

Coffee Hour Signup

Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour. Donations are welcome!

April 16: Pascha Picnic

April 23: Sponsor Needed

April 30: Manesiotis Family

May 7: Foster Family

Stewardship 2023

On Sunday, December 11, 2022, following services, our Chairperson Ruxandra Georgescu offered some words of inspiration for us to be faithful stewards of the Church. Please see Ruxandra for a 2023 packet

Capital Campaign

King Soopers Cards has established a new program by using their Loyalty Program. Please see Demetria Greenwood and she will link your King Soopers card with the new giving program.

Inquirers Welcome

Those visiting our parish are welcome to set up a time to speak with Fr. Dennis about the Orthodox faith. Please see Fr. Dennis. Following services or call him on his cell phone listed on the front of the bulleting.

Church School

Church School began on, September 25, following Holy Communion. Please see Sara LaBrie for more information.

Greek School

Greek School classes began on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 every Tuesday and thereafter through June 5, 2023. Please contact Alex Ellis for more information at 719.471.0157.

Dates to Remember

April 16: Pascha; **May 25:** Ascension of the Lord; **June 4:** Pentecost; **June 12-28:** Apostles Fast

Reflection

There is heroism above heroism and asceticism above asceticism. St. Epiphanius of Cyprus invited Hilarion the Great to dinner and in order to show the greatest hospitality to his distinguished guest, placed fried chicken on the table and offered it to him. Hilarion said to him: "Forgive me, but ever since I was tonsured a monk, I have eaten nothing butchered." To that Epiphanius replied: "And I, ever since I was tonsured a monk, have never lay down in bed until I first forgave my enemy." Amazed, Hilarion said: "Your virtue is greater than mine, Oh holy master!" This is a great lesson for all of us. Fasting is an admirable thing but it is more admirable to forgive insults. Through fasting, man is preparing for charity but, by forgiving insults, man shows charity. Fasting precedes forgiveness but fasting alone, does not save without forgiveness.

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April 16, 2023

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen! Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!

Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: Philippians: 4:4-9

Gospel: John 12:1-18

Services: *Sunday*-8 a.m. Orthros and 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy, *Weekdays* 8 a.m. Orthros and 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy when scheduled.

Saints of the Day: PASCHA! The Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Martyr Leonidas, Charissa, Niki, Galina and Theodota of Corinth; Virgin-martyrs Irene, Agape and Chionia of Illyria; New-martyr Michael of Smyrna; Venerable-martyr Christopher Dionysiou monastery on Athos; Hieromartyr Nikita of St. Anne Skete on Athos.

Order of Service

Antiphons

From Pascha

Little Entrance 3rd Antiphon we chant the Paschal verses and Christ is Risen

Instead of Come let us worship we chant:

Bless God in the churches, the Lord from the fountains of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Ἐν Ἐκκλησίαις ἐὺλογεῖτε τὸν Θεόν, Κύριον ἐκ πηγῶν Ἰσραὴλ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς, Υἱέ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστάς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

After the Entrance: Christ is Risen 3x

Ypakoe of Pascha Tone 4

When the women with Mary had come before dawn, and they found that the stone had been rolled away from the sepulcher, they heard from the Angel, Why do you seek among the dead, as a mortal man, the One who exists in everlasting light? See the grave clothes in the sepulcher. Run and proclaim to the world that the Lord has risen and put death to death; for He is the Son of God who saves the human race.

Kontakion of Pasch Tone 8

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought

down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out Rejoice to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

Instead of the Trisagion: *As many as have been baptized...*

Instead of “Axion Estin” Tone 1

The angel cried unto her that is full of grace: O pure Virgin, rejoice, and again, I say: Rejoice; for your Son has risen from the grave on the third day.

Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord, has arisen upon you; dance now and be glad O Sion, and do you exult, O pure Theotokos, in the arising of Him Whom You did bear.

Ὁ Ἄγγελος ἐβόα τῇ Κεχαριτωμένῃ· Ἄγνή παρθένε, χαῖρε καὶ πάλιν ἐρῶ χαῖρε, ὁ σὸς Υἱὸς ἀνέστη τριήμερος ἐκ τάφου.

