

*Great and Holy
Pascha
Feast of Feasts*

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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*

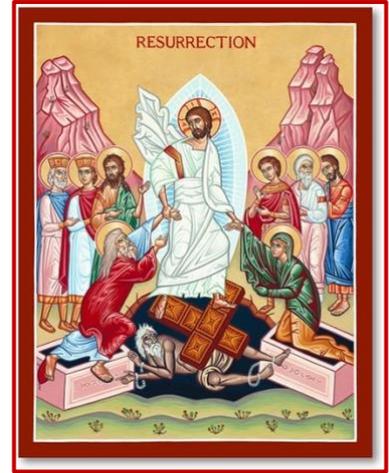
St. John Orthodox Cathedral

Weekly Bulletin



*Sunday, May 2, 2021
And the Days Following*

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*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.*

### **A Note About Assigned Groups For Holy Friday Great Vespers and Holy Saturday Vesperal Liturgy**

These services have been assigned to specific groups, however, anyone can attend these services, by participating either in the downstairs livestream or out on the lawn with your own device to livestream. (You can also check with the ushers to see if there is room inside the Nave/Narthex).

### *Divine Liturgy Group Schedule and Group Assignments*

#### **This Week**

- ❖ Holy Friday, April 30, Great Vespers 6:15pm – **TABOR/ZION**
- ❖ Holy Friday, All-Night Vigil – Sign-up Sheet in the Narthex
- ❖ Holy Saturday, May 1, Matins 7:15am – **ALL**
- ❖ Holy Saturday, May 1, Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil 4:15pm – **OLIVET /SINAI**
- ❖ Pascha, May 2, Matins & Divine Liturgy of St. John 4am – **SPECIAL GROUPS**
- ❖ Pascha, May 2, Agape Vespers Outside 3:15pm – **ALL**



#### **Bright Week**

- ❖ Bright Monday, May 3, Bright Week Hours at 12:15pm – **ALL**
- ❖ Bright Wednesday, May 5, Paschal Divine Liturgy at 6:15pm – **TABOR/ZION**
- ❖ Thomas Sunday, May 9, Matins & Divine Liturgy 9:15am – **OLIVET /SINAI**

## Parish Events and News



### Sign-Up for Friday Night Vigil

The Sign-up Sheet for the Vigil that goes from Friday night to Saturday morning is available in the Narthex. Families can sign-up to read the Psalms for half an hour before the Tomb of Christ.

### Agape Vespers

Agape Vespers will be served from the front doors of the Cathedral with room for everyone to gather on the Church lawn. For those who need to be inside, chairs will be set up at the east end of the Narthex. After the Vespers we will make our customary procession to the Cathedral cemetery. The Easter Egg hunt will follow.

### Kids Easter Egg Hunt - 4:15pm Start Time



After Agape Vespers and our walk down to the cemetery all the children will meet on the porch of the Cathedral. Fr. Marc will give the go ahead for the Easter Egg Hunt to begin.

#### Here are the Egg Hunt Areas:



1-2 year old's – Front of the St. James House

3-4 year old's (preschool age) – Church Lawn

K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade – Back of St. James House

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and up – Scavenger / Egg Hunt in Fr. Marc's Backyard.

### Paschal Meal

There will be a specially-prepared Take-out Easter-Meal. This year the meal will be Hawaiian Themed. Feel free to wear you Hawaiian themed clothing ☺ You may take this meal home or share it on the Church lawn with others. A few folding chairs may be available, but please feel free to bring your own camp chairs or blankets, as you wish.

### Bright Monday Morning Clean Up

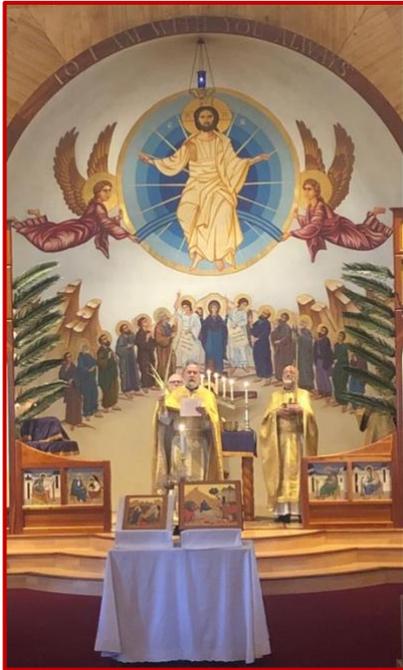
Clean up take place as usual. Volunteers show up to help remove wax from the carpets and generally clean up the Cathedral. We will end as usual with the beautiful Bright Week Hours at 12:15pm.



