

**Christ is Risen!  
Indeed He is Risen!**



**Христос Воскресе!  
Воистину Воскресе!**

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*Saint Mary*  *Orthodox Church*

*Newsletter*

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

*CHRIST IS RISEN!*

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*Sunday April 15, 2018*

*9:30am Divine Liturgy Saint Thomas Sunday*

*Coffee Social with Adult Education Class "Looking at the Liturgies of St. John & Saint Basil the Great"*

***Tuesday April 17 thru Friday April 20 Father is attending Priests Retreat at Camp Nazareth***

*Saturday April 21, 2018*

***No Vespers today!***

*Sunday April 22, 2018*

*9:30am Divine Liturgy  
Potluck Coffee Social/Pantry*

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# The Great & Holy Pascha Epistle Reading

## The Reading is from Acts of the Apostles 5:12-20

Brethren,



In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets; that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of life."

# The Great and Holy Pascha Gospel Reading

## The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31



Let us attend,

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them: "Peace be with you.." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and side. Then the disciples ere glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Now Thomas one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the others disciples told him: "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them: "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said: "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

## ***Priest's Convocation***

***Tuesday April 17***

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***Friday April 20***

I will be attending the Priest's Convocation from Tuesday April 17, 2018 thru Friday April 20, 2018.

If you are in need of a priest please call Pani Joan at 962-5285 for assistance or call my cell phone 377-0587 and I will return your call a.s.a.p.

Father Dan

### ***THANK YOU!***

*Mary Leonard and Carole Herrlich for taking time out of their busy holiday schedules. Mary beautifully decorated the icon of the Resurrection that glorifies Christ's Resurrection on the tetrapod and Carole baked the wonderful Artos that was blessed at Resurrection Matins and will be given out this morning at the conclusion of our Divine Liturgy.*

*Both Mary and Carole have been doing this for many years and we are so grateful to them.*

*May our risen Lord grant Mary and Carole with good health, happiness and salvation for many blessed years! Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!*

### ***Adult Ed resumes.....***

*We will resume our Adult Education class this morning after what seems an "eternity." Classes will begin towards the end of our coffee social and will be approximately 30 minutes in length and will be held the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. We will look at the liturgies of St. John Chrysostom and St. Basil the Great and discuss their differences. Please join us!*

*"Thomas placed his restless hand into Your life-giving side, O Christ our God; and since You entered, although the doors were locked, he cried to You with the other Apostles: "You are my Lord and my God."*

*Kondak for Saint Thomas Sunday*

## April Birthdays/Anniversaries

April 14 Andrew Chudanic

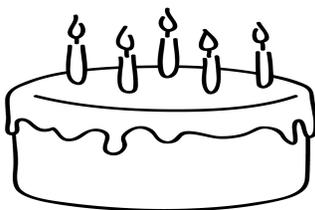
April 14 Jay Tostanoski

April 18 Christina H.

Anniversaries

April 18 Tom & Jean Cox

April 23 Chris & Stacy  
Gabel



**G**od grant your servants good health, happiness, salvation for many blessed Years!!



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***Ladies Altar Society Notices***

***Ladies Altar Society Annual Stewardship!***

*All women of our parish are encouraged to make their annual contribution to the ongoing efforts of the Altar Society. There is no minimum amount; please pray and with God's help decide what of your time, talents and treasures you can give back to our parish, our community and our Lord. Please submit your stewardship dues to the Altar Society Treasurer, Nancy Coons by April 30.*

***Patriarchal Pence***

*Our Annual Contribution for the support of our Patriarch in Constantinople is now upon us. Our Patriarch Bartholomew and the Patriarchal Throne is persecuted by the Turkish Government and receives no support of any kind and relies on the good will of offerings given by Orthodox Christians throughout the world.*

*Last year through your generosity we contributed \$300.00. Let's try to equal or exceed last year's donation.*

*If you haven't made your donation please see Rodney a.s.a.p.*

***Due by April 29, 2018***



## PASCHAL TRANSITION

“It is the day of resurrection! Let us be radiant, O People! Pascha! The Lord’s Pascha! For Christ our God has brought us from death to life, and from earth to heaven, as we sing the song of victory!”  
(Paschal Canon, Irmos-hymn of Ode 1)

Transitions can be hard. And yet, I am invited, on “the day of the resurrection,” to join the Lord’s Great Transition,—the Lord’s “Pascha” or “Passover” from death to life, and from earth to heaven. This “day” is every day in the life of anyone who believes in the risen Lord; “This is the day which the Lord has made” (Ps 117/118:24), also this Friday of Bright Week, on which I am, once again, invited to join “the Lord’s Pascha” and to transition from any death I may have slipped into, into Life in Christ.

So let me re-connect with the risen Lord this morning, in some heartfelt prayer, and let Him bring me “from death to life,” as only He can. “This is the day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Because we can do that, on any day.

## The Orthodox Church: 455 Questions & Answers by Stanley Hara- kas



**Question:** There is no mention of such a thing as Easter in the Holy Bible. Pascha (or Passover) is what is mentioned. Did our Lord and

Savior command that we celebrate Pascha as His Resurrection every year?

