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Love Conquers All

A story is told of a man who, while he lived upon the earth, was unconcerned about the state of his soul, or spiritual growth, or eternity. When he died he found himself not enjoying eternal happiness but, rather, suffering eternal torment.

His friends and relatives went down to the gates of hell and tried to intercede for him, giving him a positive endorsement and a good character reference, but the gates of hell would not open to release him. Likewise, his parish priest tried to plead for him saying that he really wasn't all that bad. Still, the gates of hell remained closed. Finally, came his mother. She did not plead for him, she did not try to bargain for him, she did not make excuses for him. She simply said, "Let me in." The gates

of hell opened immediately because they could not withstand the force of love.

Our Father among the Saints, John Chrysostom writes: "Let no one fear death, for our Savior's death has set us free. He has destroyed death by enduring it. He has despoiled death by going down to its kingdom. O Death where is your sting, O Hades where is your victory? Christ is risen and you are abolished! Christ is risen and life is freed! Christ is risen and the tomb is emptied of the dead, for Christ has become the Leader and Reviver of those who had fallen asleep. To Him be glory and honor forever!" (*Paschal Sermon*)

**Christ is Risen! Indeed He Risen!
Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!**

PASCHA - THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



Icon of the Resurrection

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Christ is risen!

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Indeed He is!

Sunday of Resurrection
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 16 – April 23, 2022

All Divine Services are livestreamed where noted

Saturday Vigil of Pascha (at SS Peter & Paul)

4:00 p. m. **Health & Blessing of the Parishioners**

Pascha

8:00 a.m. **Matins of Resurrection w/Liturgy of St. John** (at St. Mary)

Bright Monday

6:00 p.m. **+Michael Sinko** req. by Anna Leshko

Bright Tuesday

8:00 a.m. **H&B Tom & Gwenn Petty** req. by Anna Jane Petty

Bright Wednesday

8:00 a.m. **No Divine Liturgy**

Bright Thursday

8:00 a.m. **+Helen Platko** req. by Janet & Mike Mitchell

Bright Friday

8:00 a.m. **+Jeanette Lohin** req. by Joe & Judy Kostura

Bright Saturday **St. George the Great Martyr**

9:00 a.m. **+Veronica Steranko** req. by Joseph & LuAnn Palli

Saturday Vigil of Sundy (at SS Peter & Paul)

4:00 p.m. **+Joseph Lohin** req. by Elaine Lohin Kunze

Epistle Readers: 4/2 – Gail Burgess; 4/3 – Dolores Kramer 4/9 AM Marie Wanchick; PM – Laura Mitchell; 4/10 – Ellen Sinkovich; 4/11 – Ellen Sinkovich/Dolores Kramer; 4/12 – Marie Wanchick/Judy Kostura; 4/13 – Laura Mitchell/Gail Burgess; 4/14 – Jennifer Keer/Anna Keer; 4/15 – Gail Burgess/Judy Kostura; 4/16 – Ellen Sinkovich. (If you cannot be present for any time, kindly contact another reader to cover for you).

Candle Offering: For Peace in the World

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!

A Biblical Easter Meditation:

Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. *Matthew 28:20*

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that sleep.

