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April 19, 2026 – 2nd Sunday of Pascha
The Assurance of Thomas

CHRIST IS RISEN!

English:	Christ is risen!	*Indeed He is risen!*
Slavonic:	(C)hristos voskres(e)!	*Voistinu(i) voskres(e)!*
Greek:	Christos anesti!	*Alithos anesti!*
Arabic:	El Messieh q'ahm!	*Hakken q'ahm!*
Albanian:	Krishti U Ngjall!	*Vertet U Ngjall!*
German:	Christus ist auferstanden!	*Wahrlich, Er ist auferstanden!*
Spanish:	Cristo ha resucitado!	*En verdad ha resucitado!*
Latin:	Christus resurrexit!	*Vere resurrexit!*
French:	Le Christ est réssuscité!	*En verite il est réssuscité!*
Japanese:	Harisutos Fukkatsu!	*Jitsu ni Fukkatsu!*
Romanian:	Hristos a inviat!	*Adevărat a înviat!*
Georgian:	Kriste aghsdga!	*Cheshmaritad aghsdga!*
Irish Gaelic:	Tah Kreest asháyreeha!	*Ta shay asháyreeha guhdjévin!*

Schedule

Sun April 19, 9am – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship
Blessing of graves at Fairview Cemetery immed. following Coffee Hour

Sat April 25, 4pm – Great Vespers & confessions
Sun April 26, 9am – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship. *(Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women.) Monthly Parish Council Meeting (brief)*
Blessing of graves following Coffee Hour, cemetery TBD

Sat May 2 – NO VESPERS
Sun May 3, 9am – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship. *(Sunday of the Paralytic.)*
No blessing of graves this week.
Tues May 5, 3:15–? Helping Harvest Food Distribution at Ss C&H

Sat May 9, 2-4pm – Know Your Faith class

Sat May 9, 4pm – Great Vespers & confessions

Sun May 10, 9am – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship *(Sunday of the Samaritan Woman.) Blessing of graves following Coffee Hour, cemetery TBD*

Hymns of the Day

For the 2nd Sunday of Pascha (Tone 7)

From the sealed tomb, thou didst shine forth, O Life! / Through closed doors thou didst come to thy disciples, O Christ God! / Renew in us, through them, an upright spirit, // by the greatness of thy mercy, O Resurrection of all!

Glory ... Now & ever, Kontakion (Tone 8)

Thomas touched thy life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God, / when thou camest to thine apostles through closed doors. // He cried out with all: "Thou art my Lord and my God!"

Instead of "It is truly meet"

The angel cried to the Lady full of grace: / Rejoice, O pure Virgin! / Again I say: Rejoice! / Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb; / with himself He has raised all the dead. // Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem! / The glory of the Lord has shone on you. / Exult now and be glad, O Zion. / Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, // in the resurrection of your Son.

Today's Scripture

These scriptures are given in the bulletin for anyone who has difficulty hearing during the service (and so we can read them again at home).

If you are able to hear in church, it is better to set the bulletin down and "hear with the ears" instead, so that the Scriptures may penetrate more deeply into our hearts.

Epistle: Acts 5:12-20

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

Gospel: John 20:19-31

THE SAME DAY AT EVENING, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

Announcements

CHRIST IS RISEN! In this season of rejoicing for our Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the "first-born of the dead", we bless the graves of our loved ones and proclaim the resurrection to all in the tombs. This week we begin at Fairview Cemetery. I hope to bless *many* gravesites throughout the Paschal season, but I need your help determining where we should go each week. (we are unavailable on Sunday May 3.)

Helping Harvest Food Distribution is the first Tuesday of each month, at Ss. Constantine & Helen. If you are interested in helping, please speak with Stephanie Selis for more information. (This is for distributing food already prepared/packaged by Helping Harvest. If you have items to donate to the food drive, please leave them in our narthex instead.)

Prayers

The newly-departed: Patriarch Ilia of Georgia (3/17) Fr Theodore Mozes (3/9). Fr John Ealy (3/5). Fr Joseph Gallick (4/4). Stephanie Hojnicki (4/15).

For health of: Abp. Nathaniel, Abp. Alexander, Abp. Benjamin, Pani Anna Marie Slovesko, Mat. Elizabeth Meyer, Bernard Kusior, Nina Fatula, Gloria Spitko, Jessica (Philothea) Sullivan and her infant Lucas, Richard Kawood. ***On hospice:*** Vera Eckert (mother of Kathy Wanenchak).
For our Catechumens: Bradley Bosch, Brian Craig.

And for all who are seeking the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fullness of the Orthodox Faith.

Attendance

Fri Apr 3 Lazarus Sat Eve: 3	Thu Apr 9 Passion Gospels: 13
Sat Apr 4 Lazarus Sat Liturgy: 9	Fri Apr 10 Royal Hours: 5
Sat Apr 4 Palm Sunday Eve: 6	Fri Apr 10 Burial Vespers: 13
Sun Apr 5 Palm Sunday Liturgy: 28	Fri Apr 10 Holy Sat Matins: 23
Mon Apr 6 Bridegroom Matins: 9	Sat Apr 11 Holy Sat Liturgy: 16
Tue Apr 7 Bridegroom Matins: 5	Sat Apr 11 PASCHA: 26
Wed Apr 8 Unction: 11	Sun Apr 12 Paschal Vespers: 6
Thu Apr 9 Holy Thursday Liturgy: 4	Tue Apr 14 Bright Tuesday Liturgy: 7

Welcome to all visitors who have prayed and celebrated the Divine Liturgy with us this morning! We invite all of you downstairs for fellowship after the conclusion of the Liturgy. If you have any questions, please reach out to Fr. John at any time. *We love you and hope to see you again!*

Please note: In the Orthodox Church, the receiving of Holy Communion is the sign of one's ***full participation in the mystery of the Faith****, and all Orthodox Christians should receive it frequently.*

For this reason, Communion is offered only to Orthodox Christians who are ***prepared*** *to receive it (through* ***prayer***, ***fasting****, and a recent* ***confession****) and are* ***at peace with each other****. Those who partake of the Eucharist normally fast from food and drink in the morning before the Divine Liturgy, as they are able.*