### Bright Week and Saint Thomas

Bright Week and Saint Thomas Sunday. We will have Paschal Liturgy on Wednesday Evening at 6:15pm assigned to Groups **Tabor & Zion**. Saint Thomas Sunday Matins and Liturgy will be assigned to **Olivet & Sinai**. For the weeks following this, we will make a new schedule for Divine Liturgy based on our experience of Holy Week.

## *Pictures from Palm Sunday & Holy Week*



### **Palm Sunday**

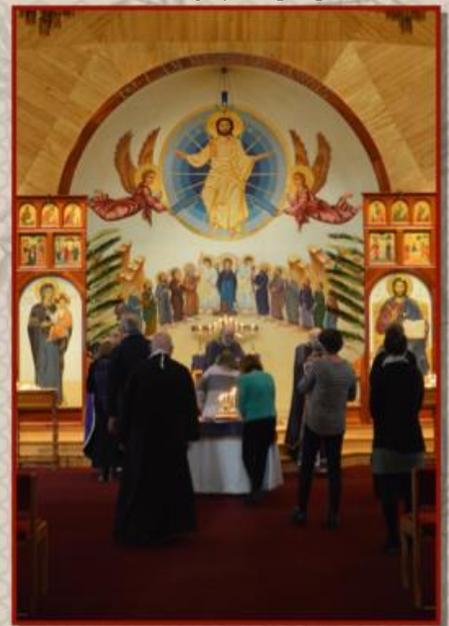
**Those present held palms and branches high as Fr. Tom prayed to bless them.**

*Giving us before Your Passion, an assurance of the general resurrection, You have raised Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God...*

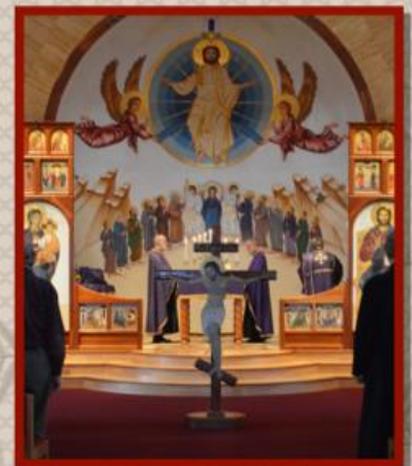
*"The Bridegroom comes in the middle of the night..."*



*Holy Unction Service. The anointing of the people.*



*Holy Thursday – The Mystical Supper.  
"The glorious disciples were illumined at the washing of the feet ..."*



*Holy Friday. "Come and let us sing all the praises of Him Who was crucified for us..."*

***Services of Holy Week - 2021***

## Dates to Remember

### Birthdays This Week

May 4 - Henry Ihde  
May 5 - Mary Greene

May 8 - Jeff Hunter  
May 9 - Bethany Dunaway

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



### Anniversaries This Week

Fr. Robert & Kh. Colleen Polson - May 1, 1982  
David & Kristine Lindblom - May 2, 2002  
Michael & Danielle Seine - May 5, 2019

### Remembering in Prayer...



*Preston Collier  
Helen Gillquist  
Jan Northey  
Lina Curry  
Melanie Rogers  
Anna Haley  
Tom Johnson*

*Catherine Cowan  
Mother Galina*

*All Those Suffering With Covid*

*Tisha Dunham  
Margaret Grasse  
Eloise Lamb  
Phebe Dyal  
Myles Kelly  
Chris Grasse  
Safwat Attia  
(Sara Truelson's Dad)  
Robin Armstrong  
Katie Jones*

### Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep This Month



- \* Infant - Lazarus Frizelle - 5/1/2008
- \* Abner Picon - 5/1/2016
- \* Presbyter Garland Peters 5/6/1979

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

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

For the Month of **MAY** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:  
**Saturday, May 22.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



# The Synaxarion

Great & Holy Pascha – Feast of Feasts

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 cloths 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. This Feast was called Pascha from the Jewish name; for Christ by His Passion and Resurrection translated us from the curse of Adam and the bondage of Satan to the ancient liberty and bliss. As for the day of the week, which is called in Hebrew the first day, being dedicated to our Lord for His glorification and magnification, it is called in Greek, *Kyriake*, or the Lord's Day. The disciples transferred to it the dignity of the Sabbath after the Law of the Old Testament, and prescribed that it be a holiday and a day of rest.

