Great and Holy Pascha Feast of Feasts 4:00 am

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Acts 1:1-8 John 1:1-17

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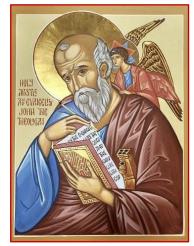
Homily of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Stan Snider

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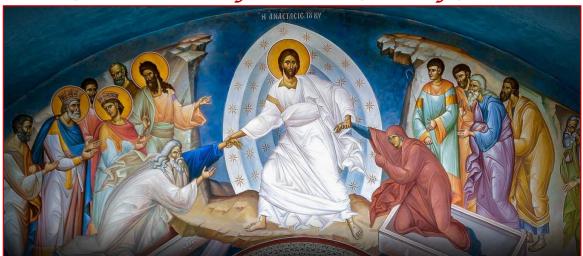
Weekly Bulletín Sunday, May 5, 2024





O Apostle John, speaker of Deity, the beloved of Christ our God, hasten to deliver your people powerless in speech, for He on Whose bosom you lean accepts you as an intercessor. Beseech Him, therefore, to disperse the darkness of ignorance and pray for peace and great mercies to be shown upon us.

Great and Holy Pascha - Feast of Feasts



Remaining Services for Holy Week - Link to Calendar

- ❖ Holy Friday, May 3, Royal Hours: 12:15pm, 3:15pm
- * Holy Friday, May 3, Great Vespers at 6:15pm with Veneration of the Shroud (70 minutes)
- ❖ All Night Vigil, May 3, The Faithful keep Vigil in the Church reading Psalms.
- ♦ Holy Saturday, May 4, Matins at 7:15am, Lamentations & Procession with the Shroud (130 min)
- ♦ Holy Saturday, May 4, Vesperal Liturgy of Saint Basil at 4:15pm (130 minutes)

Pascha and Bright Week

- ❖ Pascha, May 5, Paschal Matins & Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom 4:00am (Procession around the Church) (150 minutes) (Easter Baskets are blessed following Liturgy)
- ❖ Pascha, May 5, Agape Vespers at 3:15pm, The Gospels are read in different languages to celebrate the universality of the Joy of Christ's Resurrection − (Procession to the Cemetery, Easter Feast following.) (40 minutes)
- ❖ Bright Week No Fasting until after Ascension
- ❖ Bright Monday, May 6, Bright Week Hours at 12:15pm



All Night Vigil May 3 & 4 – Holy Friday and Saturday

A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. Please note, younger people need to have a monitor sign-up to supervise the Friday Night and Saturday morning Vigil.

Holy Saturday Service - Children's Activities During OT Readings

- Outdoors Activity for ages 4 years old's through 4th Grade
- Church Basement Activity for 2 year old's through Preschool

Pascha - May 5, 2024



This year Sydney Ihde is coordinating the Easter Feast, so please reach out to her with any questions at (907) 854-5517. The theme this year is Mexican cuisine/meats with premade margaritas.

Please, remember to contribute with a suggested donation of \$20 or more as mentioned for each family. It is important for everyone to help in this way so we can continue to make the Easter Feast special and a great memory for our kids and parishioners for years to come.

Thank you SO much to the many who have signed up for teams, this will be a great feast and we look forward to celebrating with everyone — Sydney Ihde

We will have the **Pascha Egg Hunt immediately following Agape Vespers** (and the Procession to the Cemetery) on Pascha afternoon. All children through age 12 are welcome! Meet outside the upstairs main church entrance where kids will be divided into groups according to age. Hopefully, weather, and outside conditions will allow for outdoor egg hunting so dress accordingly! Also, bring baskets or bags for collecting eggs. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Kristine Lindblom (907-887-3398) or Jennifer Saur (907-726-7388).



Bright Monday Cleanup Starts at 9am

- * Report to Hannah Johnson for basement/kitchen cleaning and prepping leftovers for lunch after noon prayers
- * Report to Jennifer Gillquist for wax removal. We must be done and have all supplies put away by noon. I have a lot of brown paper bags and you can bring your own too. Please bring irons and extension cords.
- * Anthony Fletes and Eric Johnson are leading grill cleanup.

Remember to turn in your 'Food for Hungry Boxes' This Week

News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese



Writings by Metropolitan Saba: The Renewal of Pascha



May 5, 2024 - No Coffee Hour - Pascha Feast

Next Sunday – Group B – May 12, 2024 Hosts: Finkler / Lowry

Snacks: Agnew, Alvarez, Betson, Davison, Davisson, Drennan, B & D Dunaway, J & B Dunaway, Finkler, Grasse,
Hoyt, Ihde, Keener, Klatt, Komar, Lineer, Lowry, Moffatt, Peters, Ray, Schlicting, Stevens, Sturdevant, Villafana



Sip and See Baby Shower for Genevieve Lorraine Bower May 11 – 11:00am to 1:00pm at the St. James House

RSVP: Text Jennifer Gillquist at 907-632-1064 or email jennifergillquist@gmail.com by April 27th.

