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

SUNDAY May 8, 2016

ANTIPASCHA. 2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 1.

Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian
(98-117). St. Thomas Sunday. (Far Caves—12th
c.).

Epistle: 1 John 1:1-7 & Acts 5:12-20

Gospel: John 19: 25-27; 21:24-25 & 20:19-31

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

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| Sunday, May 8: | Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am; Coffee Hour |
| Wednesday, May 11: | Akathist to the Resurrection of Christ – 9:15am; Prison Ministry – 7pm |
| Saturday, May 14: | Great Vespers – 6pm |
| Sunday, May 15: | Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am; Church School; Coffee Hour |

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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.

Church Cleaning and Coffee Hour. Both of these ministries, admittedly neither glamorous, are in need of volunteers and sponsors. We all notice when these tasks are not done and it does reflect on our parish family, especially when visitors come. Check both schedules and see what you can commit to in the coming months.

Mother's Day: We wish all of the mothers, grandmothers and Godmothers of our parish family a joyous day. One day a year is a drop in the ocean in comparison to all that you do for your families. It is a reminder to all of us that we should honor our mothers daily in fulfillment of the Lord's commandment.

Thank You: To all those who have made our observance of Holy Pascha 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 Marina:

For the Health of:

Alexandra, Julia, Mikhailyana, Jon, Ekaterina, Anna, Irina, Sofia, Alina, Tatyana, Vitaly

In Memory Of:

Olga, Agrepina, Konon, Ivan, Ekaterina, Nadezda, Viktor, Borys, Sergey, Yury, Galina, Evgeniya, Valeria, Valentina

BIRTHDAYS

Kevin Karaffa
Barbara Malriat
Patrick Colucci

NAMES DAY

Irene Arhipov

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Dorothy and Ken Martiak

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!