Φωτίζου, φωτίζου, ἡ νέα Ἱερουσαλήμ· ἡ γὰρ δόξα Κυρίου ἐπὶ σὲ ἀνέτειλε. Χόρευε νῦν καὶ ἀγάλλου Σιών, σὺ δὲ Ἄγνή, τέρπου Θεοτόκε, ἐν τῇ ἐγέρσει τοῦ Τόκου σου.

Communion Hymn and during Communion of the Faithful: *Receive the Body of Christ, and taste the source of Immortality. Alleluia.*

Instead of *We have seen the true light...* Christ is Risen

Instead of *Blessed be the name...* Christ is Risen.

Divine Services

TODAY, April 16: Agape Vespers 12pm noon.

Wed., April 19: NO SERVICE

Fri., April 21: Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am for the Life Giving Fountain

Sat. April 22: Great Vespers 5pm

Paschal Greetings to All!

Fr. Dennis and the Parish Council extend their best wishes and prayers to all of the faithful and friends of our community for a joyous celebration of our Lord's Holy Resurrection. May our Lord bless all who have prepared our church by cleaning, decorating and cooking or donated toward the ongoing work at Archangel Michael. *Christ is Risen!*

Holy Communion in the Orthodox Church

Holy Communion of the Orthodox Church is the Holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is *“With the fear of God, faith and love”* that we approach the Divine Mysteries. Therefore, Holy Communion is reserved only for those baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by prayer and fasting, as prescribed by the teachings of the Holy Orthodox Church. We ask that women, before approaching to receive from the Holy Cup, in respect of our Lord, to please remove lipstick.

Anastasi & Agape Vespers

Following services this morning a Paschal Dinner Celebration will be held in the Fellowship Hall. **A freewill donation is requested** and proceeds benefit Archangel Michael. *All are welcome and encouraged to attend!* During the Agape Vespers on Sunday of Pascha, the Gospel is proclaimed in many languages. Please let Fr. Dennis know what language you are able to read.

Pascha Picnic

TODAY, following Agape Vespers we have our annual picnic main course provided and don't forget to bring in your side dishes! A freewill donation is requested. *All are welcome to attend!*

During the Paschal Season

Memorial Services for the departed are **not** permitted from Lazarus Saturday (*April 16*) to St. Thomas Sunday (*May 1 inclusive*). The church does this so we may focus our attention solely on the Resurrection of our Lord. It also reminds us that death in and of itself, is not final for the true believer. As followers of the Risen Lord, we too shall rise from the dead to live eternally with our Savior.

Also, we do not kneel during any church services from Pascha until Pentecost and the prayer of *“Heavenly King..”*, is not said until Pentecost as it is replaced with triple singing of Christ is Risen for the forty days.

Tradition relates that in Italy Mary Magdalene visited Emperor Tiberias (14-37 A.D.) and proclaimed to him Christ's Resurrection. According to Tradition, she took him a red egg as a symbol of the Resurrection, a symbol of new life with the words: *“Christ is Risen!”* Then she told the emperor that in his Province of Judea the unjustly condemned Jesus the Galilean, a holy man, a miracle worker, powerful before God and all mankind, had been executed at the instigation of the Jewish High Priests, and the sentence confirmed by the procurator appointed by Tiberias, Pontius Pilate.

No Fasting During Bright Week: All foods are permitted everyday during Bright Week, even on Wednesday and Friday. The Church relaxes the normal fasting rule to celebrate our Lord's Resurrection. Following Bright Week, wine and oil are permitted every Wednesday and Friday until the Ascension.

Other saints of our Orthodox Church not named in the Gospels or writings of the Scriptures are: The wife of Pontius Pilate is St. Prokla (feast day Oct. 27) and the soldier at the foot of the cross who said: *“Truly this was the Son of God”* the martyr Longinus (feast day Oct. 16).

Bookstore and Library

Our Bookstore is filled with many excellent books and items for your home prayer corner as well as gifts. Please see Olga Sonnenburg for more information.