

### **SPRING SPIRITUAL RETREAT:**

Mark your calendars now for Friday evening May 22 and the day of May 23 for a spiritual retreat hosted by HTOC. We think you won't want to miss Orthodox Christian counselor, retreat leader, and mission specialist Geoff Whiteman (ThM, LMFT), who will lead us in highly interactive and engaging sessions on being a Christian witness in this season of the Ascension. Child care will be provided. Events will begin Friday, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm: Moleben, Orientation, Pitch-in; Saturday is 9:30 am-4:00 pm, 2 sessions, with a lunch break.

### **ST. TIKHON'S SEMINARY MISSION CHOIR:**

Sts Peter & Paul Church in Lorain will host the St. Tikhon's Seminary Mission Choir on April 25-26. A 5:30 p.m. Vespers service on Saturday will be followed by a Liturgical Concert and a reception; and the Choir will sing responses at the Divine Liturgy on Sunday. All donations will go directly to the Seminary.

### **PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES:**

The Parish Council has set dates for upcoming events: Parish Picnic—July 19; Rummage Sale—July 23-25; Meatloaf Dinner Fundraiser for St. Herman House—November 8.

### **BRIGHT FRIDAY EVENT:**

The International Orthodox Christian Charities will have a Bright Week Dinner Dance on April 17; 6:00 p.m., at St. Sava on Wallings Rd. This family-friendly event will raise funds to help Orthodox Christians around the world. If you are unable to attend but would like to donate, visit [www.iocc.org](http://www.iocc.org)

### **YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP:**

Orthodox young adults are gathering to celebrate the Paschal season on Wednesday, April 15, 6:00 p.m. There will be a picnic at Elmwood Park in Independence. See details on the bulletin board.

### **BRIGHT SATURDAY:**

All are invited to St. Nicholas Church, 755 S. Cleveland St. in Mogadore for a Bright Saturday celebration. Divine Liturgy begins at 10:00 a.m., followed by a Lamb Kabob Potluck. Please RSVP with the QR code so that enough meat can be prepared.



### **TRINITARIAN COVERS:**

The covers today are offered by MaryAnn Bobulsky in blessed memory of Daria and Jerome Petrykowski.

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Divine Liturgy on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

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## HOLY PASCHA

### THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

*St. Basil the Confessor, Bishop of Parium; Hieromartyr Zeno, Bishop of Verona;  
Ven. Isaac the Syrian, Abbot of Spoleto; Monk Martyrs Menas, David, and John, of Palestine;  
Ven. Anthusa the Virgin, of Constantinople; Ven. Athanasia, Abbess of Aegina;  
Ven. Acacius the Younger, of Kavsokalyvia*

## CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

Before the dawn Mary and the women came and found the stone rolled away from the tomb. They heard the angelic voice: "Why do you seek among the dead as a Man the One Who is everlasting Light? Behold the clothes in the grave; go and proclaim to the world: 'The Lord is risen; He has slain death, as He is the Son of God, saving the race of man.'" Troparion, Tone VIII

You descended into the tomb, O Immortal, You destroyed the power of death. In victory You arose, O Christ God, proclaiming: "Rejoice!" to the Myrrhbearing Women, granting peace to Your Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen. Kontakion, Tone VIII

TODAY'S EPISTLE: ACTS 1:1-8

TODAY'S GOSPEL: JOHN 1:1-17

### HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, April 7 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy w/Cross Procession  
Saturday, April 18 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Dear Ones in Christ,  
Christ is Risen!

On this Feast of Feasts, the Mystical Passover, this Holiest of Days, this Day of Resurrection, I greet you with joy and offer my humble and heartfelt pastoral blessings to you and your loved ones. Christ has borne up Adam and Eve and taken them out from the corruption of Hades; and we now, having beheld the Resurrection, are called in turn to be *Khristophoroi / Khristonostsi* (Christ-bearers) — always lifting up the salvific work of Christ in our hearts during Bright Week, the 40 Days of Pascha, and beyond. Our fasting gives way to feasting! As much as we have fasted, we now feast, yes with food, but even more with joyful hearts facing the world with undying hope; bearing up a risen Christ; knowing that our small taste of the Lord's goodness will give way to the full experience of the Eternal Eighth Day of the Kingdom of God.

