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**The Glorious and Brilliant Feast PASCHA**

On the Holy and Great Sunday of the Passover, 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 the abundant spoils of victory, which He had snatched.

Mary the 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 and prepared ointment and spices, that they might come later and anoint the body of Jesus. They rested 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 25 of March, or 36 hours after the death of the life-giving Jesus, the women came to the sepulchre with their prepared ointments. And as they were pondering the difficulty of rolling the stone from the gate of the sepulchre, a great earthquake took place, and angel of the Lord came down, whose appearance was like lightning and his clothes like snow, and rolled away the stone and sat thereon. The guards trembled with fear, became like dead, and fled. But the women entered the sepulchre and found not 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 the 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 Passover 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.

To Him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

# St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church



**May 2, 2021**

**The Glorious and Brilliant Feast of PASCHA**

**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

# Welcome!

## To Our Guests:

While we are not yet in formal inter-communion with other faith traditions, we have much respect for their rites of worship and sanctuaries of prayer. In our tradition, **Holy Communion is open only to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession.** Please do not be offended by this if you are not an Orthodox Christian or in good standing with the Church. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

*In our tradition... we stand as long as the Holy Eucharist is in the nave; we are in the presence of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ. We remain standing as communicants come forward to receive the Holy Gifts. Of course, if you have a physical disability or are unable to stand due to pain, please do sit as necessary. Otherwise, we should always stand at this time.*

**Epistle Reading:** Acts: 1:1-8

**Gospel Reading:** St. John 1:1-17

## Saints of the Day

Athanasios the Great, patriarch of Alexandria, Martyrs Hesperos, Zoe and their sons Kyriakos and Theodoulos in Attalia; translation of the relics of the holy Passion-bearers Boris and Gleb.

## A Spring Message from the Parish Council

Dear Parishioners, as we welcome the spring, we are now able to ease some of the restrictions required by the Archdiocese and Jefferson Parish. We were able to have our annual parish meeting and thank you for your participation. Until we are completely sure that it is safe, please continue to wear masks and observe social distancing in church and in the parish hall. The reception of Holy Communion is encouraged but, as always, is optional. We will try to offer snacks and coffee again after the liturgy as soon as possible. Thanks be to God for blessing our parish during these difficult times

—Rob Booms, Chairman of the Parish Council.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – Unnailing Vespers, 3:00 P.M.

Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – Lamentations Orthros, 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – Vesperal Divine Liturgy & Chrismations, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – Rush Procession & Orthros, 11:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Divine Liturgy of Great & Holy PASCHA, 12:00 A.M.

Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Agape Vespers, 11:00 A.M.

Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

## **Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum**



The possum family was under the altar, a few Sundays ago, listening to Father Peter's sermon about angels. Except for some of the new age people, our secular society does not believe in angels. Yet the Bible and the Orthodox Church teach that they are very real and have played important roles in the Old and New Testaments. To mention just a few, think of Gabriel and Michael and the angel who was present at the tomb of our Lord. Orthodox Saints and theologians also tell us that each of us has a guardian angel whose job is to protect and guide us. After we die, the guardian angel can advocate for us. Whether we wish to acknowledge the angel's presence is a personal decision but the angel is always there and ready to help. It is proper to pray to your guardian angel and to view the angel as your adviser and companion. In the Orthodox liturgy, there is a prayer for "an angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies." For such an angel, let us entreat the Lord — Theo

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## ***Spiritual Counsels...***

"The ear attentive to wholesome correction finds itself at home in the company of the wise." – Proverbs 15:31

**Today's Ushers:** Michael Zelesnik & Dwight Gillis. **Next Week:** Mihai Leustean.

**Today's coffee hour:** . **Next Sunday:** .

## **GREAT LENT, HOLY WEEK & PASCHA DONATIONS**

Donations were received from the following persons and families:

Mariam Ammari for the health of Mariam, Fouad, Jawad, Mousa, Shaker, Raed & their families (many years), and for the repose of Rakad, Tamam, Fouzy, Akram, Shoufa, Emil & Vera (memory eternal);

Alex Bolanos & Laurie Bolanos;

Cynthia Capobianco for the health of Frank, Cynthia, Ilyana, John, Nick, Nicole, Lacie, Brittnay, Stacy & Kelly (many years), and for the repose of Frank & the departed members of the Kogos & Draky families (memory eternal);

Therese Dagher for the health of Bruno, Toufic & Caroline and their families, Ayman & Therese (many years), and for the repose of Sophie, Assaad, Mairie, Alex, Georges, Lily, Mario, Francesco, Emile & Tony (memory eternal);

Olga Dean for the health of Olga, Svetlana, Denis, Vladimir, George & Sergey (many years), and for the repose of Alexandra, Vladimir, Alexander, Stefan, Faisa & Semeon (memory eternal);

The DiGiovanni family for the health of the DiGiovanni, Borrás, Accardo & Ferre families (many years), and for the repose of the departed members of the DiGiovanni, Borrás, Accardo & Ferre families (memory eternal);

