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Great and Holy Pascha

It is the Pasch; the Pasch of the Lord.
O You, who are truly all in all!
The joy, the honor, the food and the
delight of every creature;
through You the shadows of death
have fled away,
and life is given to all,
the gates of heaven are flung open.

God becomes man
and man is raised up to the likeness of God.
O divine Pasch!
O Pasch, light of new splendor.

The lamps of our souls will no more burn out.
The flame of grace,
divine and spiritual,

burns in the body and soul,
nourished by the resurrection of Christ.

We beg you, O Christ, Lord God,
eternal king of the spiritual world,
stretch out your protecting hands
over your holy Church
and over your holy people;
defend them, keep them, preserve them.

Raise up your standard over us
and grant that we may sing with Moses
the song of victory,
for yours is the glory and the power
for all eternity! Amen

St. Hippolytus of Rome

GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR



Icon of the Descent into Hades

**Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Festal Tone**

Welcome to the parish communities of SS. Peter and Paul and St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Churches of Minersville and Saint Clair, Pennsylvania. We greet and welcome you to our Church. Our Church is a holy place. Our Church is where we get together in Jesus' Name. It is holy because we come here to worship, to be nourished in faith through Sacred Scripture and preaching, to open our hearts and minds to celebrate the mystery of salvation in Jesus Christ and to dedicate ourselves to a life of holiness and service to the Lord and others. The church building itself reflects this faith and calls us to enter into communion with God. We invite you to share our faith in Jesus Christ, to experience our worship and to live a life dedicated to the service of God and one another in Jesus' Name.

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**April 4 – April 10, 2021
All Divine Services are livestreamed where noted**

- Saturday
5:00 p.m. **Matins of Resurrection w/Divine Liturgy** at St. Mary
- Sunday
8:00 a.m. **Matins of Resurrection w/Divine Liturgy** at SS Peter & Paul
Livestreamed
- Bright Monday
6:00 p.m. **+Veronica Sekellick** req. By Theresa Lubinsky
- Bright Tuesday
8:00 a.m. **+Anna Rushanan** req. by MM Al Vessotskie
- Bright Wednesday
8:00 a.m. **+Charles Todak** req. by MM Michael Hardock
- Bright Thursday
8:00 a.m. **No Divine Liturgy Today**
- Bright Friday
8:00 a.m. **+Mary Ihnatolya** req. by The Goetz Family
- Bright Saturday **Vigil** (at SS. Peter & Paul)
5:00 p.m. **+Sean Brandon Killian** req. by JoAnne, Gary & Nicole Killian
Correction - liturgy is at 4pm

Epistle Readers: 4/4 – Ellen Sinkovich; 4/10 – Angela Frank; 4/11 – Marie Wanchick; 4/17 – Gail Burgess; 4/18 – Jennifer Keer; 4/24 – Dolores Kramer; 4/25 – Anna Keer; 5/1 – Angela Frank.

Pastoral Greetings: It gives me great pleasure in greeting you on this most festive day in our liturgical calendar with the announcement **Christ is Risen!** On this most solemn day I extend to you my prayer for your deeper involvement in the Churches' life which constitutes our closeness to Jesus Christ.

Our ancestors would often say, “Bez Boha ani do poroha,” which means, “without God you cannot even cross the threshold.” The peasant wisdom of our forebears speaks of a deep faith and trust in God that is so very important in today's culture of the woke.

The current “wokeness” and “cancel culture” is a challenge to our Faith which can only be overcome by a firm trust in our Heavenly Father. Holy Mother Church through her liturgical life and teaching affords us the opportunity, and indeed presents us with the tools to live a resurrection life. I urge you, I encourage you to evaluate your priorities to ensure they are in accord with the Magisterium of the Church and the Traditions of our Thrice-blessed Byzantine Catholic Church.

I wish you the best as we celebrate the fifty days of Christ's Resurrection and throughout the entire year. I pray God gives you the strength to persevere in the Faith in the face of the stumbling blocks the evil one places before us.

God bless you. Christ is risen!

Father Gregory

CHRIST IS RISEN ! – INDEED HE IS RISEN !
Al Masiix qaam! Haqqan qaam!
Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!
Christus resurrexit! - Vere resurrexit!
Christos voskrese! Voistino voskrese!
Föltamádt Krisztus! Valoban Föltamádt!
Cristo ha resucitado! Verdaderamente ha resucitado
Le Christ est réssuscité! vraiment réssuscité!

Did You Know That ...

...Christ always has us in mind as He had us in mind on the cross?

...he who has learned to pray has learned the mystery of a holy and fulfilled life?

...Jesus who spun the galaxies, formed the earth, breathed life into humanity, willingly stooped to wash his disciples' feet?

...Christ comes among us to teach us to be servants?

...we ought always seek the secret of Christ's endurance?

...we should lean on Christ's strength, learn from his love and live in his grace?

...the sacramental Mystery of Chrismation confirms us in the knowledge of Christ and teaches us the power of his Resurrection?

...the things that matter most are not things at all?

...the winds of enthusiasm should sweep through you so that you live your life with gusto?

