

SUNDAY, APRIL 11[™] **THOMAS SUNDAY / NEW SUNDAY**

8:40a.m. Hours

9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour Egg Hunt

TUESDAY, APRIL 13[™] **DAY OF JOY**

9:00a.m. Paschal Memorial

SATURDAY, APRIL 17TH 6:00p.m. Great Vespers

SUNDAY, APRIL 18TH **MYRRH BEARING WOMEN**

8:40a.m. Hours

9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour

Special Parish Meeting

On Entering Into the Resurrection

"Keep the Feast of the Resurrection. Be a Peter or a John; hasten to the Tomb, running together, running against one another, vying in the noble race (cf. Jn. 20:3-4). And even if you be beaten in speed, win the victory of zeal; not looking into the tomb, but going in."

St. Gregory the Theologian

READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, April. 11th Jodi McElwee

Sunday, April. 18th

Bruce Eckerd

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BULLETIN OF APRIL 11, 2010

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

Please Remember in Prayer

Gabriela Jones, Constantina, Melvin, Mat. Dunia, Patti Lease, Peg Feeser, Anna Varone, Jerrie Rife, Michelle Wilson, Bill & Kathy Parrish, Frs Michael & Andrew, Monk Christian, Jane Koshutko, Robert Evanusa, Nicholas & Linda, Nicholas, Anna, Steven, Yvonne, Todd & Olga Leisure, Nina Gordon, Constantina & Christos, Mirela & Chris, Jaroslav, Troy Paul Duker, Frank & Mary Miranda, Kathy T. Requests? See Fr. John.



Egg Hunt

Today, April 11th, there will be an egg hunt for the children of the parish during the coffee hour. The rain date is next, Sunday, April 18th. Please bring a basket with a handle for your children.

The Special Parish Meeting

to hear the updated feasibility report of the Finance Committee will meet next Sunday, April 18th, following the coffee hour. The only item on the agenda is the hearing of the report. All are invited to attend.



Last Sunday's Bulletin

If you haven't yet picked up last Sunday's bulletin, it is available in the back of the church at the candle-stand, or it can be downloaded on our website, orthodoxdelmarva.org.



Bible Study

On Monday, April 19th, at 7:00pm, there will be a Bible Study at the church. The topic is the Resurrectional appearances of Christ during the 40 days before His Ascension. All are invited! Bring a Bible and a friend!

May the Lord Bless!

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

Photos From Holy Week and Pascha

Are now available on our website: orthodoxdelmarva.org

Financial Update

A financial summary covering the first three months of 2010 can be found on page two of this bulletin. Questions regarding the summary, please see Michael McFarland, our treasurer.

Open House

Everyone is invited to an Open House at the rectory on Sunday, May 9th. Please try to save the date and let others know.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY – 1ST QUARTER 2010

ORDINARY INCOME			
Category	Jan – Mar 10	Budget	
Stewardship	\$12,080	\$11,250	
Candles	\$675	\$875	
Bookstore	\$128	\$125	
Charity	\$675	\$950	

ORDINARY INCOME / EXPENSES			
Category	Jan – Mar 10	Budget	
Income	\$13,585	\$14,806	
Expenses	\$15,070	\$17,690	
Net Income	-\$1,485	-\$2,884	

OTHER INCOME			
Category	Jan – Mar 10	Budget	
Building Fund	\$100	n/a	
Fundraisers	\$500	n/a	
In Memory	\$200	n/a	

About the Financial Summary

The **ordinary income and expenses** figures shown in the chart on the left designates those funds which are being used towards our operating budget.

The **other income** figures shown at the bottom of the chart on the left indicate those funds which were donated for a specified purpose which does not relate to our operating budget.

While our net ordinary income, as far as the budget goes, is a negative \$1485, our overall net income is a negative \$685 because of donations toward the building fund, fundraisers and offerings given in memory of those who have departed.

The next financial summary appearing in the weekly bulletin will be in the month of July and will contain the half-year figures. Full financial reports are presented at every Parish Council meeting.

Ouestions? Please see Michael McFarland.



ABOUT THE VICTORY OVER THE LAST ENEMY

From the Prologue of Ochrid / St. Nikolai Velimirovich

"The last enemy to be destroyed is death" (1 Cor 15:26).