Gifts are optional but we are registered <u>HERE</u>. Anyone is wanting to contribute to a group gift they can give me money and I will take care of it.

Job Opportunity: Cleaner of Cathedral Guest Rooms

Our Cathedral Parish has offered hospitality to many guests over the years, and we already have guests asking to use our guest rooms this summer. We have two guest rooms in the Maranatha House and in the summer, we also have two guest rooms at the school.

We need to hire someone to clean these guest rooms as soon as guests leave and have them ready for the next guest or the unexpected guest. The pay is hourly and cleaning supplies are provided. The cleaner would coordinate with Eric and Hannah Johnson who keep the guest calendar. We are looking for someone who has cleaning experience and an eye for making our guest rooms look pleasant and welcoming. Through the summer this might average 4-5 hours per week. If you are interested, please contact Eric Johnson at eric.johnson2114@gmail.com or 907-232-2772. This is a valuable service to our parish and to our guests who come to visit.

Women's Retreat – May 24-25 - At Beach Lake Lodge

We are trying to get as accurate of a head count as possible so we can predict what our costs will be. Please text Sydney Ihde at 907-854-5517. Please let us know you're coming! Looking forward to seeing you! The cost is \$20. But please don't let the cost be a deterrent from coming. Reach out to Sydney Ihde and we will work something out.



Dates to Remember

Birthdays This Week

May 5 - Mary Greene May 5 - Riley Hanna

May 8 - Jeff Hunter

May 9 - Bethany Dunaway May 10 - Sbdn. Michael Saur May 12 - Ian Johnson

MANY VEARS!





Remembering in Prayer...

Janet Hawi Judí Hoyt Bill Cook Laurie Snider

Eloise Lamb Elisa Betson Jennifer Medders Tísha Dunham

Gale Armstrong
We will continue to pray for all those suffering in Ukraine
and for all those suffering in Israel and Gaza, for a quick end to war and for peace

Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep This Month



- * Infant Lazarus Frizelle May 1, 2018
- * Abner Picon May 1, 2016
- * Presbyter Garland Peters May 6, 1979
- * Infant Benjamin Ray May 12, 2022

MEMORY ETERNAL!

Clare House Meal - 4th Saturday of Each Month

For the Month of **MAY** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is: Saturday, May 25. Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



~ No Reading Groups This Week ~

THE SYNAXARION



On the Holy and Great Sunday of Pascha we celebrate the life-giving Resurrection of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ; for Christ alone did descend with condescension to fight Hades; and He ascended, bringing abundant spoils of victory which He had snatched.

Mary Magdalene and the rest of the women who were present at the Savior's burial on Friday evening returned that very day from Golgotha to the city to prepare ointment and spices, that they might come later and anoint the body of Jesus. They rested on the next day, Saturday, in fulfillment of the commandment. And on the following day, which was Sunday and which the Evangelists call the first day of the week, which fell on the twenty-fifth of March, or thirty-six hours after the death of life-giving Jesus, the women came to the sepulcher

with their prepared ointments. And as they were pondering the difficulty of rolling the stone from the gate of the sepulcher, a great earthquake took place, an angel of the Lord came down, whose appearance was like lightning, and his clothes like snow, and rolled away the stone and sat upon it. The guards trembled with fear, became like dead, and fled. But the women entered the sepulcher and did not find Jesus. But they found two other angels in the form of men dressed in white raiment who proclaimed to them the Resurrection of the Savior, commanding them to hasten and give the good news to the disciples. In the meantime, Peter, and John, who had received the report from Mary Magdalene, hastened and entered the tomb and found there only the linen clothes. They returned with great joy to the city, and began to preach the supernatural Resurrection of Christ, having seen Him alive in truth five times that very day.

For this joyful Resurrection, we therefore celebrate today, kissing one another in Christ with the brotherly kiss, illustrating thereby the dissolution of the enmity that was between us and God, and our reconciliation through Christ.

To our risen Lord Jesus Christ be all glory, majesty, and power or ever and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Bulletin Announcement Guidelines

Send announcements to church email address: stjohnalaska@aol.com. Have announcements submitted by Thursday or at very latest Friday 9am. If you have any questions regarding announcements – contact Maris Kelly at the church office. 907-696-2002.

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