

*Great and Holy
Pascha*

*Feast of Feasts
4:30am*

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*Acts 1:1-8*

*John 1:1-17*

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*Homily of St. John
Chrysostom*

Epistle Reader:

Jerry Finkler

Agape Vespers

3:15pm

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

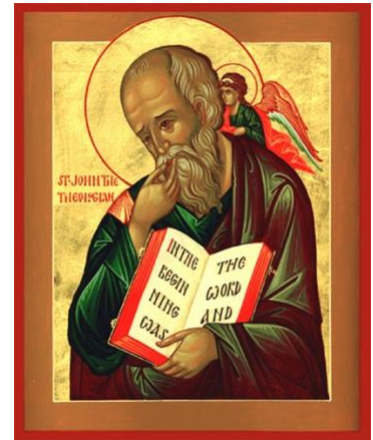
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## *Weekly Bulletin*

*Sunday, April 20, 2025*

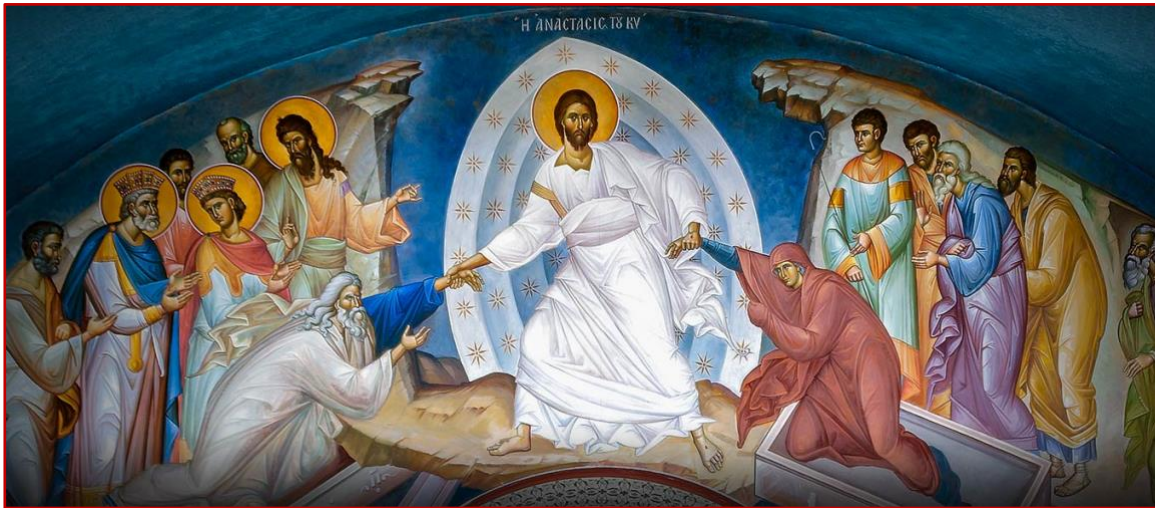


*And the Days Following*



*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, April 18, Royal Hours: 12:15pm, 3:15pm
- ❖ Holy Friday, April 18, Great Vespers at 6:15pm with Veneration of the Shroud (70 minutes)
- ❖ All Night Vigil, April 18, The Faithful keep Vigil in the Church reading Psalms.
- ❖ Holy Saturday, April 19, Matins at 7:15am, Lamentations & Procession with the Shroud (130 min)
- ❖ Holy Saturday, April 19 Vespers Liturgy of Saint Basil at 4:15pm (130 minutes) with Chrismation of Ian Buron

### *Pascha and Bright Week*

- ❖ Pascha, April 20, Paschal Matins & Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom 4:30am (Procession around the Church) (150 minutes) (Easter Baskets are blessed following Liturgy)
- ❖ Pascha, April 20, 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



## Holy Friday and Saturday All Night Vigil April 18 and 19

Sign-up sheets will be put out 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 Beginning at 4:15pm

- ❖ Kindergarten through Fourth grade will do an activity with Mary Curry and Kristine Lindblom
- ❖ Toddlers and preschoolers will head to one of the preschool rooms

The children will be brought back into the service after the Old Testament readings. Please contact Cara Fletes with any questions.

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## Parish Events and News

### Food For Hungry People

*~Remember to Turn in Your 'Food for Hungry Boxes' This Week~*



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## All Things Pascha

### Agape Vespers – Sunday, April 20 – 3:15pm

The Gospel is read in different languages to celebrate the universality of the Joy of Christ's Resurrection – Procession to the cemetery and Easter Feast following.

### Easter Feast – April 20, 2025

We look forward to celebrating with everyone on Pascha! Here is the order of events to be aware of for the feast. Children's egg hunt (immediately following Agape vespers/procession) & appetizers (*Around 4pm*).

