

The Weekly Messenger –May 5, 2013
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Epistle - Acts 1:1-8 Gospel – John 1:1-17

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN! **KRISHTI U NGJALL! VERTET U NGJALL!**

Holy Unction: the Sacrament or Mystery of Holy Unction is conducted in Orthodox parishes. The Sacrament of Holy Unction is offered for the healing of soul and body and for forgiveness of sins. At the conclusion of the service of the Sacrament, the body is anointed with oil, and the grace of God, which heals infirmities of soul and body, is called down upon each person. *Wednesday, May 1st 7:00 pm*

Holy Thursday: four events are commemorated: the washing of the disciples' feet, the institution of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, the agony in the garden of Gethsemane, and the betrayal of Christ by Judas. *May 2nd 7:00 pm*

Holy Friday: the Orthodox Church commemorates the death of Christ on the Cross. This is the culmination of the observance of His Passion by which our Lord suffered and died for our sins. This commemoration begins on Thursday evening with the Matins of Holy Friday and concludes with a Vespers on Friday afternoon that observes the unnauling of Christ from the Cross and the placement of His body in the tomb. *May 3rd Vespers 3:00 pm & 7:00 pm*
Lamentations

Great Saturday: the Church contemplates the mystery of the Lord's descent into Hades, the place of the dead. Death, our ultimate enemy, is defeated from within. "He (Christ) gave Himself as a ransom to death in which we were held captive, sold under sin. Descending into Hades through the Cross. He loosed the bonds of death" *Liturgy of St. Basil May 4th 10:00 am*

Great & Holy Pascha: Orthodox Christians celebrate the life-giving Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This feast of feasts is the most significant day in the life of the Church. It is a celebration of the defeat of death, as neither death itself nor the power of the grave could hold our Savior captive. In this victory that came through the Cross, Christ broke the bondage of sin, and through faith offers us restoration, transformation, and eternal life.
May 4th 11:00 pm Nocturnes & Matins followed by 12:00am (midnight) Divine Liturgy
Sunday, May 5th Agape Vespers 1:00 pm

Above information taken from (<http://lent.goarch.org/learn>)

Commemorations for the Living: Metropolitan Tikhon, Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, The victims in the Boston bombing, Cranford, Kristin Snow, Madeline Couris-Guarinello, Jennie Sapnas, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Mary Legidakas, Francesca Giansante, Pandeli Spiro, Rosemary Notskas, Peter Mallios, Katherine Zoidis, Marcena Moore, Flossie Vissar, Kathleen, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all the servicemen especially, Matthew Sherwood (Army-Afghanistan), Steven Cosmo (Marines-Romania), Dylan Colclough (Marines-South Korea).

Commemorations for the Departed: Dorothy Pashko, Dorothy Adams, Vrisidha Zoto, Nick Naum, Martin Richard, Krystle Campbell, Lu Lingzi (victims in the Boston bombing), Sean Collier (MIT Officer- Boston), Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Pastoral Coverage: Holy Week & Pascha (May 5th) Father Brooks
May 12 & 19, June 2 & 9 Father Joe Toroney
May 26, June 16 & 23 Father Mark Koczak

Coffee Hour Sponsors:

May 5th Parish Council will sponsor refreshments after the 11:00 pm Paschal Liturgy
May 12th Family & Friends of Ed & Cathy Anderson in their memory
May 19th Ghicondes/Ghicondey Families in memory of Spiro
May 26th Cutshaw, Zoto, Efessiou Families in memory of Vrisidha Zoto

Open coffee hour dates: June 23, August 25, Sept 1, Nov 3 & 24, Dec 1. Please sign up!

Important Dates: HOLY WEEK please attend as many services as you can.

May 5th Agape Vespers 1 pm - Gospel read in different languages
May 12th 40 Day Memorial Nick Naum, 3 year Memorial Cathy & Ed Anderson
May 19th 1 year Memorial Spiro Ghicondes
May 26th 40 Day Memorial Vrisidha Zoto

Sunday School Lazarus Saturday retreat was a great success we had over 20 children in attendance. Fr. Brooks did a first confession with the children and performed the liturgy with the children observing from the alter area. The Dardaris family donated a pizza lunch and Michele Anderson donated many crafts. We had a variety of games and activities. Thanks to everyone who came and worked to make this a great day.

Thank you to our parishioners who have made Pascha donations. Very much appreciated

We are very grateful to Father Brooks for serving at St. John Chrysostom during Holy Week and Pascha....Thank you Father Brooks!

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