

THE RESURRECTION



APRIL 12, 2026



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**HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN SABA , ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK
AND**

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**HIS GRACE BISHOP THOMAS, AUXILIARY BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE
OF CHARLESTON, OAKLAND , AND MID-ATLANTIC**

REVEREND FATHER SERAPHIM MOSLENER

***Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. (John 16:23)
When a new person is baptized or Chrismated we say to that person, "Welcome Home!" The Church is where each person voluntarily belongs as one who believes in and belongs to Christ .***

We take this opportunity to welcome those guests worshipping with us.

***Anyone wishing to request prayers for Health and Well-being, or a Trisagion prayer,
please contact Fr. Seraphim***

The Orthodox Church understands that the sacraments we experience are a fundamental part of the sacred life of a worshipping community that shares in "one body...one faith". (Eph. 4:5). Thus, we can only share Communion with those who are Orthodox and who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and Confession. If you are not Orthodox, or are not properly prepared, you are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing and then to take a piece of the blessed bread.

DIVINE LITURGY FOR APRIL 12TH SUNDAY OF GREAT AND ALL-HOLY PASCHA

:Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

Choir: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (*twice*)

Censing the west side of the Altar:

Priest: Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let those that hate Him flee from before His face.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

Censing the south side of the Altar:

Priest: As smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish; as wax melteth before the fire.
(***Refrain***)

Censing the east side of the Altar:

Priest: So let sinners perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous be glad.
(***Refrain***)

Censing the north side of the Altar:

Priest: This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein.
(***Refrain***)

Censing the Prothesis and the remainder of the Sanctuary:

Priest: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. (***Refrain***)

Censing the Iconostasis from the Holy Doors:

Priest: Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. (***Refrain***)

The Priest completes the censing while singing:

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs...

Choir: ...bestowing life!

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing to His Name, give glory to His praises.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Say to God: How awesome are Thy works; let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee. Let it sing a song to Thy Name, O Most High. (***Refrain***)

Glory... Both now... (***Refrain***)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

May God have mercy upon us, and bless us, and may He cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations; let the peoples give thanks to Thee, O God, let all the peoples give thanks to Thee. (***Refrain***)

May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear Him. (***Refrain***)

Glory... Both now... **O, only begotten Son and Word of God...**

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let those that hate Him flee from before His face.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

As smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish; as wax melteth before the fire. (***Refrain***)

So let sinners perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous be glad. (***Refrain***)

This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein. (***Refrain***)

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF PASCHA

In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

PASCHAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (*once*)

THE HYPAKOE OF PASCHA IN TONE FOUR

When they who were with Mary came, anticipating the dawn, and found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher, they heard from the Angel: Why seek ye among the dead, as though He were mortal man, Him Who abideth in everlasting light? Behold the grave-clothes. Go quickly and proclaim to the world that the Lord is risen, and hath put death to death. For He is the Son of God, Who saveth the race of man.

THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (*thrice*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Dynamis!

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

THE EPISTLE

***This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein!
O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endureth forever.***

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (1:1-8)

In the first book, O Theophilus, 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 to 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."

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. 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.

MEGALYNARION FOR PASCHA IN TONE ONE

The Angel cried unto her that is full of grace: O pure Virgin, rejoice, and again I say, rejoice; for thy Son hath arisen from the grave on the third day.

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord hath arisen upon thee; dance now and be glad, O Zion, and do thou exult, O pure Theotokos, in the arising of Him Whom thou didst bear.