**Answer:** The English word “Easter” is not a biblical word. It is thought to be a translation of the name of the Anglo-Saxon Spring goddess, “Eostre”. In any case, it is an English word which is used today to translate the Greek term “Pascha,” which translates the Hebrew term for Passover. The Christian Church transformed the Jewish Passover, which commemorated of the Hebrew people from Egyptian bondage, into a feast which commemorated the death and resurrection of Christ which freed humanity from the bondage of death, sin, and evil. We do not have a command from Jesus to celebrate the Paschal Feast. But the Bible clearly indicates the New Testament belief

that Christ is the New Pascha for believers in Him, and that this is to be celebrated by the Christians: “For Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival...” (1 Corinthians 5:7). Thus, the celebration of Christ’s Resurrection became the first Christian feast—the Christian Pascha.

*“For Christ our  
paschal lamb, has  
been sacrificed.”*

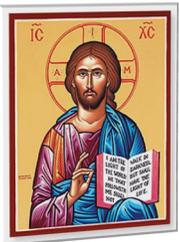
## FROM FATHER'S DESK....



- If you would like to meet with Father, please call him @607-962-5285 to arrange a time and place which is convenient for you.
- **Emergency Sick Calls:** Father is available for emergencies at any time. Please call him @ 607-962-5285 or on his cell phone @ 607-377-0587.
- **Our Mailing Address is:**  
61 Canada Road Painted Post, NY 14870
- **Confessions** are heard after Vespers on Saturday, after any weekday or Lenten service or by calling Father for an appointment.
- **Marriages** are solemnized on Saturdays. Consult Father at least six months in advance and before plans have been made for the wedding reception. Marriages cannot be celebrated during the fasting seasons of the Church.
- **Baptisms** are normally scheduled on Saturday or Sunday. Consult Father for scheduling. Two God-parents are required, at least one of whom must be Orthodox by faith and the other a practicing Christian.
- **Church Funerals** are provided for practicing Orthodox Christians who are current in their Spiritual and Financial obligations to the parish otherwise burial is from the funeral home.
- If you would like to schedule a Panachida for your loved one please call Father at 962-5285

**The Church does not permit Cremation.**

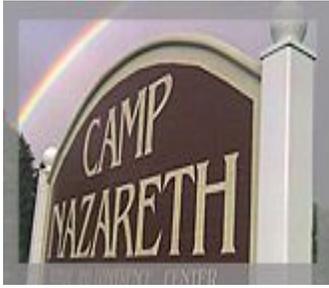
## PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS



His Grace, Bishop GREGORY; Protopresbyter Frank Miloro; Protopresbyter John Duranko; Protopresbyter Jim Dutko; Protopresbyter Luke Mihaly; Protopresbyter Lawrence Barriger; Protopresbyter Kenneth Bachofsky; V. Rev. Thomas Kadlek; V. Rev. Michael Kleban; Very Rev. John Baranik; V. Rev. Michael Psenechnuk; Rev. James Gleason; V. Rev. Jason Kappanadze;

Father James Worthington and Family Deacon Charles Ellis; Deacon Donald Koch; Mother Alphaela; Pani Joan; Pani Kathleen Dutko; Pani Patricia Duranko; Pani-Matka Julia Romanchak; Sally Ellis; Judy Koch; Michael Banik; Helen Verno; Eleanor Adzima; Stan Lewek; Michael & Delores Kundrat; Vasyl & Lyudmyla Hayova; Helen Coons; Anna Soraparu; Mary Benyo; Anna Chudanic; Paul Rodrigues; George Officer; Michael Matzkevich; Marlene Wheet; Mae Mary Shonak; Helen Molson; Donna Blazosky; Tom Serdula; Art Gallant; Karen Kluchonic; Nancy Murphy-Teed; Joyce Nissen; Chelsea Roman; Gloria Ewsuk; Andrew Chudanic; Tammy Pierson; Jeanne Zimmer; Denise Topichak; Linda Sambursky

To Jonathan Share who is serving in the United States Navy; Tyler Colburn serving in the United States Army; Douglas Linsey serving in the United States Army and to all of our men and women who are serving and protecting our country both at home and abroad.



## ***FAMILY DAY RAFFLE DRAWING***

***SUNDAY JUNE 3, 2018***

*Camp Nazareth's Family Day Raffle Tickets have arrived and are now available for purchase. Tickets are still only \$20 for a opportunity to win the **Grand Prize of \$10,000.***

*Proceeds from the raffle help defray maintenance and upkeep expenses throughout the year. Camp Nazareth is truly the crown-jewel of our Diocese and each year children from within and outside the Diocese enjoy coming to camp, renewing old friendships and making new friends, enjoying ALL that the Camp offers and at the same time learning about God and His Holy Orthodox Church through praying together, worshiping together and just as important PLAYING together and enjoying each other's company forging friendships that can last a life-time! We were allotted '28' tickets! **LET'S SELL THEM ALL!***

***See Pani Joan to purchase your ticket after Liturgy!***

## ***THE NON-EVENT RAFFLE***



*This year we will not be having a Spring Basket Raffle. Cancellation of two bake sales (sponsored by the Ladies Altar Society) and the Basket Raffle (sponsored by the church) has significantly impacted the ability to financially help our church.*

*To partially defray financial losses, each parishioner is asked in the Spirit of Stewardship, to give a cash donation of what they would have spent on the Spring Raffle. Some parishioners donate baskets, others donate cash for expenses. Still others buy door prizes and others purchase tickets. Please search your heart and support our "Non-Event". Envelopes will be distributed for you to use for this special donation. Please return it to Rodney Kerrick by May 6th.*

*Thank you and God Bless!*