex & Thomaseena Cox
25		
Jun 1		
8		
15		

Baking or ordering the Holy Bread of Oblation or providing and serving the refreshments for Fellowship Hour following the Liturgy on Sundays is a great way to practice Christian fellowship among our fellow parishioners. Notice the openings to the left and consider contributing to this vital ministry. Sign-up in the vestibule.