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CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

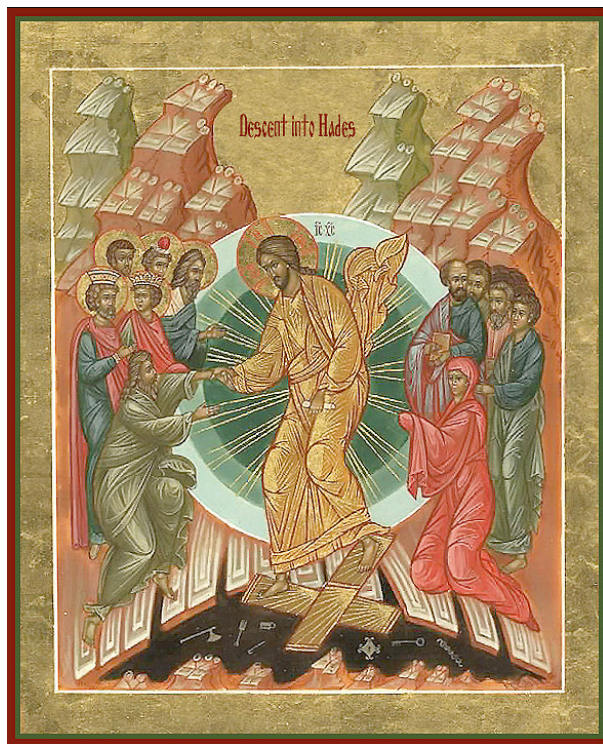
APRIL 16TH, 2023 — HOLY PASCHA

The Resurrection of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Virgin-Martyrs Agape, Irene and Chionia, in Illyria (304). Martyrs Leonidas, Chariessa, Nice (Nika, Victoria), Galina, Calista (Calais), Nunechia, Basilla (Vasilissa), Theodora and Irene, of Corinth (258). Monk-Martyr Christopher of Dionysiou (Mt. Athos — 1818). Hieromartyr Nicetas. The Weeping "Il'insko-Chernigov" (1658) and the Tambov (1692) Icons of the Most Holy Theotokos.

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8

Gospel: John 1:1-17



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 16th:

Agape Vespers — 12:00 PM

Monday, April 17th:

Hours & Divine Liturgy for Bright Monday — 9:15 AM
Children's Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 22nd:

Great Vespers & Confessions — 6:00 PM

Sunday, April 23rd:

Hours & Divine Liturgy — 9:10 AM
Litya for Douglas Paschale (40th day) — after Liturgy
Wedding of Elaine L. Klose & Paul W. Schmidt, Jr. — 3:00 PM

Thank you to everyone who in any way assisted this past week cleaning, decorating, donating, serving, singing and attending.



Fr. Martin will bless graves on Sunday, April 30th, after the Divine Liturgy. Blessings will occur in Mechanicsville, Doylestown, Newtown, All Saints' Cemetery; Mt. Airy, NJ; and Washington's Crossing, NJ.

This year's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Bright Monday after the Divine Liturgy. All children are invited to participate! Please bring your own baskets.

The Wrightstown Food Cupboard needs **bottled juice** and cleaning supplies. The Cupboard is a 501(c)3 charitable organization.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, April 22nd, 2023 from 10 AM-2PM. This year's Take Back event will feature 48 public collection sites throughout the county. Simply walk or drive up and drop in any unused, unneeded or expired medications (prescription or over-the-counter), pet medications, vape supplies, vitamins and more for safe disposal. Plus, select sites throughout the county will be collecting medications and sharps and distributing Narcan. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/takebackapril2023> for site locations and what's accepted. (Can't make it to Take Back Day? You can still safely dispose of your medications at one of the collection boxes located in Bucks County Police Departments. Find a box near you: <https://tinyurl.com/v3ece48u>.)

Birthdays: Sandy Bohlender, Vasiliki Hadgimallis, Stephanie Ristvey

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

LIVING

Captive Hierarchs PAUL and JOHN

All those, everywhere, who care for the sick, the suffering and the vulnerable.

Ill-afflicted Clergy Archpriests Stephen, Daniel and Michael

Matushki Elena, Laryssa, Lisa, Priscilla, Myra, Suzanne, and Jennifer

Servants of God Monk Nicodemos, Karen, Rosemary, Charlotte, infant Luke, Larissa, Nicholas, Peter, Stephanie, Samuel, Sergei, Anna, Raymond, Andrew, Valerie, Charles, Margaret, Elena, Ayla, Sandra, Maria, Julia, child Jacob, Michael, Nancy, Eileen, Steven, Constance, Angela, Hunter, Jon Smith, Anselmo Pappas Scandalis, Shirley

DEPARTED

Newly departed: Mat. Galina, John, Kathleen, Douglas, Robert, Irene, Michael

Departed: Archpriest Daniel, Archpriest Theodore, Shirley (Stewart), Jonathan, Mat. Emily, Mat. Mary, Met. +HERMAN, Louis, Ruth, Nicholai, Thomas, Michael, Venus, Helen, Anthony, All those who have died in service to their country, Archpriests Stephen and Vladimir, Mat. Mary, Priest George, Archpriest Paul, Kh. Shirley