- ❖ Blessing of the food & time to eat
- ❖ Dessert & begin moving tables for dancing
- ❖ Folk dancing
- ❖ Feast ends & clean up begins (*Around 8pm*)

### Pascha Egg Hunt

We will have the Pascha Egg Hunt immediately following Agape Vespers (and the Procession to the Cemetery) on Pascha afternoon. All children through 6th Grade are welcome! Meet outside the upstairs main church entrance where kids will be divided into groups according to age/grade. 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 (907-726-7389).



### Bright Monday Cleanup Starts at 9am

- ❖ Bright Monday clean-up: Jennifer Gillquist & Hannah Johnson (with parishioners)
- ❖ Grill clean up: Eric Johnson & Chris Kies

Please consider helping out on Bright Monday, cleaning will begin at 9am and Pascha leftovers will be provided.

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## *April 20, 2025 - No Coffee Hour - Pascha Feast*

**Next Sunday – Group D – April 27, 2025      Hosts: Dougherty / Goetz**

*Snacks: Alexander, Arvidson, Clement, Clodfelter, Cowan, Dougherty, FrM & Kh. Betsy Dunaway, Dyal, Fletes, Haines, Goetz, Hightower, B & M Johnson, Jones, Kies, Lamb, Mee, Moses, Palmer, Parker, Ray, Snider, Stogsdill, I, Temple, Terrell, Van Dyke, Webster*

## *Notes and Pictures from Parishioners*

### **“Checking In” with Each Other**

Is there something you'd like to share? Please email [cathedral@stjohnalaska.org](mailto:cathedral@stjohnalaska.org)



On Lazarus Saturday we celebrated the baptism of Natalie Doss and the Chrismation's of 5 new adult members of our Cathedral: Zach and Nellie Doss, Joshua and Nicole Unser, and Bradley Forbes. May God grant them many years!

### **Work in Progress on the two Cupolas for St. Sergius Chapel**

Sam Stogsdill and Myles Kelly are working away on building the two Cupolas for our Chapel. Once constructed and prepped, Kathy Stone will begin working on the gold leaf.

They are working out of Bruce Johnson's garage (thank you Bruce) if you care to stop by and check it out.





## *Dates to Remember*

### *Birthdays This Week*

April 21 - Jerry Finkler

April 21 - Kristine Lindblom

April 23 - Kristine Lindblom

*M A N Y Y E A R S !*

April 23 - Kathleen Sorensen

April 23 - Sam Lowry

April 25 - Jessica Kies



### *Anniversaries This Week*



Jeff & Darlene Hunter - April 22, 1979

### *Remembering in Prayer...*

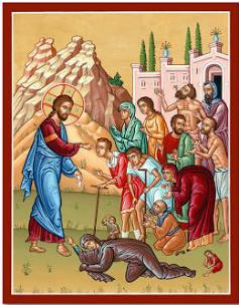
Gwyn Jones  
Joe Dunham

Kerry Jones  
Elisa Betson

Chris Grasse  
Joséphine Hanna & her  
family

Sylvia Villafana  
Helen Gillquist

*We 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*



\* Kent Allen Ihde - April 13, 2000

\* Herb Enns - April 21, 2003

*M E M O R Y E T E R N A L !*

### *Thursday Reading Group*



The Thursday reading group will meet on Thursday of Bright Week at the Senior Center at 10 am. Then we are planning to eat lunch together at the Senior center. Patricia Bowers will be there and would like to visit with us all afterwards

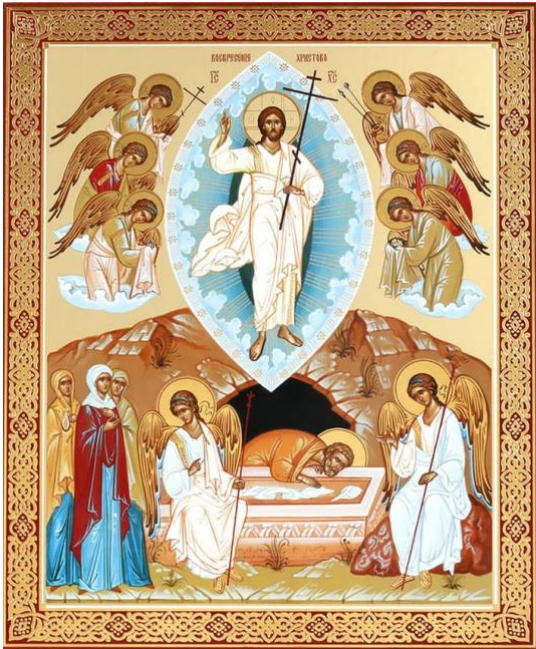
### *Clare House Meal - 4th Saturday of Each Month*

For the Month of **APRIL** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:  
**April 26, 2025.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



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## 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, 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 he 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, ran and entered the tomb and found only the linen clothes lying there. They returned with great joy to the city, and began to preach the Resurrection of Christ, having seen Him alive in truth five times that very day.

We celebrate this joyful Resurrection, and by kissing one another with the holy kiss, we illustrate the dissolution of the wall of enmity that was between us and God, and our reconciliation through Christ.

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

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