

HOLY ANGELS BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH



Christ is Risen!
Indeed He is Risen!

Христос Воскресе!
Воистину Воскресе!

April 20, 2025

The Glorious Feast of Pascha

The Resurrection in the Flesh
of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ

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Schedule of services for the week of April 21 - April 27

Monday, April 21— *Bright Monday; The Holy Hieromartyr Jannuarius, bishop and his companions: deacons Proculus, Sosius and Faustus, reader Desiderius, Eutyches and Auctionus. The Holy Hieromartyr Theodore of Perga, his mother Philippia, Dioscorus, Socrates and Dionysius; Vitalis Bairak, Priest and Martyr*

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Saturday, April 26— *Bright Saturday; The Holy Hieromartyr Basil, bishop of Amasea*

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy with Baptism of Matthew Apraricio

4:00 PM – Confessions

5:00 PM – Great Vespers

Sunday, April 27— *Thomas Sunday – Veneration of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross*

8:40 – 3rd Hour

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

For all parishioners

Christ is Risen! “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” Being ordained or consecrated as a monastic is a special way to bring the presence of the Risen Christ to this world. This may be something that God is calling you to do! Contact the Vocations Office at 602-861-9778 or email: vocations@ephx.org

O Physician of Souls and Bodies, we pray for:

Pope Francis, Barbara Alexander, Maria Amaro, Fr. Dcn Craig Anderson, Janice Andre, Peter Andre, Fr. Christopher Andrews, Joann Bankston, Harry and Virginia Bowden, Julia Camberos, Kim Camplisson, Patrick Carmack, Fr. Andriy Chirovsky, Dennis Cline, Amy Cohn, Vivian Corr, Maria Cruz, Joe Danscuk, Fr. Daniel Dozier, Gabriel Espedal, Ana Fandrey, Karen Foto, Christine Galgano, Janet Greenwell, Deborah Harris, Michael Havens, Martha Hill, Doris Huber, Rebecca Huber, Gavin Hudspeth, Melissa Hunter, Taylor Kessler, Jacob, Jamie Kohanyj, Pauli Martin, Taleen Matrick, Mila Mina, Maryann Nagrant, Julia Ohnysty, Genevieve Paquette, Sylvia Pasnak, Fr. Lee Perry, Anthony Porrello, Nina Porrello, Fr. Robert Rankin, Margaret Raya, Michael Raya Jr. Rosemary Raya, Maha Salazar, Gretchen Sharpe, Karen Simonich, Debbie Stark, Tava Tomc, Hong Truong, Pat Walsh, Maria Zhukova, Mark Zimmer, Gianna, Nicole, Subdcn Eddie and his wife Viane.

EPARCHIAL APPEAL

The goal for our parish is \$25,000. We ask all members of our parish to help contribute to the appeal. You will receive a large envelope with the Bishops letter and list of goals for the parishes of our Eparchy. If we make our goal 10% will come back to our parish and if we exceed our goal we will receive it back. Do whatever you can to help our Eparchy to do Christ's work!

We have 78 registered households so the average per household is \$321.00

If you cannot give the full amount, please give what you can so that we can have 100% participation.

Matching Challenge!

A parishioner has pledged to match up to \$10,000.00! Please be generous! Our current total is: \$3765.00 which is 11% of our goal.

Lenten Almsgiving: Because of your generous donations, we were able to collect **\$1340.00** fo the benefit of the **Mission Society of the Mother of God of Boryonauo!**

God bless your generosity!

Special Collection

Next Sunday there will be a special collection for the **Catholic Home Missions**. Please be generous!

Looking Ahead:

- ❖ April 27th – Thomas Sunday
Potluck & Egg Hunt
- ❖ May 19th – Ascension (Day of Precept)
- ❖ June 7th – Fifth All Souls Saturday
- ❖ June 8th – Pentecost



Men's Group - BROHA:

This is an informal group of men who support each other in living their faith more fully in today's culture. Next meeting is Thursday, April 24 at 7:00 PM.

All men, 21 years of age and up, are invited!

BROHA along with WOHA will be working through the book *Men and Women Are From Eden: A Study Guide to John Paul II's Theology of the Body*.

Copies are available in the bookstore for \$17.00.

Women of Holy Angels (WOHA) will meet on Saturday, May 17th

Resources for Byzantine Catholic Families

Check out TheByzantineLife.com for various resources to help families live a Byzantine Life.

All those requesting the Holy Mysteries of Initiation or Crowning must be registered parishioners for at least six months, attend Liturgical Services on Sunday and days of Precept, and support the work and growth of the parish.