VIGIL LIGHTS

FROM IRENE ARHIPOV

FOR THE HEALTH OF: SERGEI, MICHAEL, STEPHANIE, PETER, ALEXANDRA, ANNA, LARISSA, HENRY, LUDMILLA, LUDMILLA

IN MEMORY OF: NEWLY-DEPARTED IRINA, VERA, GEORGE ALAN, JAKE

FROM MELISSA BENNETT

FOR THE HEALTH OF: BARBARA, MARY, GEORGE, WILLIAM, DEMETRI

IN MEMORY OF: ANASTASIA, MICHAEL, CLEOPATRA, JOSEPH

FROM THE CORTÉSE FAMILY

FOR THE HEALTH OF: ANDREW, SUZANNE, NED, SHIRLEY, CHRIS, AARON, PAT, JACKIE, KATRINA, AIDAN, PETER, STEPHANIE, SANDY, LARISSA, REBECCA, SAMUEL, CHARLOTTE, SERGEI

IN MEMORY OF: TOM, LOUIS, RUTH, LOUISE, MARTY, DOROTHY, NEWLY-DEPARTED KATHLEEN

FROM SAMUEL REGEN

FOR THE HEALTH OF: CHARLOTTE, ADAM, SYDNEY, VERONICA, KENNETH, LEEANNA, SBDN. ALEXANDER, JULIANNA, GABRIEL, ELIZABETH, MAT. CHARLOTTE, FR. JOSEPH, JACOB, KEVIN, FR. MARTIN, PDN.

GREGORY, DARIA, ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

IN MEMORY OF: SARALEE, TOM, BP. DAVID, MITERED ARCHPRIEST DAN RESSETAR, MARY, FAITH

FROM THE RISTVEY FAMILY

FOR THE HEALTH OF: MARGARET, ANDREW, STEPHANIE, MARGARET, LORELLEY, EILEEN, LUCY, CHARLOTTE, STEPHANIE

IN MEMORY OF: GEORGE, KATHERINE, PETER, KATHLEEN, THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN UKRAINE

CHORAL CORNER ARTICLES WILL RESUME NEXT SUNDAY!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday Collection (4/9)

Weekly general: \$2,034

Candles: \$193

Pascha: \$100

Flowers: \$20

Church store: \$20

Parish dev.: \$200

Legacy of Life: \$50

Donation for choir lights: \$128.90

Total: \$2,745.90

Online Giving (4/3-4/9)

General: \$2,053

Total: \$2,053

GRAND TOTAL: \$4,798.90

*Thy name did become the song of heaven and
salvation for the earth; with Thy name,
Thou hast filled the world and every living
being, emptied of sin and demonic evil. Help
me also, O soul-saving Lord, that Thy
name may be my song and my salvation.*

*— Exapostilarion from the Akathist to Jesus, the
Conqueror of Death (St. Nikolai of Zhicha)*



SERVICE SCHEDULE

Hours + Divine Liturgy:	9:10 AM (Sundays & feast days)
Great Vespers / Vigil:	6 PM (Saturdays) 7PM (Eve of feast) 6PM (Eve of feast – Sundays)
Confessions:	Saturdays after Vespers & by appointment
Akathist Service:	9:15 AM (Wednesdays)
Panikhidas/Lityas:	as requested

CLERGY

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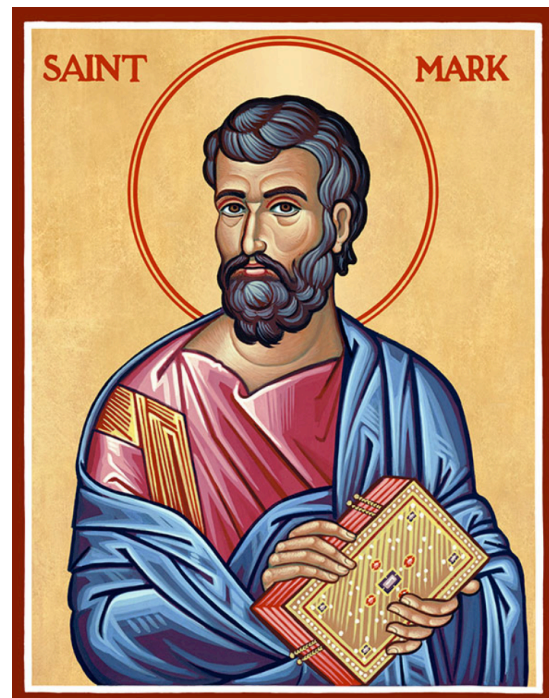
Protodeacon Gregory Moser, *Attached*
V. Rev. Michael Sekela (Retired), *Attached*
Subdeacons: Dustin Joseph Crosby
Sergei Arhipov
Marek Szeliga
Readers: G. Peter Bohlender
Samuel Regen

LAY LEADERSHIP

CHOIR DIRECTORS: Daria Cortése
Mat. Martha Moser
Sbn. Sergei Arhipov (Emeritus)

CHURCH SCHOOL COORDINATORS: Mat. Martha Moser
Julie Stell

SISTERHOOD OF THE HOLY MYRRHBEARERS: Julie Stell, President



Baptisms: Children must have **Orthodox Godparents** who provide a letter from their parish priest. Parents and Godparents are required to attend two preparatory classes. Please make scheduling arrangements by contacting Fr. Martin directly.

