



## CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### BULLETIN OF APRIL 12, 2015

#### A Warm Welcome!

We warmly welcome all of our visitors! It's good to have you!

#### You're Invited!

to continue celebrating Pascha with us following the Midnight Service, when we share in a festal meal together. All are invited! The meal will begin immediately after the blessing of the Paschal Baskets.



#### Looking for a Church?

Christ the Savior has been serving Delmarva for 15 years. Our community is filled with people from all different backgrounds who have found their spiritual home in the Orthodox Church. You are invited to become part of our church family! Questions? Please see Fr. John.

#### Bright Week

is the week immediately following Pascha. During this week, we do not fast, even on Wednesday or Friday, as we celebrate the presence of the Risen Lord among us. During this week, our "normal" morning and evening prayers may be replaced by singing or reading the Paschal Hours. Page four of this bulletin has the Paschal Hours for those interested in keeping this custom.

#### Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, (rain date: April 26<sup>th</sup>). Each family is requested to bring two baskets for their children and two dozen filled plastic eggs. Questions? Please see Mat. Emily.



#### The Paschal Greeting

During the forty days of Pascha, Orthodox Christians greet one another with the words, "Christ is risen!" They likewise respond with the words, "Indeed He is risen!" And to show that the Good News of the Resurrection is for all of mankind, we often exclaim the Paschal Greeting in many different languages.

#### Many Thanks to All!

Through Great Lent and Holy Week there were many things which needed to be done (cleaning, singing, serving, decorating, cooking, etc). Your labors, time, and offerings did not go unnoticed but instead are greatly appreciated! May the Risen Lord bless you!



#### Photos From Holy Week and Pascha

Are available on our website: [orthodoxdelmarva.org](http://orthodoxdelmarva.org)  
Many thanks to the photographers! Check them out!

#### **HOLY PASCHA, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>**

***Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!***

12:00a.m. Matins

Divine Liturgy

Blsq. of Baskets & Meal

12:00p.m. Paschal Vespers

#### **BRIGHT MONDAY, APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>**

8:50a.m. Paschal Hours

9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy

7:00p.m. Great Vespers

#### **BRIGHT FRIDAY, APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>**

7:00p.m. Great Vespers

#### **BRIGHT SATURDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>**

5:50p.m. Paschal Hours

6:00p.m. Great Vespers

#### **THOMAS SUNDAY, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>**

8:40a.m. Hours

9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour

Egg Hunt

#### **"READER SCHEDULE"**

**Sunday, Apr. 19<sup>th</sup>**

Alexis Oleynik

**Sunday, Apr. 27<sup>th</sup>**

Megan Borodulia



CASH FLOWS THROUGH 3/31/15					CASH FLOWS IN APRIL 2015					PROJECT CRAWLSPACE			FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT		
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## THE ARCHPASTORAL MESSAGE OF HIS BEATITUDE, METROPOLITAN TIKHON ON THE GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA 2015

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

*It is the day of Resurrection! Let us be illumined, O ye people! Pascha! The Pascha of the Lord from death to life and from earth to heaven has Christ our God has led us, as we sing a song of victory. (Paschal Canon, Ode I)*

Today, on this radiant Feast of feasts, let us all rejoice as newly illumined souls, basking in the brightness and joy that is the Resurrection of our Lord! Christ's triumph over corruption and death is a victory for all people; there is none vanquished but death and wickedness, for it is a victory that has made salvation possible to all. We offer our expressions of joy and exhilaration today; joining the countless Orthodox Christian faithful who, for more than two millennia throughout the world, have bore witness to the Pascha of Our Lord.

Today's world is yearning for satisfaction, and hungry for love, truth and righteousness. We have a precious responsibility to proclaim Christ Jesus – the Risen One – of Whom Christians of the second century said,

*This is the Alpha and Omega! This is the beginning and the end, the ineffable beginning and the incomprehensible end. This is the Christ! This is the king! This is Jesus! This is the commander! This is the Lord! This is He Who rose from the dead! This is He Who sits at the right hand of the Father! He bears the Father and is borne by Him! To him be the glory and the might forever. Amen! [On Pascha, Saint Melito of Sardis].*

Christ's victory over death and corruption is also our victory, for the divine Pascha of the Lord has brought us who are mortal and earthly "from death to life and from earth to heaven." It is likewise He, the risen Lord, Who gave us the struggles of the Great Fast, that image of the "narrow path" of life, because indeed, our journey does not end with our

Lord's Pascha. Rather, today we are beginning that journey anew which ultimately leads to our own death, and resurrection at the glorious and awesome Second Coming of Christ. Today's celebration prepares us for that journey to the eternal Kingdom.

The Resurrection opens for us a path of joyful repentance, so that like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, our heart may burn within us as our Lord opens to us the Holy Scripture, so that truly there is no longer anything standing in our way of knowing Him as "the Resurrection and the Life."

As we continue on our path to salvation, we are given the Resurrection as a motivation and strength

to accomplish every good thing necessary to expand His earthly Kingdom, the Church. Each of us is worthy of our calling to strengthen our personal faith in the risen Lord – and, like the disciples after the Resurrection, to share it in love and joy with all who would accept it.

There are still those, either by choice or circumstance who continue to sit in darkness – hungry, naked, alone, imprisoned, and in desperate need of Christ's love and compassion. As St. Tikhon of Moscow wrote to his new flock in America, "It is our obligation to share our spiritual treasures, our truth, our light and our joy with those who do not have these gifts. And this duty lies not only

on pastors and missionaries, but also on lay people, for the Church of Christ, in the wise comparison of St. Paul is a body, and in the life of the body every member must take part."

