



Welcome to our Visitors: We are honored to have you come to worship with us. You may find the worship of the Ancient Church rather different. If you are unfamiliar with the worship of the Byzantine Church, simply listen to the Liturgy and allow the rest of the congregation to carry you in worship. We understand Communion to be an act of the unity of our Faith; however, while we work towards it, this unity regrettably does not now exist. Therefore, only baptized Catholics in the State of Grace are permitted to participate in the Holy Communion.

BRIGHT WEEK

PASCHA – FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION

Resurrection Matins and

Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

Festal Anointing

Blessings of Paschal Foods

following the Liturgy

BRIGHT MONDAY 7 pm

Stephen Acosta (Greg & Beth Gath)

BRIGHT TUESDAY 9 am Health & Salvation of

Ohm Family (Sub-deacon Michael)

Bright Wednesday (Feast of St. George) 6 pm

Dennis & Sally Rock (Kay Terry)

Bright Thursday 6 pm Health of Donna Safian-

Sansone (Bob & Nina Erickson)

Bright Friday 9 am Health of Donna Safian-

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Bright Saturday 9 am Health of Donna Safian-

Sansone (Bob & Nina Erickson)

St. Thomas Sunday

9 -9:40 Confessions

10am Divine Liturgy

12 Noon Divine Mercy Chaplet

OUR ALTAR SERVERS

Erik Cline, Anthony Gath, Greg Gath, Chance Michael Hamaker, Ian Ward, Liam Ward, Nigel Ward, Jonny Weil

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jean Anderson, Margie Aquilar, Marjory Bates, Betty Belanger, Mary Ann Bennett, Jennie Bergeron, Margaret Bivens, William Brown, Marc Brown, Ann Caldryn, Martha Cline, Dolores Demko, Launey Dovin, Fr. Harold Drexler, John Ewing, Danny Felix, Monica Flores, Ramon Flores, Estela Garcia, Michael Hamaker, Patricia Harrison, Dorothy Hazard, Alex Justic, Patricia Kanenbley, Deanna Keefe, Don & Irene Knapp, Ray & Felicia Kuna, Anthony Kuwae, Fr. James Lane, Don Jose Gallegos Marin, Jean Mayo, Nick Moyta, Elaine Nale, Karen Nale, Stella Navarrette, Veronica Navarrette, Peter Nesbella, Evdokiya Obushko, Helen Onder, Carol Pasmant, Katherine Peavey, Betty Perebza, Rosemarie Persek, Fr. John Petro, Fr. Christopher Petruska, Fr. Gregory Petruska, John Pipta, Mary Jane Pipta, Deacon Paul & Irene Pipta, Rita Pipta, Laura Schaufel, Richard Sesma, Diana Shea, Irene Shiring, Robert Skopeck Sr., Gail Strachan, Dr. Stephen Torday, John Valdez, Maria Valdez, Robert Valdez, Robert Vida, Susie Vida, Pilar Vree, Robert Morris Weil, Don Wilson, Brian Wollwebber, Fr. Chris Zugger.

he Holy Father's Prayer intentions for April: Ecology and Justice. That governments may foster the protection of creation and the just distribution of natural resources. **Hope for the Sick.** That the Risen Lord may fill with hope the hearts of those who are being tested by pain and sickness.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR MILITARY:

Jerelle Hamaker, Allen Latimer, Dennis Lloyd, Scott Nale, Michael Perko, Matt Reynolds, Robert Skopeck Jr.

Epistle/Cantor Schedule

4/20	Kester Bailey	Acts 1:1-8
4/27	Jonathan Weil	Acts 5:12-20
5/04	George Petyo	Acts 6:1-7
5/11	Steve Kopko	Acts 9:32-42
5/18	Ron Pasmant	Acts 11:19-26 & 29-30
5/25	Mike Petyo	Acts 16:16-34
6/01	Marc Brown	Acts 20:16-18 & 28-38

THE VOCATION TRAVELING ICON is at the home of the Sheftic Family April 20th- May 4th. Please join your prayers with theirs that the Lord Blesses His Holy Church with more priests, monks and religious.

