

# Great and Holy Pascha

Sunday, April 19, 2020

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church



**Entrance Hymn:** Bless God in the congregations; praise the Lord from the fountains of Israel. Save us o Son of God, who rose from the dead; to Thee we sing: Alleluia.

**Apolytikion:** *Chri-stos a-ne-sti ek ne-kron, tha-na-to tha-na-ton pa-tisas, ke tis en tis mni-ma si, zo-in ha-ri-sa-me-nos.* Christ is risen from the dead. By death, trampling down upon death and to those in the tombs, He has granted life.

**Kontakion:** Even though You descended into the grave You destroyed the Power of Hades and You rose as a Victor, O Christ our God, saying to the myrrh bearing women: Rejoice! And to Your Apostles granting peace and to the fallen, You also grant Resurrection.

**Trisagion Hymn:** *O-si is Chris-ton e-vap-tis-thi-te Chris-ton e-nethi-sa-sthe. Alli-luia.* All those who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

**Megalinarion:** The angel cried to her who is full of grace: Rejoice Holy Virgin and again I say rejoice, for your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day. Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has arisen over you. Dance now for joy O Zion and exult. Rejoice and be glad O pure Theotokos at the Resurrection of your Child.

**Communion Hymn:** Receive the Body of Christ and partake ye of Him. He is an Immortal Fountain. Alleluia.

## Readings for Pascha

### Epistle Reading is Acts of the Apostles 1:1-8

In the first book, O Theophilos, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "it is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

### Gospel Reading is from John 1:1-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

# Upcoming Services

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- Sunday, April 19**      **PASCHA**  
Agape Vespers      11:00 a.m.-noon
- Wednesday, April 22**      Paraklesis Service 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 23**      **St. George**  
Orthros 9:00 a.m.      Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
- Friday, April 24**      **Zodochos Peghe (Life-Giving Fountain of the Virgin Mary)**  
Orthros 9:00 a.m.      Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, April 26**      **Thomas Sunday**  
Orthros 8:45 a.m.      Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, April 29**      Paraklesis Service 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 3**      **Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers**  
Orthros 8:45 a.m.      Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 6**      Paraklesis Service 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, May 8**      **St. John the Theologian**  
Orthros 9:00 a.m.      Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

**Prayer List:** Lord Jesus Christ, Physician of our Souls and Bodies, visit and heal your servants: Fr. Pat Legato, Nellie Pringle, Robert Calbi, Yolanda Webb, Angela Bougas, Tony Ekonomou, Ron, Jason Vickers, Rex Garrison, Tina Chakonas, Ann Demas, Alex Martinez, Adriana Martinez, Aaron Martinez, Christina Noel Kouzes Houck, Evangeline Xeroteris, Nichole Ross, Daniel Ross, Daniella Ross, Ashley Henderson, Natalie Henderson, Chris, Debbie, James, Avery, Lily, Jacob, Jesse, Ann, Rosario, Antonia Caffentzis, Alissa, John, Angela, Joey, Christine Scourtes, Steven, Matthew & Family, Phyllis, John Zelatis, Reagan, Peter Zaharis, Alexandra Ferrarolis, Leon & Despina Botham, Cindy Xenick, Mary Ellen Evdemon, Marie Sofia Panagopou-los, Maria Hursey, Chris Vamvakias, Effie Sorolis, John Myer, Mike Trimis, Robert and Alice Stoccardo, John Alexander, Michael Romero, George Hambos, Dean Kondilis and Family, Bill and Nancy Manikas, Patricia Costello, Anastasia Smyrnakis, Ekaterina & Anna Shushaalykova, Dora Koudouna, Ana Mourer, Debbie Phelps, Mary Voykin, David Voykin, Anne Sakellaris, Denise Badrane, Sia Blankenship, Don Payne, Zhana Temelkova, Stanislava Terzieva, James, Jude and all victims of war, terrorism, crime, natural disaster, and all of whom we are unaware.

# Catechism Lesson For Adults and Teenagers

## Pascha 2020

### Read Mark 16: 1-8

#### Icebreaker Questions

What elements of Pascha and Holy Week did you miss most this year?  
What elements of Pascha and Holy Week did you preserve?

#### Discussion Questions

How do you think the women felt on their way to the tomb?

Sad  
Exhausted  
Sentimental  
Expectant  
Worried about the soldiers?  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

When they found the stone rolled back and an angel sitting on it, how do you think they felt?

Scared to death  
Wondering who took the Body  
Overcome with grief—they could not take any more heartache  
Overcome with joy—they knew Jesus would come back!  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

What attitude do the people around you (family, co-workers, neighbors) have towards the Resurrection of Christ?

Belief  
Unbelief  
Mockery  
Doubt  
Curiosity  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

What is your attitude towards the Resurrection?

Belief  
Unbelief  
Mockery  
Doubt  
Curiosity  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

What difference does the Resurrection of Christ make in your everyday life?

Not much  
Quite a bit  
A great deal  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

Now that we have finished Lent and Holy Week, what is one, small, permanent change in your spiritual life that you can make.