APRIL/MAY SERVICES

**APR. 11th/12th Saturday/Sunday — 10PM VIGIL of PASCHA
(Midnight office/Rush Service followed by Pascha Matins &
Paschal DIVINE LITURGY of St. John Chrysostom
followed by our Easter Fellowship Meal in the Hall.**

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APR. 12TH SUNDAY — 12 NOON AGAPE VESPERS

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**APR. 18TH SATURDAY — Community Breakfast 8:30-10:30am
5PM GREAT VESPERS**

APR. 19TH SUNDAY — THOMAS SUNDAY

MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

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APR. 25TH SATURDAY — 5PM GREAT VESPERS

APR. 26TH SUNDAY — MYRRH BEARERS

MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

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**NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO VESPER SERVICES
BEGINNING MAY 1ST. THROUGH AUGUST.**

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**MAY 03RD SUNDAY — SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC
MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM**

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**MAY 10TH SUNDAY - SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN
MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM**

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**MAY 17TH SUNDAY — SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN
MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM**

PRAYERS ARE OFFERED FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF:

Fr. Steven, Kh. Paraskeva, Carol, Debbie, Trish, Shannon, Justin, Perry Sassic & family, Roddy, Jan, Fr. Andrew, Frank, Charlene, Cindi, Harriet, Joann, Cindy, Ray, Marlene, Julianna, Elias, Carrie, Oliver, Pauline, Despina, Julius, Jonathan, Kristen, Luca, Sam, Michael, Esteven, Phephile, Kyriel, Justin, Levon, Aiden, Kayla, Kirsten, Jonathan K., Andrew and Rosemary.

FOR THOU ARE THE RESSURECTION, THE LIFE, AND THE REPOSE OF THY SERVANTS WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP ESPECIALLY:

Prayers are offered in memory of.....

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

1) A children's **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** will begin on Sunday, April 19 (St. Thomas Sunday) following Divine Liturgy and continue through May 31st. The class will be taught by Jessica Hill. Children of all ages are welcome. The students and teacher will receive communion first each Sunday and be dismissed to their class in the room behind the altar.

2) Fr. Seraphim has not yet received permission to be retired. He will keep all updated.

3) Donations for the families who have been affected by the severe humanitarian crisis in Antiochian Archdiocese of Mount Lebanon & Zahle are still being accepted throughout the remaining Sundays in this month. Please consider on making a financial offering to support this urgent relief efforts.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH BY DEATH, AND UPON THOSE IN THE TOMB BESTOWING LIFE!” What does this mean to you? What does this mean for you?

GOD'S ULTIMATE PROMISE FULFILLED

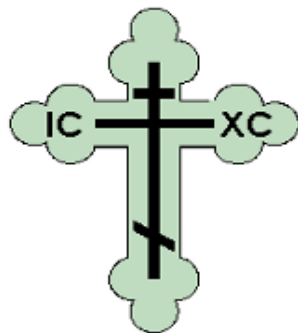
Throughout the course of history, God promised his people many things. He promised the Israelites a land of their own, and after wandering in the wilderness for forty years, they received their promised homeland. God promised that He would send a Messiah to an anxious world, and He did so in the Person of Jesus Christ, His Only begotten Son. God's greatest promise to mankind was given through Christ, when He said: "THE SON OF MAN WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND SCRIBES, AND THEY WILL CONDEMN HIM TO DEATH AND DELIVER HIM TO THE GENTILES. THEY WILL MOCK HIM AND SPIT UPON HIM, AND SCOURGE HIM AND KILL HIM. AND AFTER THREE DAYS HE WILL RISE AGAIN."(Mark 10:33-34)

Pascha is, indeed, the fulfillment of this wonderful promise. Throughout Holy Week, we walked the way of the Cross with our Savior. We witnessed his arrest and trial. We were present when He was beaten and humiliated. We were there when He breathed His last breath as He hung on the Cross.

Today, we bask in the glory of Christ's Resurrection. Death could not defeat Him! The grave could not hold Him! The empty tomb will forever testify to the undisputable fact that our Lord kept His promise: He DID rise again.

On this Feasts of Feasts, may we all remember that Christ's victory is OUR victory as well. Death will not have a permanent hold on us either. Eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven awaits all of Christ's faithful followers. Let us all lift up our voices today and proclaim Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

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