Mysteries of Initiation: Requires Pre-Baptismal instruction. The Mysteries of Initiation are celebrated on Saturdays or Sundays within the Divine Liturgy. At least one sponsor must be a Catholic and the other a practicing Christian. Both sponsors must present documentation that they are in good standing with their church.

Mystery of Crowning: Requires Pre-Marriage instruction. Consult Fr. James at least six months prior to making wedding plans. Marriages cannot be celebrated during the fasting seasons of the Church.

Funerals: Contact Fr. James.

Liturgy, Panahida and Eternal Lamp Intentions: Schedule with Fr. James. It is "holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead" (2 Maccabees 12:46) especially on the 9th and 40th days, and on the anniversary of their falling asleep in the Lord.

Holy Mystery of Confession: Confession is available Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:45 PM or by appointment.

Sick calls / Holy Anointing / Hospital Visits: Requested by parishioner, friend, or family.

Call anytime in case of an emergency.

Please submit all Bulletin announcements to Fr. James for approval by Wednesday of each week.

Last Sunday's bulletin is on our website and our Facebook page. There are several weeks of printed bulletins available in the narthex.

Office Hours: Fr. James is available for phone conversations Tuesday - Friday: 10AM - 5PM or call the office to schedule an in person meeting.

THE CATECHETICAL SERMON OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

AS IS OUR TRADITION, NO ONE SITS DURING THE READING BUT ALL STAND AND LISTEN

IF ANYONE IS DEVOUT AND LOVES GOD, LET THEM ENJOY THIS FAIR AND SHINING FESTIVAL. IS ANYONE A GRATEFUL SERVANT, LET THEM ENTER INTO THE JOY OF HIS LORD. HAVE ANY WEARIED THEMSELVES WITH FASTING, LET THEM NOW ENJOY THEIR PAYMENT. HAS ANYONE LABORED SINCE THE FIRST HOUR, LET THEM TODAY RECEIVE THEIR DUE. DID ANY COME AFTER THE THIRD HOUR, LET THEM FEAST WITH GRATITUDE. DID ANY ARRIVE AFTER SIXTH HOUR, LET THEM NOT HESITATE: FOR THERE IS NO PENALTY. DID ANY DELAY UNTIL AFTER THE NINTH HOUR, LET THEM APPROACH WITHOUT HESITATING. DID ANY ARRIVE ONLY FOR THE ELEVENTH HOUR, THEM NOT FEAR BECAUSE OF THEIR LATENESS: FOR THE LORD IS GENEROUS AND RECEIVES THE LAST AS THE FIRST: HE GIVES REST TO THE WORKER OF THE ELEVENTH HOUR AS TO THOSE OF THE FIRST. HE HAS PITY ON THE LATTER, HE CARES FOR THE FORMER. HE GIVES TO THE ONE, HE IS GENEROUS TO THE OTHER. HE ACCEPTS THE WORK DONE, HE WELCOMES THE INTENTION. HE HONORS THE ACHIEVEMENT, HE PRAISES THE PURPOSE. THEREFORE ALL OF YOU ENTER INTO THE JOY OF OUR LORD: FIRST AND LAST, ENJOY YOUR REWARD. RICH AND POOR DANCE TOGETHER. SOBER AND SLOTHFUL HONOR THE DAY. FASTERS AND NON-FASTERS BE GLAD TODAY. THE TABLE IS FULL, ALL OF YOU ENJOY YOURSELVES. THE CALF IS FATTED LET NONE GO AWAY HUNGRY. ALL OF YOU ENJOY THE BANQUET OF THE FAITH. ALL OF YOU ENJOY THE RICHNESS OF HIS GOODNESS. LET NO ONE GRIEVE AT THEIR POVERTY: FOR THE KINGDOM FOR ALL HAS BEEN REVEALED. LET NO ONE BEWAIL THEIR FAULTS: FOR FORGIVENESS HAS RISEN FROM THE TOMB. LET NO ONE FEAR DEATH: FOR THE SAVIOR'S DEATH HAS FREED US. BY ENDURING IT HE QUENCHED IT. HE WHO DESCENDED INTO HELL HAS DESPOILED HELL. HE EMBITTERED IT WHEN IT TASTED HIS FLESH AS ISAIAS PROCLAIMED IN PROPHECY, 'DEATH', HE SAID, 'WAS EMBITTERED WHEN IT MET YOU THERE BELOW'. EMBITTERED, FOR IT WAS DESTROYED. EMBITTERED, FOR IT WAS MOCKED. EMBITTERED, FOR IT WAS SLAIN. EMBITTERED FOR IT WAS WIPED OUT. EMBITTERED, FOR IT WAS BOUND FAST. IT RECEIVED A BODY, AND CAME FACE TO FACE WITH GOD. IT RECEIVED EARTH, AND MET HEAVEN. IT RECEIVED WHAT IT SAW, AND FELL THROUGH WHAT IT DID NOT SEE. WHERE, DEATH, IS YOUR STING? WHERE HELL, IS YOUR VICTORY? CHRIST HAS RISEN AND YOU ARE ABOLISHED! CHRIST HAS RISEN AND THE DEMONS HAVE FALLEN! CHRIST HAS RISEN, AND ANGELS REJOICE! CHRIST HAS RISEN, AND LIFE HAS FOUND FREEDOM! CHRIST HAS RISEN, AND THERE IS NO CORPSE IN THE GRAVE! FOR CHRIST, BEING RAISED FROM THE DEAD, HAS BECOME THE FIRST FRUITS OF THOSE WHO SLEEP. TO HIM BE GLORY AND MIGHT TO THE AGES OF AGES. AMEN.

