

Stewardship Sunday for 2018 was held on **December 3**. Please see Ruxandra Georgescu for your packet.

Bookstore

Thank you to all of you who made purchases in recent weeks. Your support for the bookstore is much appreciated. New books and items are on their way and more news to follow shortly. If you have any items you would like to see in the bookstore or would like specially ordered, please contact Olga at osonnenburg@comcast.net. Comments and/or suggestions are welcome.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 13 and Graduation is right around the corner. Please refer to the enclosed flyer for gift ideas. For questions, comments or special orders, please contact Olga at osonnenburg@comcast.net

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Upcoming Parish Events

Our parish community has two upcoming events: **Territory Days**, held on May 26, 27 and 28, and the **Greek Festival**, August 17, 18 and 19. *Please mark your calendars and also volunteer for these important fundraisers.*

Archangel Michael Icon Workshop

Once again we are hosting an Icon Painting Workshop on May 3, 4, 5, 6. Space is available for 12 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis at a cost of \$275.00 per participant. The workshop will be instructed by Mr. Christopher Gosey, whose studio is in New Hampshire, where he specializes in Russian, Byzantine, and Ethiopian Orthodox Icon-writing. He has lectured in the Harvard Divinity School, the International Society of Guilders, and Harvard's School of Middle Eastern Studies. See his work at <http://holyimagesnh.weebly.com>). Additional information is available on the sign-up sheet or contact Nick Rougas at 719-369-7700 or rougasn@Comcast.net.

Pearls of Wisdom

When people are trying, they see for themselves just how much God looks after them personally and how greatly He's concerned with the details of their life. And so their faith increases. If they're faced with various difficulties and temptations, they don't think themselves unhappy, because Christ Crucified is behind the difficulties and gives them the strength they need to deal with them. Blessed are they who really live with Christ, breathe with Him and die with Him in this life.

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April 29, 2018

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen! Χριστός Ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!

Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: Acts 9:32-42

Gospel: St. John 5:1-15

Services: *Sunday*-9 a.m. Orthros and 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy, *Weekdays* 8 a.m. Orthros and 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy when scheduled.

Saints of the Day: 4th Sunday of Pascha and the Paralytic. Apostles Jason and Sosipater of the Seventy; the martyrs of Kerkyra; John, metropolitan of Thebes; New-martyr John; Basil of Ostrog.

Order of Service

Antiphons: From Pascha

Small Entrance we chant the Paschal verses

Instead of Come let us worship we chant:

In the congregations • bless God, • the Lord from the well-springs of Israel; • save us O Son of God, • who are risen from the dead, • we sing to You: alleluia.

Ἐν Ἐκκλησίαις εὐλογεῖτε τόν Θεόν, Κύριον ἐκ πηγῶν Ἰσραήλ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς, Ἰέ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστάς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλουῖα.

After the Entrance

Apolytikion of the Resurrection Tone 3

Let all things above in heaven rejoice and let all things below on earth be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet He has trampled down death by death and first born of the dead has He become. From the womb of Hades has He delivered us and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy. *Page 83 in the green book.*

Apolytikion of the Archangels Tone 4

Supreme Commanders of the Hosts of the Heavens, we, the unworthy, implore and beseech You that by Your supplications You encircle us in the shelter of the wings of Your immaterial glory, guarding us who now

fall down and cry to You with fervor: Deliver us from dangers of all kinds, as the great marshals of the heavenly hosts on high.

Kontakion for Pascha Tone 8

Though You did descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet did You destroy the power of Hades, and did arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Your Apostles O You Who does grant resurrection to the fallen.

Instead of “Axion Estin” Tone 1

The angel spoke to her that is full of grace, saying, O pure Virgin, rejoice; and I say also, Rejoice; for your Son is risen from the tomb on the third day:

We believers in unison bless you, O Virgin, crying: Rejoice, O gate of the Lord. Rejoice, O living city. Rejoice, O you from whom did rise upon us from the dead the Light of Resurrection, He Who was born of you.

Instead of We have seen the true light . . .

Christ is Risen 1x

Divine Services

Wed., May 2: Small Paraklesis 6pm

Sat. May 5: Great Vespers 6pm

During the Paschal Season

- We do not kneel during any church services from Pascha until Pentecost and the prayer of “*Heavenly King..*”, is not said until Pentecost as it is replaced with triple singing of Christ is Risen for the forty days.
- Tradition relates that in Italy Mary Magdalene visited Emperor Tiberias (14-37 A.D.) and proclaimed to him Christ’s Resurrection. According to Tradition, she took him a red egg as a symbol of the Resurrection, a symbol of new life with the words: “Christ is Risen!” Then she told the emperor that in his Province of Judea the unjustly condemned Jesus the Galilean, a holy man, a miracle worker, powerful before God and all mankind, had been executed at the instigation of the Jewish High Priests, and the sentence confirmed by the procurator appointed by Tiberias, Pontius Pilate.
- The Church relaxes the normal fasting rule to celebrate our Lord’s Resurrection. Following Bright Week, wine and oil are permitted every Wednesday and Friday until the Ascension.
- Other saints of our Orthodox Church not named in the Gospels or writings of the Scriptures are: The wife of Pontius Pilate is St. Prokla (feast day Oct. 27) and the soldier at the foot of the cross who said: “Truly this was the Son of God” the martyr Longinus (feast day Oct.

16).

Holy Communion in the Orthodox Church

Holy Communion of the Orthodox Church is the Holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is “*With the fear of God, faith and love*” that we approach the Divine Mysteries. Therefore, Holy Communion is reserved only for those baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by prayer and fasting, as prescribed by the teachings of the Holy Orthodox Church. We ask that women, before approaching to receive from the Holy Cup, in respect of our Lord, to please remove lipstick.

Memorial Service

This morning we remember in our prayers the departed servant of God +Nicholas Manitzas on the 3rd year anniversary of his repose. He is the brother of Presvytera Sophia. *Everlasting be his memory!*

Memory Eternal

We are sad to hear that the servant of God +Andrew Michopoulos fell asleep in the Lord on April 8. He received Orthodox Burial Services from Fr. Dennis and Fr. Thomas Lynch on April 25. *Everlasting be his memory!*

Also the servant of God +Maria Manos fell asleep in the Lord last week at 103 years old. She is the mother of Fr. Makarios Manos. *Everlasting be her memory!*

Dates to Remember

May 17—Ascension of the Lord, May 27—Pentecost, June 4-29—Apostles Fast.

Coffee Hour Signup

Please sponsor a coffee hour. Donations are welcome to help provide treats following services. **April 29:** Presvytera Sophia, **May 6:** Stephanie Falko, **May 13** Sponsor Needed, **May 20** Sponsor Needed

Christians Around the World

Please remember to keep Christians around the world in your prayers. Many are being persecuted and even killed for their faith in Jesus Christ. Remember also the two kidnapped Orthodox bishops from Syria.

Greek Dance Lessons/Youth Group

We welcome your children, ages 4 and older, to join our parish **Youth Greek Dance Group**. *Practice will continue on Sunday, April 29.* For more information please contact Constadina Vasiliades at: 808-373-0312 or constadina@shaw.ca if interested or for questions.

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