It is my prayer today on this Feast of feasts, that this Holy Day of holy days, this Triumph of triumphs will strengthen all of us to embrace, continue and expand the mission of our Lord. And that He will give us the courage and fortitude necessary to engage the world with Christ's message of love and salvation, and proclaim to all: Christ is Risen!



With my archpastoral blessings and love in the Risen Lord,

+TIKHON  
Archbishop of Washington  
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

## HOLY PASCHA – THE MIDNIGHT SERVICE

Shortly before Midnight, the Resurrectional Nocturns is sung and all of the lights in the church are extinguished. The faithful wait in silence for the moment when the Priest will come out of the Altar with a lit candle, symbolizing the Light of the Risen Christ and the beginning of the Holy Pascha of the Lord – the Feast of Feasts.

At the stroke of Midnight, the clergy come out of the Holy Altar, all of the candles are lit, and a joyous, festive procession circles the church three times with the singing of the hymn: "Thy Resurrection, O Christ our Savior, the angels in heaven sing. Enable us on earth to glorify Thee in purity of heart." Then stopping before the closed outer doors of the church, the Priest reads the Gospel and exclaims the Paschal verses, "Let God arise...", while the Faithful sing the triumphant Paschal hymn, "Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life."



Faithful receiving the Paschal Fire at the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem.



Distribution of Paschal Fire

The Clergy and Faithful now re-enter the church and the singing of the Paschal Canon, "This is the Day of Resurrection...", with numerous repetitions of the Paschal hymn, "Christ is risen...", begins. At many points during the Service the Clergy exclaim, "Christ is risen!" and the Faithful respond, "Indeed, He is risen!" The church is filled with the Faithful holding lit candles and the Clergy in bright vestments. At the conclusion of the Matins, the catechetical address of St. John Chrysostom is read, summoning all, even those who have come only at the eleventh hour, to the great Paschal Banquet. Matins is then followed by the Paschal Liturgy.

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## BRIGHT WEEK

Bright Week is the first week following the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, which is celebrated each year at Pascha. It ends the following Sunday, the Sunday of St. Thomas. For Orthodox Christians 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 Orthodox during the week.

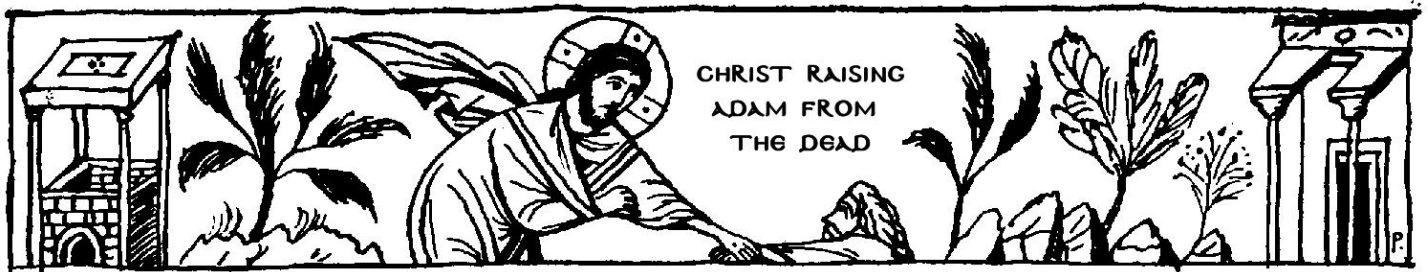


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## LITURGICAL NOTES ABOUT THE PASCHAL SEASON

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. When the Hours of Pascha are sung or read in the absence of a priest, those prayers in italic are omitted.*

*Priest: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.*

*Choir: Amen.*

**Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. (3x)**

*(Tone 6)* Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ, / let us worship, the holy Lord Jesus, / the only Sinless One! / We venerate Thy Cross, O Christ, / and we praise and glorify Thy Holy Resurrection; / for Thou art our God, / and we know no other than Thee; / we call on Thy name. / Come, all you faithful, / let us venerate Christ's Holy Resurrection! / For, behold, through the Cross joy has come into all the world. / Let us ever bless the Lord, / praising His Resurrection. / For by enduring the Cross for us, // He destroyed death by death!

*(Tone 8)* Before the dawn, Mary and the women came / and found the stone rolled away from the tomb. / They heard the angelic voice: "Why do you seek among the dead as a man / the One who is everlasting light? / Behold the clothes in the grave! Go and proclaim to the world: / The Lord is risen! He has slain death, // as He is the Son of God, saving the race of men."

*(Tone 8)* Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, / Thou didst destroy the power of death! / In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, / proclaiming "Rejoice" to the myrrhbearing women, // granting peace to Thine apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

*(Tone 8)* In the tomb with the body and in hell with the soul, / in paradise with the thief and on the throne with the Father and the Spirit, // wast Thou, O boundless Christ, filling all things.

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

*(Tone 8)* Bearing life and more fruitful than paradise, / brighter than any royal chamber: // Thy tomb, O Christ, is the fountain of our resurrection.

**Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

*(Tone 8)* Rejoice, O holy and divine abode of the most high! / For through you, O Theotokos, joy is given to those who cry: // Blessed are you among women, O all-undefiled Lady!

**Lord, have mercy. (40x)**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

**More honorable than the cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim: without defilement you gave birth to God the Word. True Theotokos, we magnify you.**

*Choir: In the name of the Lord, Father, bless.*

*Priest: Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us.*

*Choir: Amen.*

**Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. (3x)**

*Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3x) Father, bless!*

*Priest: May He, who rose from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life, Christ our true God, through the prayers of His most-pure Mother, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.*

