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SUNDAY APRIL 23RD, 2017

ANTIPASCHA. 2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA —Tone

1. Holy Glorious Greatmartyr, Victorybearer and Wonderworker George (303). St. Thomas Sunday. Martyr Alexandra the Empress, wife of Diocletian (303). Martyrs Anatolius and Protleon, soldiers converted by witnessing the martyrdom of St. George (303)

Epistle: Acts 5:12-20; 12:1-11

Gospel: John 20:19-31; 15:17-16:2

 **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES** 

Confessions: Saturdays Following Vespers
Also by appointment

Vespers: Saturdays at 6pm

Vigil: Eve of Feasts at 7pm

Divine Liturgy: Sundays at 9:30am
Feast Days at 9:30am

CHRIST IS RISEN! KHRISTOS VOSKRESE! CHRISTOS ANESTI!

INDEED HE IS RISEN! VOISTINU VOSKRESE! ALITHOS ANESTI!

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

- Sun, Apr 23:** Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am. Coffee Hour and Church School follow. Blessing of Graves starts at 1pm at Newtown Cemetery.
- Tues, Apr 25:** Mirrors of Truth -7pm
- Wed, Apr 26:** Akathist – 9:15am; Prison Ministry – 7pm
- Thurs, Apr 27:** Parish Council Meeting – 7pm.
- Sat, Apr 29:** Vespers and Confessions – 6pm.

Church Cleaning: Thank you to those who have signed up to help not only in March and April, but beyond. Additional help is needed. Please consider volunteering for a week or two or even an entire month, if you can.

Coffee Hour: Also, thank you to those who have signed up for Coffee Hour. The signup sheet has been moved so everyone can see it and easily signup!

Grave Blessing: Today, St. Thomas Sunday, graves will be blessed as usual. Those who have family in Orthodox cemeteries have access to multiple priests at those cemeteries who can bless their graves. We also have families with members buried in non-Orthodox cemeteries, and those I will go today according to this schedule: Newtown Cemetery, 1pm. Mechanicsville, 1:45pm. Washington's Crossing Military Cemetery 3pm. If you wish a grave blessed at another time please see me to schedule it. I will happily go and do so at a mutually convenient time.

New Liturgical Items: Thanks to the generosity of different parishioners we have recently added another set of Communion Spoon and Spear. Having an additional spoon makes it possible for us to have a second chalice on Holy Pascha. His Eminence, Archbishop Mark has given a blessing for Protodeacon Gregory to distribute the Holy Gifts along with Fr. Martin, at any time, should the need arise.

Additionally we have 20 new copies of the Liturgy book, which include all three liturgies served throughout the year; St. John Chrysostom, St. Basil the Great, Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

And we purchased four different colored ribbons for the Holy Gospel. If you would like to make a donation toward those it would be welcome. They cost \$20 each.

The Sisterhood has received its Patronal Icon which has been gifted to us by Holy New Martyrs of Russia ROCOR, Norwich Ct., Fr. John Malcolm, Rector. Fr. John, who also teaches at Holy Trinity Seminary, Jordanville obtained the icon for us from Holy Trinity's icon studio.

Three remaining icons from the donations of earlier this year: St. Stephen the Protomartyr, St. Anastasia, All Saints.

Coming soon: our own Funeral Service Book, and the altar server robes, eventually.

May the Lord grant the donors of these holy items heavenly gifts for their earthly and material ones!

Parish Meeting: On Sunday, May 7th we will have a special parish meeting to amend our Parish By-Laws as proposed by the Parish Council. This revision is a result of the Orthodox Church in America's unanimous adoption of an updated Statute of the Orthodox Church in America, the governing document for our Church, at the All American Council in Atlanta in July of 2015. All parishes and institutions of the O.C.A need to bring their current bylaws into conformity with this Statute, which has been in effect since 2015 and is the law of our Church. The By-law revision is accessible on our parish website and Facebook page for review. If you wish a hard copy there are some available. All proposed changes reflect conformity to the Statute and current parish practice. We hope you attend the meeting following Divine Liturgy that day and pass the revised By-Laws.

Script: Next Scrip is on Sunday, April 30th!

Names Day
Marek Szeliga
Birthdays
Sandy Bohlender
Gillian Crosby
Stephanie Ristvey
Valerie Ristvey