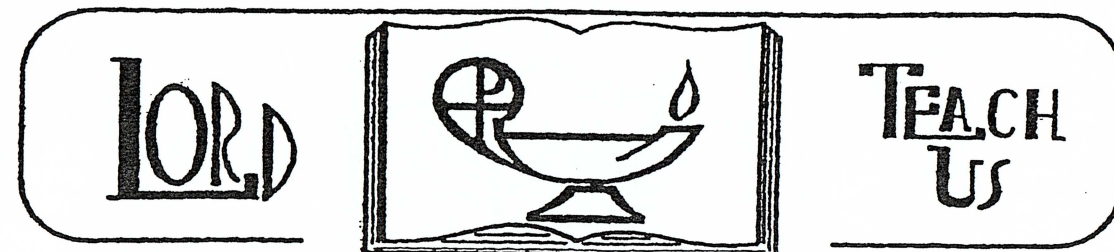
...you should take time for you, time to refresh, time to renew, time to indulge, time to save your soul?

...everyone needs an angel of mercy to comfort you, to lift your spirits, and help you through; an angel of light to brighten the hours, inspiring new joy in sunshine and showers; an angel of love to wrap you in prayer and help you remember that God is always there?

...a man never knows how much love his heart can hold until someone calls him *daddy*?

...when stressed out and nervous and running behind, when the world is too much and there is too little time, just to the place where love never ends, to the arms of the Lord, our Comforter and Friend?

... while we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about?



Resurrection

...to pray that their sinful deeds be blotted out...it was holy and pious thought...he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from their sin 2 Maccabees 12: 42, 46.

God is not the God of the dead, but of the living Matthew 22: 32.

He is not here; He is risen! Luke 24: 6.

I will raise him up on the last day John 6: 40, 54.

Your brother will rise again...I am the resurrection and the life... John 11: 23, 25.

The dead man came out...let him go free John 11: 43, 44.

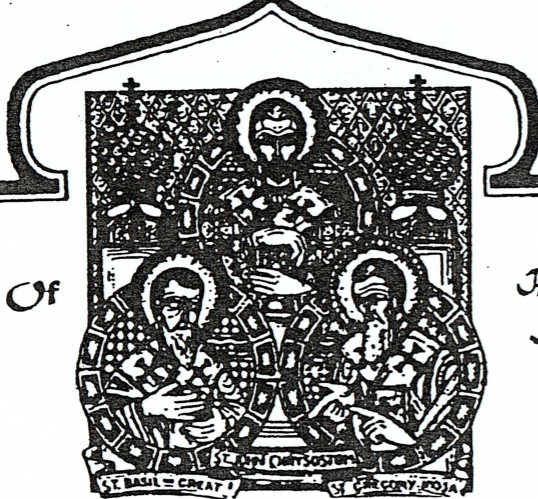
In the time after his suffering, he showed them in many convincing ways that he was alive, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking with them about the reign of God Acts of the Apostles 1: 3.

This is the Jesus God has raised up and we are his witnesses Acts of the Apostles 2: 32.

Yet God raised him up from the dead Acts of the Apostles 13: 30.

Suddenly there as a mighty earthquake as the angel descended from heaven Matthew 28: 2.

...three days and three nights in the whale's belly, so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth John 1: 17; Matthew 12: 40.



Wisdom Of
The

Byzantine
Fathers

The bread and wine of the Eucharist before the holy invocation of the adorable Trinity was simple bread and wine, but the invocation having been made, the bread becomes the body of Christ and the wine the blood of Christ. Do not, therefore regard the bread and wine simply that; for they are, according to the Master's declaration, the body and blood of Christ. Even though the senses suggest to you the other, let faith make you firm. Do not judge in this matter by taste, but be fully assured by faith, not doubting that you have been deemed worthy of the body and blood of Christ St. Cyril of Jerusalem.

Take note of those who hold heterodox opinions on the grace of Jesus Christ which has come to us, and see how contrary their opinions are to the mind of God....they abstain from the Eucharist and from prayer because they do not confess that the Eucharist is the flesh of our Saviour Jesus Christ, flesh which suffered for our sins and which the Father, in his goodness raised up again. They who deny the gift are perishing in their disputes St. Ignatius of Antioch.

Slavic Resurrection

"Twas the day before Resurrection and all through the house,
the hrudka was hanging, even tempting the mouse.

Beets were boiling as I grated with care,
as horseradish aroma was filling the air.

The Paska was sticky as a big lump of dough;
I kneaded to plump it so it would grow.

Raisins were added, then into the pan,
where inside the oven it began to brown and expand.

With baba in the kitchen and d'ido taking a nap,
I began cracking walnuts, leaving shells in my lap.

Opened jars of lekvar were soon everywhere,
filling rolls of kolachi was all I could bear.

Two dozen boiled eggs were waiting to cool
for coloring in pastel yellow, pink, green and blue.

Softening for the mold was a pound of sweet butter.

I prayed the counter would soon be cleared of the clutter.

The salt bowl was cleaned and filled to the top,
leaving only the meat before I could stop;

smoked kolbasa and bacon and brown-sugared ham.

Why can't we just bless cans of ready-to-to-eat Spam?

Finally with filled baskets in hand,

singing Christ Is Risen, the people did stand.

With candles and incense and blessings for all,

we bid each a holy celebration and left the hall.

At home the family gathered for the holy meal

wondering if it was all real.

Within an hour of eating everything they were able,

the family is too full to clear dishes from the table.