BRIGHT WEEK

Bright Week is the first week following the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It ends the following Sunday, the Sunday of St. Thomas. Bright Week begins a period of celebration that continues for fifty days until Pentecost.

This celebration includes the practice of the faithful joyously greeting each other with the salutation of Christ is risen, followed by the response “Indeed He is risen” or “Truly He is risen”, as the whole of creation is renewed by Our Lord and Savior. The services of Bright Week are done with the Royal Doors fully open. This unblocked view of the altar symbolizes the open door of Christ’s empty tomb as well as the rent veil of the Jewish Temple, which was torn apart at the moment Christ died. The entire week is considered to be one continuous day and the main reason why fasting is completely prohibited to all during the week.

During Bright Week, morning and evening prayers are replaced by the Paschal Hours. A copy of the Paschal Hours is included in this bulletin.

PASCHA TO PENTECOST: 50 DAYS OF GRACE

We are celebrating the feast of the Bright Resurrection of the Son of God. These 50 days are days of light, joy, grace, and peace. We especially strive to maintain what is known as “Paschal joy.” What is this joy? Our realized happiness that we have spiritually died, been buried, and resurrected with Christ. Christ’s Death and Resurrection is at the same time our own taste of death to sin and genuine resurrection.

Saint Paul teaches us that having died to the “old man” (the ways of sin) we, through Christ, have been born again in the “New Man.” “You have been raised to life with Christ. Set your hearts, then, on the things that are in heaven, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Let your thoughts dwell on things there, not on things here on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Your real life is Christ, and when He appears, then you too will appear with Him in glory.” (Colossians 3:1-4)

Newness of life has been given to us by and in Christ Jesus. It is the greatest gift. Let us hold fast to it and guard it from the devil’s envy. Let us be sure to be completely dead to our old habits of passion and sin; and alive in the righteousness of Jesus Christ. Let us continue to celebrate in word and deed, living:

A Pascha worthy of veneration,
A Pascha which is Christ the Redeemer,
A blameless Pascha,
A Pascha of the faithful!

LITURGICAL NOTES ABOUT THE PASCHAL SEASON



This period of great festivity and joy finds its liturgical expression in the following manner:

- ❖ We greet each other with the Paschal salutation, “Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!” for 40 days, until Ascension Day.
- ❖ We do not kneel or make prostrations either at church services or in our homes until the “Kneeling Prayers” at Pentecost.
- ❖ The Paschal Troparion, “Christ is risen from the dead” is sung or said at the beginning or end of all prayers until the Leave-taking of Pascha on the Eve of Ascension.
- ❖ During Bright Week, morning and evening prayers are replaced by the Paschal Hours.
- ❖ The prayer, “O Heavenly King” is omitted until Pentecost, being replaced with the Troparion of Pascha and then Ascension.

THE HOURS OF PASCHA

During Bright Week, it is customary to replace one's morning and evening prayers with the Paschal Hours.

Leader: Through the prayers of our holy Fathers,
O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us.

All: Amen.

Christ is risen from the dead! By death he trampled death; and to those in the tombs He granted life. *(3x)*

(Tone 6, samohlasen) Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ, * let us bow to the holy Lord Jesus, * who alone is sinless. * We bow to your Cross, O Christ, * and we praise and glorify your Holy Resurrection; * for You alone are our God, * and we know no other. * We call on You by name. * Come all you faithful, * let us bow to the Holy Resurrection of Christ, * for behold, through the Cross, joy has come to the whole world. * Always blessing the Lord, * let us praise His Resurrection. * By enduring the Cross for us, ** He destroyed death by death!