I. Corinthians 15:20

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *I Corinthians 15:57*

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me. *Galatians 2:20*

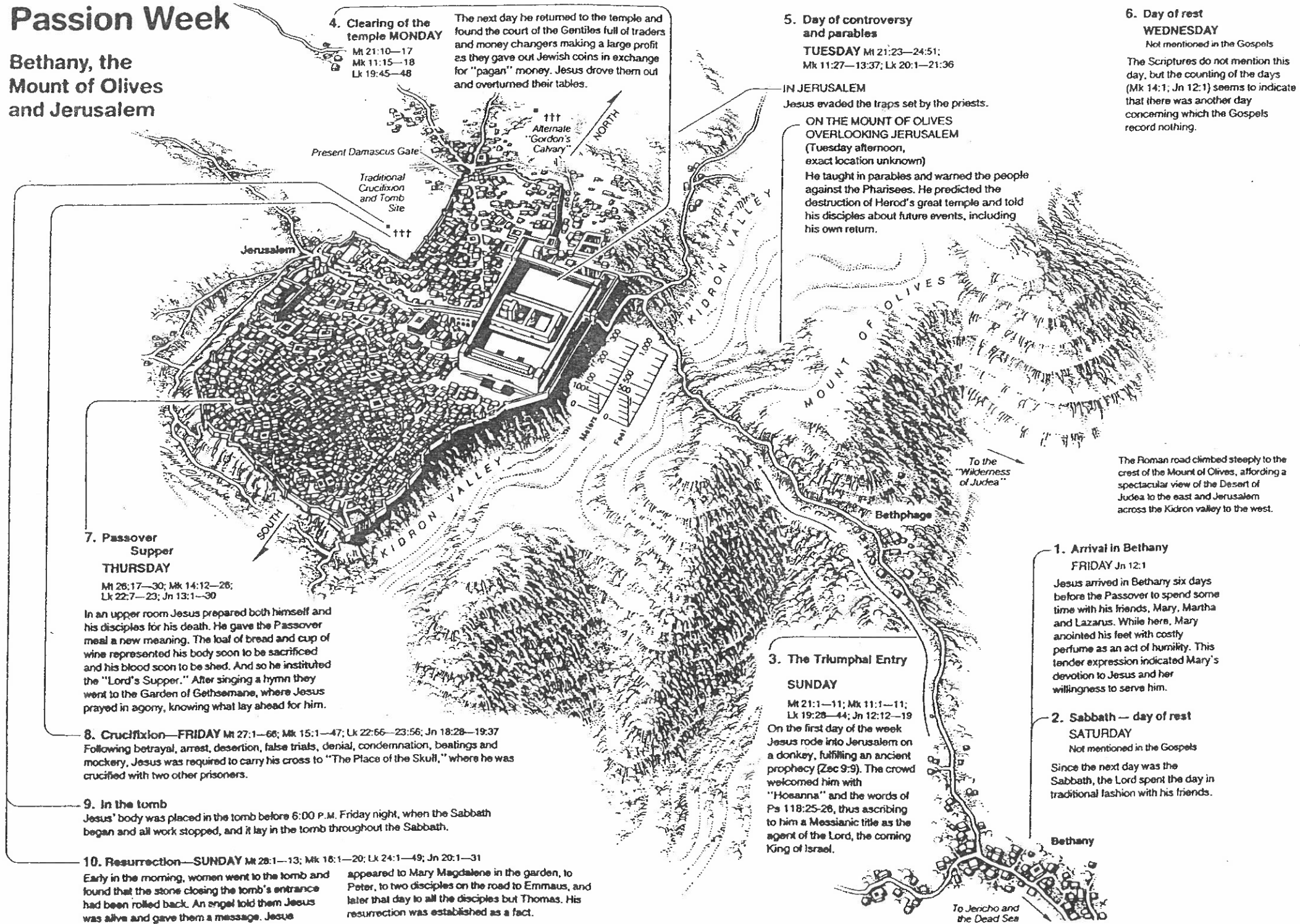
If then you be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sits on the right hand of God. *Colossians 3:1*

Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. *(Revelation 1:18)*.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. *[Isaiah 60:1]*

Passion Week

Bethany, the Mount of Olives and Jerusalem



4. Clearing of the temple MONDAY
 Mt 21:10-17
 Mk 11:15-18
 Lk 19:45-48

The next day he returned to the temple and found the court of the Gentiles full of traders and money changers making a large profit as they gave out Jewish coins in exchange for "pagan" money. Jesus drove them out and overturned their tables.

5. Day of controversy and parables TUESDAY
 Mt 21:23-24:51
 Mk 11:27-13:37; Lk 20:1-21:36

IN JERUSALEM
 Jesus evaded the traps set by the priests.

ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES OVERLOOKING JERUSALEM
 (Tuesday afternoon, exact location unknown)
 He taught in parables and warned the people against the Pharisees. He predicted the destruction of Herod's great temple and told his disciples about future events, including his own return.

6. Day of rest WEDNESDAY
 Not mentioned in the Gospels

The Scriptures do not mention this day, but the counting of the days (Mk 14:1; Jn 12:1) seems to indicate that there was another day concerning which the Gospels record nothing.

7. Passover Supper THURSDAY
 Mt 26:17-30; Mk 14:12-26;
 Lk 22:7-23; Jn 13:1-30

In an upper room Jesus prepared both himself and his disciples for his death. He gave the Passover meal a new meaning. The loaf of bread and cup of wine represented his body soon to be sacrificed and his blood soon to be shed. And so he instituted the "Lord's Supper." After singing a hymn they went to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed in agony, knowing what lay ahead for him.

8. Crucifixion—FRIDAY Mt 27:1-66; Mk 15:1-47; Lk 22:66-23:56; Jn 18:28-19:37
 Following betrayal, arrest, desertion, denial, condemnation, beatings and mockery, Jesus was required to carry his cross to "The Place of the Skull," where he was crucified with two other prisoners.

9. In the tomb
 Jesus' body was placed in the tomb before 6:00 P.M. Friday night, when the Sabbath began and all work stopped, and it lay in the tomb throughout the Sabbath.