Weddings: Arrangement should be made **at least six months** prior to the wedding; scheduling is subject to the Church's liturgical calendar. Please speak with Fr. Martin **before making reception arrangements.**



April 16, 2023

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To the Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of the
Orthodox Church in America,

My Beloved Children in the Lord,

Christ is risen! Indeed he is risen!

"Let us purify our senses and we shall see Christ shining in the unapproachable light of the Resurrection. We shall clearly hear him say: 'Rejoice.'" (Paschal Canon, Ode One)



When the myrrh-bearing women came to the tomb, they were met by the words of an angel: "He is not here. He is risen." Mary Magdalene and the other women in turn brought this message to the apostles. And down through the centuries, that message has been passed on by their successors, even to us: the Gospel of the crucified and risen Lord.

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand"—this is the heart of the Gospel, and the Resurrection of Christ is the irruption of the heavenly kingdom into our fallen reality, the demonstration and proof that the kingdom is at hand. The Resurrection of Christ is not a distant and ancient event. It is a new reality to which we in the Church already have access.

For the message of Christ's Rising is not merely passed down from generation to generation, like other teachings or stories. It is passed down through experience: in baptism, we die and rise with Christ. In chrismation, we receive his Spirit and share in his anointing. In the Eucharist, we eat his deified Body and Blood, offered for us on the Cross and taken up into heaven through the Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension. Through the mysteries, we enter ourselves into a personal and eternal relationship with the Risen Lord.

This is why, in St. John Damascene's Paschal canon, the figure who announces the Resurrection to the believer is none other than Christ himself—"we shall see Christ shining in the unapproachable light of the Resurrection. We shall clearly hear him say: 'Rejoice.'" He has chosen mortal ministers to serve

at his mysteries and offer them on our behalf, but through the mysteries—if we repent, “purify[ing] our senses” of sinful preoccupations with worldly things—then we will encounter Christ himself.

And this encounter fills us with joy, because it is a foretaste of the kingdom, where the righteous will always delight in the clear light of the Resurrection, where the Resurrection’s transformative power will be known in full, where Christ will be seen, not as in a mirror darkly, but face to face.

Christ is risen, beloved children! Death, sin, hell, the world, the devil—these are all fleeing in defeat. Christ himself goes before us into the kingdom, the new heaven and the new earth, and we sing the song of victory: “Christ is risen!”

May we, all of us, keep that anthem in our hearts all the yearlong, and throughout the years, knowing that Christ’s Resurrection is the conquest of all trouble and sorrow, the end of the rule of Satan and sin and brokenness, and the beginning of a new reality that knows no end: the kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, lasting unto all ages.

Greeting you with the unfailing, invincible, and unending joy of the Lord’s Pascha,
I remain,
Yours in Christ,

+TIKHON
Archbishop of Washington
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

Paschal Greetings From Around the World

Arabic:	El Messieh kahm! Hakken kahm!
Gaelic:	Taw creest ereen! Taw shay ereen guhdyne!
Greek:	Christos anesti! Alithos anesti!
French:	Le Christ est réssuscité! En vérité il est réssuscité!
Italian:	Cristo e’risorto! Veramente e’ risorto!
Polish:	Khristus zmartwyckwstal! Zaprawde zmartwyckwstal!
Romanian:	Hristos a inviat! Adevarat a inviat!
Russian:	Khristos voskrese! Voistinu voskrese!
Serbian:	Hristos vaskrse! Vaistunu vaskrse!
Spanish:	Cristo ha resucitado! En verdad ha resucitado!
Tlingit:	Xristos Kuxwoo-digoot! Xegaa-kux Kuxwoo-digoot!
Zulu:	UKristu uvukile! Ngempela uvukile!



The Orthodox Church in America
DIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA AND EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
The Most Rev. Mark, Archbishop of Philadelphia

April 5, 2023

*Christ is risen from the dead
trampling down death by death
And upon those in the tombs
bestowing life.
We celebrate the abolition of
death,
The destruction of Hades and
the first fruit of everlasting life.
And as we leap with joy, we
praise the Cause of these good
gifts,
The God of our fathers who
alone is blessed and most
glorified.*



Beloved of God,

Christ is Risen! Truly, He is Risen! El Messieh kahm! Hakken kahm! Khristos voskrese! Voistinu voskrese!

Let God, arise and let His enemies be scattered! As smoke vanishes so let them vanish! So the sinner will perish before the face of God, but let the righteous be glad! This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Let us embrace one another and forgive all things for the sake of Christ's Holy Resurrection.

Christos anesti! Alithos anesti! Cristos vaskres! Vaistinu vaskres! Cristos a inviat! Adevarat a inviat!

Blessed Feast! Your unworthy father in Christ,

+ Mark

+ Mark, Archbishop of Philadelphia and the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania



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"Thou hast made us for Thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in Thee." Augustine