Man's first enemy is the devil, the second is sin and the third is death. The Lord Jesus conquered all three of these enemies of the human race. By His humility, He conquered the proud devil. By His death, He conquered sin and by His resurrection, He conquered death. In conquering all of our enemies, He invites us to be partakers in His glorious victory. Not only that we conquer but that we win together with Him. Only His power conquers, only His weapons triumph. Alone we are without power and weapons, and our enemies are fearful. But with Him, we conquer those mightier than ourselves. What is the price that He offers to us for His victory? A meager price, my brethren; for a very paltry price He offers us the most precious victory. To humble ourselves and to submit ourselves to the will of God, that is the price He seeks in order to conquer the devil for us. To die unto ourselves, to die to fleshly desires and passions, that is the price which He seeks in order to conquer for us. To live for Him and not for ourselves, to receive Him into our hearts, that is the price He seeks in order to conquer death for us. He conquered all enemies openly and completely. This is the price for which He offers His victory to each of us. The Apostle Paul speaks: "But thanks be to God Who gives us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ" (1 Cor 15:57).

APRIL CONGRATULATIONS!

Anniversaries:

4/17 Philip & Gabriela Jones 4/19 Howard & Alice Peters

Birthdays:

4/13 Diane Evanusa4/28 George Stoicovy

Namesdays:

4/23 St. George
George Hamaty
George Stoicovy
4/23 St. Alexandra
Alexandra Boris

Alexandra Boris Alice Dzwomczyk

If your name is not on this list and it should be, please see Fr. John as soon as possible!

THOUSANDS OF ORTHODOX CELEBRATE PASCHA AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHER

From DirectionsToOrthodoxy.org / Sun Apr 04 2010

Associated Press – JERUSALEM – The sound of drumbeats and hymns and light from thousands of candles and torches filled Christianity's most revered shrine, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Saturday as Orthodox faithful celebrated the holy fire ritual, prior to the liturgy of Pascha.

People carrying torches or bundles of 33 tapers signifying the years of Jesus' life waited in excited anticipation as the Orthodox Patriarch in Jerusalem, Theofilos III, removed his embossed gold-and-white mitre and descended with Greek Orthodox, Armenian and other Eastern rite clergy into the tomb of Jesus.



After the flame appeared there, he passed it from inside the tomb to people inside the church's nave, who rushed to light their own candles and torches, illuminating the darkened church within seconds and filling it with smoke. Church bells pealed, and some of the faithful passed their hands through the flames they held, reflecting their belief in the fire's divine and beneficial nature.

Worshippers hoisted one of the clerics who had gone into the tomb on their shoulders after he emerged, waving a bundle of lit tapers.

"It's a huge experience and it's a holy place," said a Serbian woman who identified herself only as Irena.

Light from the holy fire was taken afterward to the Church of the Nativity in the West Bank town of Bethlehem, where tradition holds Jesus was born, and aboard special flights to Athens and other cities, linking many of the 200 million Orthodox worldwide to their spiritual core.



The thousands who filled Jerusalem's cavernous Church of the Holy Sepulcher began lining up for the ceremony hours earlier. Video screens set up in various places in the Old City broadcast the ceremony live for the thousands more who could not fit inside.

Some of the celebrants held church flags, while others beat hand drums and sang hymns.

Police spokesman Shmuel Ben-Ruby said about 2,500 police were stationed in the area, including as many as 1,500 within the church itself. He estimated that between 8,000 and 10,000 worshippers packed the church and about 7,000 more spilled over into its cobbled courtyard.

The holy fire ritual dates back at least 1,200 years.

This year, Orthodox Easter (Pascha) coincides with observances by other Christians in the West, bringing a large number of Easter pilgrims to the narrow alleys of Jerusalem's Old City.

ABOUT THE HOLY FIRE

From Wikipedia.org

The Holy Fire ("Holy Light") is described by Christians as a miracle that occurs every year at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem on Holy Saturday, the day preceding Orthodox Easter. It is considered by many to be the longest-attested annual miracle in the Christian world. It has only been consecutively documented since 1106 A.D., previous references being sporadic. The ceremony is broadcast live in Greece, Russia, Romania, Belarus, Bulgaria, Georgia, Cyprus, Lebanon and other Orthodox countries like Egypt. Furthermore, the Holy Fire is brought to certain Orthodox countries, such as in Russia, Belarus, Greece, Serbia, Georgia, Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine, Syria, Lebanon and Armenia, every year by special flights, being received with honors by state leaders at the respective airports.