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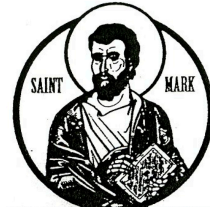
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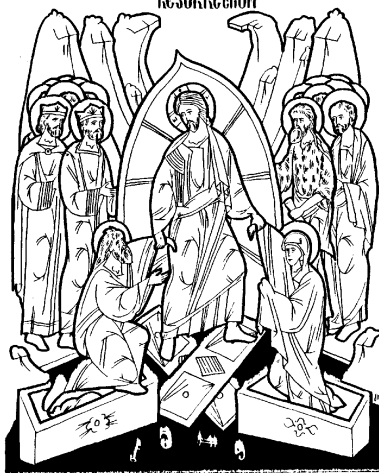
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## CHRIST IS RISEN!

RESURRECTION



## INDEED HE IS RISEN!

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2015**

**HOLY PASCHA — THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. [Beginning of the**

**Pentecostarion].** St. Basil the Confessor, Bishop of Parium (8th c.). Hieromartyr Zeno, Bishop of Verona (ca. 260). Ven. Isaac the Syrian, Abbot of Spoleto (550). Monk Martyrs Menas, David, and John, of Palestine (7th c.). The Venerable Anthusa of Constantinople (801). Ven. Athanasia, Abbess, of Aegina (860). Ven. Acacius the Younger, of Kavsokalyvia (Mt. Athos—1730).

**Epistle:** Acts 1:1-8

**Gospel:** John 1:1-17

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

<b>Confessions:</b>	Saturdays Following Vespers <i>Also by appointment</i>
<b>Vespers:</b>	Saturdays at 6pm
<b>Vigil</b>	Eve of Feasts at 7pm
<b>Divine Liturgy:</b>	Sundays at 9:30am Feast Days at 9:15am

## UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

- Sunday, April 12:** **GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA.** Matins and Divine Liturgy followed by Blessing of Baskets – Midnight; Paschal Vespers – 6pm
- Monday, April 13:** **Bright Monday.** Paschal Hours and Divine Liturgy 9:10am followed by Brunch and Church School Trip to Philadelphia Zoo
- Wednesday, April 15:** **Bright Wednesday.** Prison Ministry – 7pm
- Saturday, April 18:** **Bright Saturday.** Great Vespers and Confessions – 6pm
- Sunday, April 19:** **St. Thomas Sunday.** Hours and Divine Liturgy- 9:10am; Blessing of Graves – Pipersville and New Jersey – 1pm

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YOSKRESE! VOISTINNU YOSKRESE!  
CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN! ! EL MESSIEH KAHM! HAKKAM KAHM! KRISTOS JOSKRESE! VOISTINNU JOSKRESE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Church Cleaning:** Families or groups of individuals are asked to volunteer to clean the church on a monthly or semi-monthly basis. Please see Fr. Martin or Jeanette if you are willing to volunteer. April, May, June and October are taken!

**Coffee Hour:** volunteers are need for weeks after Pascha. Please sign up on the calendar in the Church Hall.

**Scrip Program: Next Scrip Sunday is May 3, the Sunday before Mothers Day! Mark your calendar.**

**Stewardship:** Thank you to everyone who donated to aid our suffering brothers and sisters in Asia. The collection taken on Holy Friday night amounted to \$1101. For your earthly gifts may the Lord bless each of you with His Heavenly Gifts!

**Work Day:** Final phase of the pool transformation on Saturday April 25. Able bodied folks needed from 7am until finish.

**Wrightstown Food Cupboard: Thank you to those who have donated. 114 baskets were packed for needy families in our area. Pasta, sauce, tea, coffee, juice are always welcome.**

## VIGIL LIGHTS:

### From the John Wanko:

For the Health of:

Maureen Wanko

In Memory of:

Wanda Wanko, Peter Wanko, Peter Wanko, Jr.

### From the Swan Family:

For the Health of:

Michael Love, Venus Love, Constance Swan, Neville Noel

In Memory of:

Thomas O. Swan Jr.

### From the Perdakis Family:

For the Health of:

Mohamed, Stamatina, Sanjay, Demosthenes, Amy, Jessica, Michele, Anthony, Bruce

In Memory of:

Angelo, Arthur, Evangelia, Zografia, Demetrios, Nikolas, Kleo, Anna, Spyridon, Christopher, Stamatina, Ekaterini

### *Paschal Homily of St. John Chrysostom*

If any be a devout lover of God,  
let him partake with gladness from this fair and radiant feast.  
If any be a faithful servant,  
let him enter rejoicing into the joy of his Lord.  
If any have wearied himself with fasting,  
let him now enjoy his reward.  
If any have laboured from the first hour,  
let him receive today his rightful due.  
If any have come after the third,  
let him celebrate the feast with thankfulness.  
If any have come after the sixth,  
let him not be in doubt, for he will suffer no loss.  
If any have delayed until the ninth,  
let him not hesitate but draw near.  
If any have arrived only at the eleventh,  
let him not be afraid because he comes so late.  
For the Master is generous and accepts the last even as the first.  
He gives rest to him who comes at the eleventh hour  
in the same was as him who has laboured from the first.  
He accepts the deed, and commends the intention.  
Enter then, all of you, into the joy of our Lord.  
First and last, receive alike your reward.  
Rich and poor, dance together.  
You who fasted and you who have not fasted, rejoice together.  
The table is fully laden: let all enjoy it.  
The calf is fatted: let none go away hungry.  
Let none lament his poverty;  
for the universal Kingdom is revealed.  
Let none bewail his transgressions;  
for the light of forgiveness has risen from the tomb.  
Let none fear death;  
for death of the Saviour has set us free.  
He has destroyed death by undergoing death.  
He has despoiled hell by descending into hell.  
He vexed it even as it tasted of His flesh.  
Isaiah foretold this when he cried:  
Hell was filled with bitterness when it met Thee face to face  
below;  
filled with bitterness, for it was brought to nothing;  
filled with bitterness, for it was mocked;  
filled with bitterness, for it was overthrown;  
filled with bitterness, for it was put in chains.  
Hell received a body, and encountered God. It received earth,  
and confronted heaven.  
O death, where is your sting?  
O hell, where is your victory?  
**Christ is risen!** And you, o death, are annihilated!  
**Christ is risen!** And the evil ones are cast down!  
**Christ is risen!** And the angels rejoice!  
**Christ is risen!** And life is liberated!  
**Christ is risen!** And the tomb is emptied of its dead;  
for Christ having risen from the dead,  
is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
To Him be Glory and Power, now and forever, and from all  
ages to all ages.  
Amen!