Weeklong Candle Intentions

ETERNAL LIGHT: Special Intentions of Sanctuary Group

CHRIST: Special Intention (Betty Bohner)

CHRIST: Esther Pasmant (Ron Pasmant)

THEOTOKOS: Special Intention (Helen Bruce)

THEOTOKOS: Fuller Family (Fr. James)

CHRIST ENTHRONED: Sarsam Family (Fr. James)

Candle Intentions can be requested by filling out an envelope found in the Narthex. Donation is \$4.00

BISHOP'S APPEAL: We are still in need of \$10,000 to meet our Bishop's Appeal goal of \$16,000. Please pray to see what amount the Spirit of our Lord might be moving you to contribute.

Tithes, Gifts & Finances: 13 April, 2014

Adult Tithes	\$3,210.25
Youth Offerings	9.30
Bishop's Appeal	685.00
Votives	154.00
Flowers	55.00
Cinco de Mayo	156.00
Towards Food	100.00
Alano Club	25.00
Sanctuary	40.00
Recycling	13.50
Bake Sale	1904.00
<u>Loan Principal Reduction</u>	<u>920.00</u>
Total	\$7,272.05

JULY 10-13 BYZANTINE YOUTH RALLY will be held at Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD

JULY 14-18 ICON WRITING WORKSHOP Fr. Marek Visnovsky of the Parma Eparchy will lead a 5 day class here at Annunciation, 9am -6pm each day. Cost: \$450 includes instructions and all materials.

JULY 24-27 ALIVE IN CHRIST for men and boys will be held at Camp Y.M.C.A. Snow Mountain Ranch in Colorado. More details after Pascha.

A VERY SINCERE THANKS TO BOB PIPTA and all the cantors who have dedicated so much time practicing the myriad of Liturgies and services to add beauty to these most spiritually uplifting services our Church has left us as a precious gift. May you be blessed always!



NEW IN THE GIFT SHOP! If you have been having a difficult time explaining our Catholic faith to your children, grandchildren or friends this might just be a perfect purchase. Kathmedia presents a Catholic catechism like no other: The "3MC - 3 Minute Catechism".

3MC consists of 72 hand-drawn and animated episodes each 3-

4 minutes long. Coming to you on **2 DVDs** this series follows and explains the Creed, covering all four parts of the Catechism.

Easier and more difficult subjects are treated in separate episodes making 3MC a great introduction to the faith for **ages 12 to 120.**

Each DVD includes English and Spanish audio tracks. The cost is \$10.



MAY 4th CINCO DE MAYO Stella Navarrette and the Family will sponsor a fantastic Mexican diner in memory of Carlos Navarrette. Dinner is \$12 per adult and \$5 per child. Take out will be available.

JUNE 27-29 MYRRH -BEARERS Retreat in San Luis Obispo at Rancho El Chorro . This is an Eparchial retreat for girls, teens and women.



DIVINE MERCY The Great Mercy Pope John Paul II, both in his teaching and personal life, strove to live and teach the message of Divine Mercy. As the great Mercy Pope, he wrote an encyclical on Divine Mercy:

"The Message of Divine Mercy has always been near and dear to me... which I took with me to the See of Peter and which it in a sense forms the image of this Pontificate." Soon to be sainted, Pope John Paul II wrote on the day he declared the Second Sunday of Easter for the Universal Church, **Divine Mercy Sunday**, "Jesus told Sr. Faustina: "Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy" (Diary, p. 132). Through the work of the Polish religious, this message has become linked forever to the 20th century, the last of the second millennium and the bridge to the third. It is not a new message but can be considered a gift of special enlightenment that helps us to relive the Gospel of Easter more intensely, to offer it as a ray of light to the men and women of our time." The message of Divine Mercy is a tremendous summary of Pascha in general and St. Thomas Sunday, particularly. Next Sunday, 27 April, we will have an opportunity to gather a little after noon to venerate a beautiful icon of the Divine Mercy, sing the Chaplet and hear the message our Lord gave to St. Faustina. This service will be only about 30 minutes long, but the Church will remain open until 3 pm.

Thanks to the Kitchen crew & all who brought and bought food for the Easter Bake Sale. Profit from the sale was over \$4,000!



Thanks to Sue Petyo and her crew for the Raffle and Boutique. The Raffle: \$322. And the

Boutique: \$1,815.

Our thanks to Chris Gerola for his donation of a stunning oriental rug for under the Baptismal font. It is always a joy to beautify the Temple of the Lord.

