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**April 26, 2026 – 3rd Sunday of Pascha**
*The Myrrh-bearing Women; Joseph of Arimathea*

*Christ is risen! With sorrow but hope in the resurrection, we share with you that Vera Eckert, the mother of Kathy Wanenchak, reposed yesterday, Saturday April 25. More information will be shared when available. May Vera be granted rest in the mansions of the righteous, and may her memory be eternal.*

## Schedule

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 at Fairview Cemetery following Coffee Hour*

Sat May 2 – NO VESPERS
Sun May 3, 9am – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship. *(Sunday of the Paralytic.) Please welcome Fr Ilijah Balach today, from St Nicholas in Steelton PA. (Fr John is away this weekend. No blessing of graves this week.)*

Tues May 5, 3:15pm – 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*

Sat May 16, 4pm – Great Vespers & confessions
Sun May 17, 9am – Divine Liturgy *(Sunday of the Blind Man.)* Inquirer's Fellowship following Coffee Hour.

## Hymns of the Day

*Troparia, all in Tone 2*

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, / Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. / And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of heaven cried out: // "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

The noble Joseph, / when he had taken down Thy most pure Body from the Tree, / wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, / and placed it in a new tomb. / But Thou didst arise on the third day, O Lord, // granting the world great mercy.

The Angel came to the myrrhbearing women at the tomb and said: / "Myrrh is fitting for the dead; / but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption! / So proclaim: 'The Lord is risen, // granting the world great mercy.' "

*Glory ... Kontakion for the Myrrhbearing Women (Tone 2)*

Thou didst command the Myrrhbearers to rejoice, O Christ. / By Thy Resurrection, Thou didst stop the lamentation of Eve, O God! / Thou didst command Thine Apostles to preach: // "The Savior is risen!"

*Now & ever ... Kontakion for Pascha (Tone 8)*

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, / Thou didst destroy the power of death. / In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, / proclaiming, "Rejoice!" to the Myrrhbearing Women, // granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

*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 our ears" instead, so that the Scriptures may penetrate more deeply into our hearts.*

*Epistle: Acts 6:1-7*

*In those days*, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution.

And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will

devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them.

And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

*Gospel: Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8*

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses observed where He was laid.

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away – for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples – and Peter – that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

## Prayers

***The newly-departed:*** Patriarch Ilia of Georgia (3/17) Fr Joseph Gallick (4/4). Stephanie Hojnicki (4/15). Vera Eckert (4/25).

***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. ***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.*

## CHRIST IS RISEN!

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| *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!* |

**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.)

***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.*

*Attendance*

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

Sun Apr 19 : 28 adults, 2 children (Communion: 18 adults, 2 children)