10. Resurrection—SUNDAY Mt 28:1-13; Mk 16:1-20; Lk 24:1-49; Jn 20:1-31

Early in the morning, women went to the tomb and found that the stone closing the tomb's entrance had been rolled back. An angel told them Jesus was alive and gave them a message. Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene in the garden, to Peter, to two disciples on the road to Emmaus, and later that day to all the disciples but Thomas. His resurrection was established as a fact.

3. The Triumphal Entry SUNDAY
 Mt 21:1-11; Mk 11:1-11;
 Lk 19:28-44; Jn 12:12-19

On the first day of the week Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling an ancient prophecy (Zec 9:9). The crowd welcomed him with "Hosanna" and the words of Ps 118:25-26, thus ascribing to him a Messianic title as the agent of the Lord, the coming King of Israel.

1. Arrival in Bethany FRIDAY Jn 12:1

Jesus arrived in Bethany six days before the Passover to spend some time with his friends, Mary, Martha and Lazarus. While here, Mary anointed his feet with costly perfume as an act of humility. This tender expression indicated Mary's devotion to Jesus and her willingness to serve him.

2. Sabbath—day of rest SATURDAY
 Not mentioned in the Gospels

Since the next day was the Sabbath, the Lord spent the day in traditional fashion with his friends.

The Roman road climbed steeply to the crest of the Mount of Olives, affording a spectacular view of the Desert of Judea to the east and Jerusalem across the Kidron valley to the west.

To Jericho and the Dead Sea

WISDOM! BE ATTENTIVE!

Christ is risen from the dead! By death He conquered death, and to those in the graves, He granted life Troparion, Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord.

Shout joyfully to the Lord all the earth, sing praise to His Name. Give to Him glorious praise! Through the prayers of the Birthgiver of God, O Saviour save us! First Antiphon, Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord.

In your choirs, bless God! Bless the Lord, you of Israel's wellspring! Entrance Hymn, Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord.

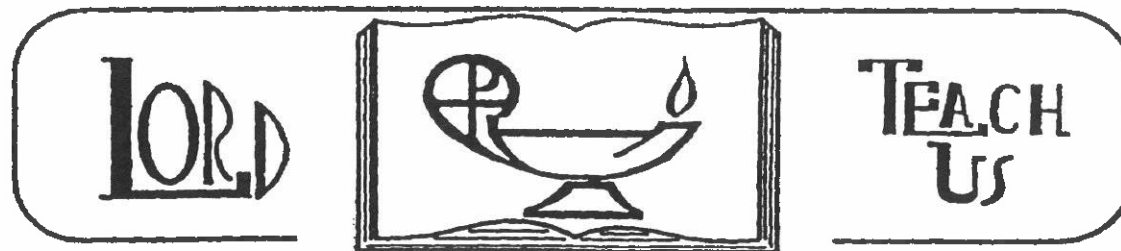
Although You descended into the grave, O Immortal One, You destroyed the power of death; You arose again as Victor, O Christ God! You announced to the women bearing ointment: "Rejoice!" You gave peace to your apostles and Resurrection to the fallen Kontakion, Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us exult and rejoice in it Prokimenon, Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord.

The angel exclaimed to her: full of grace, "Rejoice, O pure Virgin, again I say rejoice. Your Son is risen from the grave on the third day and has raised the dead! Let all nations rejoice." Shine in splendor, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord is risen upon you! O Sion, sing with joy and rejoice. And you, pure Birthgiver of God, rejoice in the Resurrection of your Son! Hymn instead of 'It is Truly Proper', Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord.

When You descended to death, O Immortal Life, You destroyed the Abyss by the radiance of your divinity. And when You raised the dead from the depths of the earth all the heavenly powers cried out: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!" Troparion, Matins, Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord.

It is the day of Resurrection, O People, let us be enlightened by it. The Passover is the Lord's Passover, since Christ our God has brought us from death to life and from earth to heaven. Therefore, let us sing the hymn of victory Ode from Canon, Matins, Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord.



Resurrection

I am the First and the Last and the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I live forever and ever Revelation 1: 18.

Then the disciple who had arrived first at the tomb went in. He saw and believed John 20 :8.

Remember, as yet they did not understand the Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead John 20: 9.

Death has no power over him Romans 6: 9.

I wish to know Christ and the power flowing from His resurrection Philippians 3: 10.

Why should it be thought an incredible thing that God should rise from the dead Acts of the Apostles 26: 8?

...in accordance with the Scriptures, rose on the third day 1 Corinthians 15: 4.

I am the resurrection and the life John 14: 6.

I know that my Redeemer lives and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust Whom I myself shall see...and from my flesh I shall see God; my inmost being is consumed with longing Job 19: 25, 26.

Because you will not abandon my soul to the nether world, nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption. You will show me the path to life, fullness of joy in your presence, the delights of your right hand forever Psalms 16: 10, 11.