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CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN! KHRISTOS VOSKRESE! VOISTINUU VOSKRESE!  
CHRISTOS ANESTI! ALIHOS ANESTI!

## SUNDAY May 1, 2016

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

**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>Great Vespers: Vigil</b>	Saturdays at 6pm Eve of Feasts at 7pm
<b>Divine Liturgy:</b>	Sundays at 9:30am Feast Days at 9:15am

## UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

<b>Sun, May 1:</b>	<b>GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA.</b> Matins and Divine Liturgy of Holy Pascha, Blessing of Baskets, Agape Meal – 12am; Paschal Vespers – 6pm
<b>Mon. May 2:</b>	<b>Bright Monday.</b> Paschal Hours and Divine Liturgy of Bright Monday – 9:10am
<b>Wed, May 4:</b>	<b>Bright Wednesday.</b> Prison Ministry – 7pm
<b>Sat, May 7:</b>	<b>Bright Saturday.</b> Great Vespers – 6pm
<b>Sun, May 8:</b>	<b>St. Thomas Sunday.</b> Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Welcome!** St. Mark's welcomes our Diocesan Hierarchy, His Eminence, Archbishop Mark for our celebration of Holy Pascha. It is a blessing to be able to experience the Resurrection of our Lord with our Archpastor. We are grateful for his presence in our midst and for leading us in the Paschal Liturgy.

**Thank You:** To all those who have made our observance of Holy Week possible: Protodeacon Gregory, those who served in the altar and in the processions, Sergei, Martha and our choir members, Linette and Sandy for palms, pussy willows and flowers, the large and diverse group of men, women and young people who cleaned, polished and cared for the building and grounds in anticipation of and during our many services. Your contributions of time, talent and treasure have enriched our services and have glorified God in His Extreme Humility and Glorious Resurrection.

## VIGIL LIGHTS:

### **From Alan Lee Litvin:**

For the Health of:

All of St. Mark's Parishioners and Extended Family.

In Memory Of:

All those asleep waiting for the Lord to return and awaken them.

### **From Kevin and Mary Anne:**

For the Health Of:

Stanley

### **From Jeanette:**

For the Health of:

Donna

### **From Marina:**

For the Health of:

Alexandra, Julia, Mikhailyana, Jon, Sofia, Alina, Anna, Tatyana, Irina.

In Memory of:

Olga, Agrepina, Konon, Ivan, Nadezda, Ekaterina, Eugenia, Valeria, Sergey, Yuriy, Galina, Valentina, Abram

### **From John Wanko:**

In Memory of: Peter Wanko, Wanda Wanko, Peter Wanko, Jr.

## BIRTHDAYS:

- o Kevin Karaffa
- o Barbara Malriat
- o Patrick Colucci

## NAMES DAY:

- o Irene Arhipov

## 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 way 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!*