Yazmin Incaprera for the health of Frank, Charles, Yazmin, Mia, Coy, Kristen, Tyce, Jace, Iris, Nicolas, Santos, Namra & Michael (many years), and for the repose of Mary, Henry, Habous, Kamel, Namer, David, Hubert & Ruth (memory eternal);

The Kanelos family for the health of Evangelos, Polimnia, Yeoryios, Ioannis (many years), and for the repose of Irini, Mihail, Yeoryios & Ioannis (memory eternal);

The Kocic family for the health of Paulina, Vljako, Ljiljana, Nikola, Ljubomir, Lauren, Bella, Maximus, Karen & family (many years), and for the repose of the departed members of the Kocic, Piskulic, Djordjevic, Stevanovic, Pavasovic, Mitrovic & Lebedina families (memory eternal);

The Lindley family for the health of Gregory, Tatiana, Anna, Irina, Vadim, Lyubov, Konstantin, Nikolai, Tatiana, Svetlana, Raisa, Marina, Oksana, Natalia, Natalia, Svetlana, Elena, Konstantin, Valeriy, Valeriy & Sergiy (many years), and for the repose of Glikeria, Fyodor, Maria, Dora, Domna, Nikolay, Ivan, Yuriy, Fyodor, Ivan, Evgenia, Evgenia, Evgenia, Ignatiy, Olga, Lyubov & Boris (memory eternal);

The Lonadier family for the health of Fr. Genadii, Olga, Jimmy, Evgenii, Lana, Nonna & Maria (many years), and for the repose of Michail, Olga, Anna, Anisim, Georgii, Anisim & Heema (memory eternal);

Sophia McBride for the health of Isaac, Sharrie, Karrie, Stephanie, Tyler, James, Katheryne, Paisia, Eligius, Georgia, Sophia, Justuce, Seraphima, Eleni, Paisius, Bridgit, Melania, Dino, Tonia, Kaela, Paul, Christina, Ted, Syd, Pam, Fr. George, Joshua, Mikala, Isabel, Elizabeth, Elijah, Xenia, Lubov, Fr. Daniel, Pres. Maria, Timothy, Stephanie, RC, Janie, Dave, Scott, Mike, Kevin, Chad, Annie, Nicole, Sammie, Tori, Holly, AJ, Will, Michelle, Maria, Janie, Stacey, Elizabeth, Jaclyn (many years), and for the repose of Gabriel, Felix, Jennifer, Rebecca, Brad, Zack, Chris, Charles, Arthur, Gale, Kathy, Jon, Suzanne, Roger, Nathiel, Sophia, Mary, John, Gene, Katheryn, George, Bubba, Nancy, Darrel & Kay (memory eternal);

Joel & April Ocana for the health of Joel, Zoe, Anna, Michael, V. Rev. John, Lauren, Jeremy, Maleek, Malina, Marshall, Ivan, Jaedon, Brian, Alisha, & the Ocana, Aultman, Sullivan, Daly, Thompson & Rueda families (many years), and for the repose of Matushka Eileen, John, Emily Winfred, Annabelle, Marybelle, Peter, Richard, John and the departed members of the Ocana, Aultman, Sullivan, Daly, Thompson & Rueda families (memory eternal);

Naheel Rafeedie for the health of Naheel, Nadeem, Helen, Victor, Manal, Michael, Martha, Abby, Michael Jr, Matthew, Hayly, Steven (many year), and for the repose of Basem, Michael, Nijmeh, Nicola, Zahiya, Essa, Richard, Kamil, Mary & Ellen (memory eternal);

Stavros & Despina Savvaides for the health of Stavros, Despina, Eleni, Anastasios, Apostolos, Sophia, Zoie, Louis, Dean, Haley (many years), and for the repose of Ioannis, Sophia, Yeorgios, Maria, Andreas, Eleni, Anastasios & Athinna (memory eternal);

The Yordanov family for the health of Yordan, Maia, Anna, Ioan, Danny, Penka, Yordanka, Zhenya, Jack, Yasen, Maria, Polina & Nedelina (many years), and for the repose of Yordan, Boyanka, Ghina, Jelyazko, Pencho, Rayko, Neyka, Yordan, Nedelch, Yvanka (memory eternal).

## **A-Peal for the Bell...**



The bell was originally used in the National Shrine of St. Anna in the Tremé neighborhood of New Orleans during the 19th century and early part of the 20th century. Please consider contributing to the cost of the bell and its installation. Any gifts should be marked “Church Bell”. You are also invited to several upcoming fundraising lunches and hope that you can attend. —Rob Booms, Chairman of the Parish Council



### ***The Bookstore Bee***

This month in St. Basil’s bookstore we would like to bring attention to the beautiful icons we have for sale. We offer a variety of icons in many sizes. For your traveling purposes, we also have small triptych and diptych icons. These are also a great addition to an icon corner in your home. If you are looking for a particular icon, we can also order those.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please remember to return your Lenten coin boxes. The collection, God willing, will be tallied up and forwarded to the Archdiocese office.

There is no fasting until Friday, June 11.

As of April 1, 2021, 35 pledges were received for 2021 totaling \$78,874. The donations for March 2021 totaled \$23,004.00. The expenses were \$9,619.19 for an end-of-month balance of \$47,734.36. Thank you.