(Tone 4 samopodoben) The women with Mary before the dawn * found the stone rolled away from the tomb,* and they heard the angel say:* “Why do you seek among the dead, as a mortal, the One who abides in everlasting light?* Behold the linens of burial.* Go in haste and proclaim to the world* that, having conquered death, the Lord is risen;** for He is the Son of God, the Saviour of all.”

(Tone 8) Although You descended into the grave, O Immortal One,* You destroyed Hades’ power.* You arose as a Victor, O Christ God.* You exclaimed to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice!* You gave peace to Your apostles** and granted resurrection to the fallen.

(Tone 8) When Your body was in the tomb and Your soul in Hades,* when You were in paradise with the thief,* You were also seated upon the

throne with the Father and the Holy Spirit,* O Christ, as God You are everywhere present and fill all things.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

(Tone 8) Your life-giving tomb, O Christ, has appeared to us* as truly more precious than paradise* and more brilliant than any other dwelling place.** It is the source of our Resurrection.

Now and ever, and forever. Amen.

(Tone 8) Rejoice, O sanctified dwelling place* and divine tabernacle of the Most High!* It is through you, O Theotokos that joy is given to us;* therefore we cry out:** Blessed are you among women, O all-immaculate One!

Lord, have mercy. *(40x)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever. Amen.

More honorable than the Cherubim,* and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim,* who, a virgin, gave birth to God the Word,** you, truly the Theotokos, we magnify.

Leader: Through the prayers of our holy Fathers,
O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us.

All: Amen.

Christ is risen from the dead! By death he trampled death; and to those in the tombs He granted life. *(3x)*

Leader: And to us he granted life eternal.

All: Let us bow before his resurrection on the third day!

Fr. James and Pani Olena extend their warmest wishes for a Holy and Blessed Pascha to all the parishioners and friends of Holy Angels. May our Lord's Resurrection fill all with joy!

Christ is Risen!



ABOUT THE PASCHAL TROPARION –
CHRIST IS RISEN!

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs, giving life!

Upon those in the tombs... has at the very same time two meanings, for the Resurrection of Christ destroys both sin and death. If we be in the tombs of sin, we are brought out; if we be in the tomb of death, we will be brought out.

This is made manifest in the Gospel of John (5:25) when the Lord says, “the hour is coming and now is, when the dead (those in sin) will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live.” This is a reference to the “first resurrection”, which is the resurrection of the soul from sin. “Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all those who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth...” (verses 28-29). This refers to the future or “second resurrection,” which is that of the body.

The immediate resurrection we experience, and the first benefit of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, is that of the soul being raised from the deadness of sin. The nature of the “second resurrection”, whether it will be for “the resurrection of life” or “the resurrection of condemnation” (5:29), is dependent upon whether or not we experience our rising from the deadness of sin, now in this life. So, when we sing the hymn, “Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!” – we acknowledge that the living are being raised from sin and the biologically dead, will be raised; the fruitfulness of the Resurrection of Christ is beneficial for both the living and the dead; and for

**“Now all is filled with light: heaven and earth and the lower regions. Let all creation celebrate the rising of Christ in Whom we are established!”
“This is the bright and saving night, sacred and supremely festal. It heralds the radiant day of the Resurrection on which the timeless light shone forth from the tomb for all!”**

– Paschal Canon

Enlarging Your Circle of Friendship

Often times when we come to church we find ourselves mingling with the same group of people; people with whom we may have a special affinity or perhaps people with whom we may have formed lasting friendships – and this is a great and wonderful thing! Yet, at the same time, we mustn't pass up the opportunity to interact with and get to know people outside our circle of friends. There is nothing better than a unified parish, whose circle of friendship includes everyone. Take a moment each Sunday to get to know someone different – you won't regret it!

May the Lord Bless!

those who during Great Lent and Holy Week assisted with the many things which needed to be done (cleaning, singing, serving, decorating, cooking, etc). Your labors, time, and offerings are greatly appreciated!

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Bless, O Lord, the worship and Stewardship of your faithful servants:

Adult tithes: \$1596.00; Fire Relief: \$240.00; Bishop's Appeal: \$1415.00;

Loose Change: \$184.25; Church Usage: \$200.00; Pysanky Workshop for Mission Society: \$100.00;

Total: \$2320.25

Vocation Icon: This week: Greenwell Family
Next week: Jennifer Nagrant

THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PHOENIX

SUBSCRIBES TO THE *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*

adopted by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops.

The Eparchy, within all its parishes, institutions and programs, is committed to assuring a safe environment in ministry for its children and vulnerable adults that conforms to the Charter for Protection of Children and Young People.

For additional information regarding the eparchial Safe Environment Program or to report any incidents of concerns, please contact:

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