May this celebration fill your hearts full and even flow over and pour out into your daily lives, everywhere the Lord takes you.

With love in the Risen Christ,

*Fr. Christopher*

**Daily Scripture Readings** can be found in the St. Tikhon's Wall Calendar or at [www.oca.org/readings](http://www.oca.org/readings).

**THIS IS A FAST-FREE WEEK.**

**PASCHA 2027 WILL BE ON MAY 2. (Western Easter is on March 28, 2027.)**



# CHRIST IS RISEN!

April 12, 2026

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To the clergy, monastics, and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America, beloved in the Lord:

Christ is risen! Indeed he is risen!

A week ago, we heard the holy Martha express her faith in the resurrection of the dead when she said: "I know that my brother will rise again in the resurrection at the last day" (Jn. 11:24). But our Lord replied to her, "I am the Resurrection and the Life," and that very day he called Lazarus forth from the tomb (Jn. 11:25, 43-44).

He did this by the power of his third-day Resurrection, a power that cannot be contained by time or place. The Pascha of the Lord is not an event like other events, one more link in a chain of causality or knot in a string of happenstance. Through Christ's Passion and Resurrection, divine eternity breaks into time; mortality encounters life everlasting. Christ's Pascha is not just the resurrection of the dead at the end; it is the end of time itself. In the light of Pascha, all other events are bathed in the endless radiance of the unceasing and immeasurable age to come.

The uncontainable, all-encompassing power of the Lord's Resurrection is reflected in the way that we celebrate the Paschal event. There is one day a year we call Pascha. And yet, all of Bright Week is also considered one day, a single celebration of Pascha. Then again, the feast actually continues until its Leavetaking on the eve of the Ascension. And even after that, we renew our Paschal celebration each Sunday, adorning our weekly observance of the Lord's Day with a grand cycle of hymns in honor of the Resurrection.

Liturgically, then, we see that Pascha cannot be contained; its power cannot be circumscribed by a single day or even a whole season. This is also true in each of our lives. Christ is risen, and therefore

each and every moment offers us the possibility of a new beginning. By the power of Christ's Pascha, our entire life becomes a continuous opportunity to renew ourselves, to start again.

This means that the joy of this Paschal morning, the rejoicing we experience when we discover the empty tomb in the deep dawn, need never cease. Yes, Martha was right: the Lord will raise us up on the last day. But he is also ready to raise us up today, tomorrow, and every day of our lives. He suffered the consequences of our sin on the Cross so that he might free us from our bondage to its power. The joy of liberation need not come only at the end, or only once a year: Christ's Pascha is with us always, in our hearts and in our lives.

It is my prayer that this experience of Pascha remain with each of you throughout this week, throughout these forty joyous days of celebration, and throughout all the days of your life. I pray that, finding joy in his victory, you may experience that victory again and again each time you turn back to him and start anew. If we remain faithful to him—not by our instant moral perfection, but by our steadfast repentance and willingness always to begin again—he who is called Faithful and True will surely remain faithful to us, and we will know the happiness and power of his Pascha both now and throughout the age to come (Rev. 19:11; cf. 2 Tim 2:12–3).

To him who passed through the darkness of hell in order to lift us up to the unfading light of his heavenly kingdom, henceforth and always, Christ our true God, the Paschal Lamb who lives forever, be all glory and adoration, together with his Father and his All-holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Christ is risen! Indeed he is risen!

Yours in the Risen Christ,

+Tikhon  
Archbishop of Washington  
Metropolitan of All America and Canada