EASTER EGG HUNT NEXT SUNDAY! In

remembrance of St. Mary Magdalene, the Apostle to the Apostles, we will host an Easter Egg Hunt for the children next Sunday after Divine Liturgy.



THE LEGEND OF PASCHAL EGGS

A pious legend among followers of Eastern Christianity says that Mary Magdalene was

bringing cooked eggs to share with the other women at the tomb of Jesus, and the eggs in her basket miraculously turned brilliant red when she saw the risen Christ.

A different, but not necessarily conflicting legend concerns Mary Magdalene's efforts to spread the Gospel. According to this tradition, after the Ascension of Jesus, Mary went to the Emperor of Rome and greeted him with "Christ has risen," whereupon he pointed to an egg on his table and stated, "Christ has no more risen than that egg is red." After making this statement it is said the egg immediately turned blood red.

THE FIRST PASCHA EGG According to tradition, Saint Mary Magdalene, who had patrician rank, gained an audience in Rome with the emperor after the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ. She denounced Pilate for his handling of Jesus' trial and then began to talk with Caesar about Jesus' resurrection. She picked up a hen's egg from the dinner table to illustrate her point about resurrection. Caesar was unmoved and replied that there was as much chance of a human being returning to life as there was for the egg to turn red. Immediately, the egg miraculously turned red in her hand! It is because of this tradition that Orthodox Christians exchange red eggs at Easter.

One legend concerns the Virgin Mary. It tells of the time the Blessed Virgin gave eggs to the soldiers at the cross. She entreated them to be less cruel and she wept. Her tears fell upon the eggs, spotting them with dots of brilliant color.

Christians embraced the egg symbol and likened it to the tomb from which Christ rose. Saint Augustine first

described Christ's Resurrection from the dead as a chick bursting from an egg. This symbolism was enhanced in the Christian East's celebration of Easter. At the end of the Paschal Liturgy, the faithful exchange paschal greetings and the priest and the faithful present each other with red eggs. Wooden eggs are sometimes suspended from hanging lamps and chandeliers, and often the faithful decorate wooden eggs with icons and hang them from the vigil lights in their home.

PASCHAL GREETING: "The **Paschal greeting** is a custom among Orthodox Christians, consisting of a greeting and response. Instead of "hello" or its equivalent, one is to greet another person with "Christ is Risen!" The response is "Truly, He is risen!" (or "Indeed, He is risen!"). This greeting is used during liturgical services and informally at other times, starting with the feast of Pascha and lasting until Ascension, the period known as *Paschaltide*.

In practice, this custom is usually restricted in use with people that one already knows are Orthodox. In some cultures (e.g., in Russia), it was also customary to exchange a triple kiss after the greeting. It is not uncommon for Orthodox Christians to compile lists of the greeting as it is used around the world, as an act of Orthodox unity across languages and cultures." (Orthodoxwiki.com)

- English - Christ is risen! Truly, He is Risen!
- Old English - Crist aras! Crist soðhlice aras!
- Middle English - Crist is arisen! Arisen he sothe!
- German - Christus ist auferstanden! Er ist wahrhaftig auferstanden!
- Norwegian - Kristus er oppstanden! Han er sannelig oppstanden!
- Latin - Christus resurrexit! Resurrexit vere!
- French - Christ est ressuscité! Il est vraiment ressuscité!
- Italian - Cristo è risorto! È veramente risorto!

- Romanian - Hristos a înviat! Cu adevărat a înviat!
- Sicilian - Cristu arrivisciutu esti! Pibbiru arrivisciutu esti!
- Spanish - ¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡En verdad ha resucitado!
- Greek - Χριστὸς ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!
- Church Slavonic - Хрісто́сь воскресе! Воистину воскресе! (Christos voskres! Voistinu voskres!)
- Czech - Kristus vstal z mrtvých! Vpravdě vstal z mrtvých!
- Polish - Chrystus zmartwychwsta! Prawdziwie zmartwychwsta!
- Russian - Христос воскрес! Воистину воскрес! (Christos voskres! Voistinu voskres!)
- Rusyn - Хрістос воскрес! Воистину воскрес! (Hristos voskres! Voistynu voskres!)
- Slovak - Christos voskres! Voistinu voskres!)
- Ukrainian - Христос воскрес! Воистину воскрес! (Hrystos voskres! Voistynu voskres!)