

The Resurrection of the Lord

Today the Church and her children rejoice for our Lord and Savior has risen from the dead. The resurrection of the Lord is the central event of our salvation, the one that gives meaning to who we are and what we do. Every celebration of the Eucharist and the other mysteries refers to it as the source of inspiration and meaning.



The resurrection is the feast of feasts, the queen of all feasts. Originally the Church celebrated only one feast, the resurrection itself, which was recalled and renewed each Sunday at the celebration of the Divine Mysteries. Soon, however, it began to recall the Passover of the Lord and His victorious resurrection in a special way once a year, in addition to the weekly commemoration of the resurrection. Eventually, this annual celebration of

the Lord's resurrection was prepared for by a season of prayer, fasting and penance - Lent, and the feast itself was extended for fifty days.

The Church, thus, now celebrates the resurrection of the Lord for a week of weeks (fifty days): from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday (the fiftieth day).

Today's feast is one of joy and peace: *"Peace to those who are far and good hope to those who are near, for Christ has risen from the grave and has gathered those who were scattered and given them joy."*

The joy and peace that flow from the Lord's resurrection are expressed today by the rite of peace which follows the gospel in the Divine Liturgy. The cross is removed from the tomb where it has rested since Great Friday and is draped in white. It is carried through the church accompanied by hymns of praise and joy. The priest solemnly blesses the congregation with the glorious cross and then presents it to them that they might adore it.

By His living cross Christ has saved us from going astray and given us a way to heaven. Through the cross peace and harmony reign among God's people and we are led to perfection.

And so filled with peace and with joyful hearts we proclaim: *A glorious morning has dawned and night has fled. Light has conquered, and night has been destroyed.*

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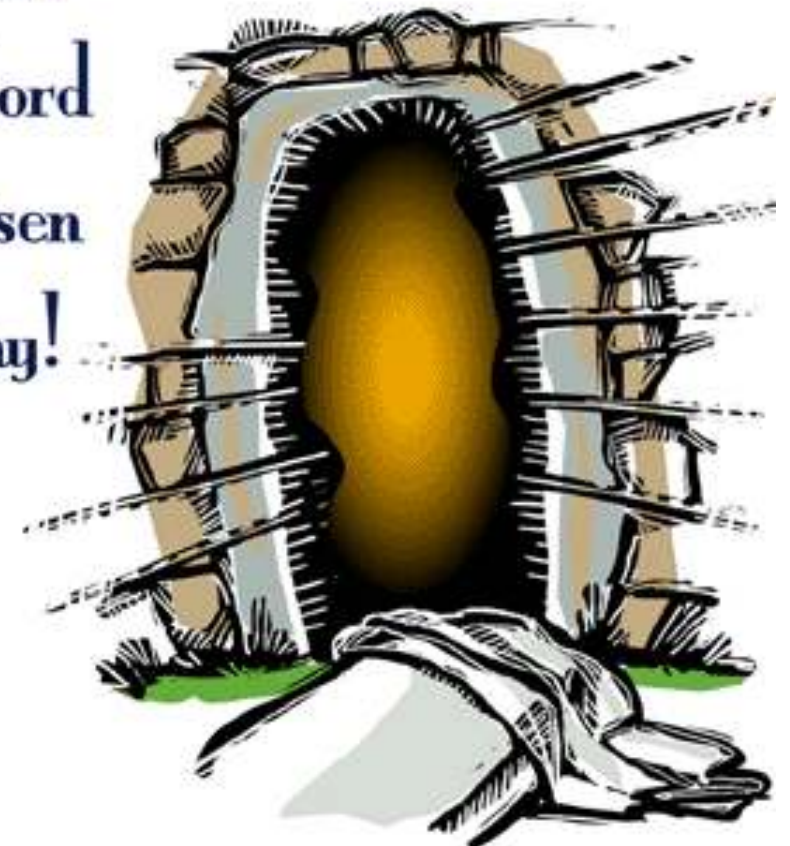
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Sunday, April 5, 2015, Easter Sunday

Christ
the Lord
Is Risen
Today!



Sunday, April 5, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. (Easter Sunday)

Special Intention

Sunday, April 5, 2015 at 11:00 o'clock

For the Parish (living & deceased)

Daily Liturgy in the Chapel (April 6 -11)

Monday: James and Mary Netherwood

6:30 p.m.: Abe, Julia and Peggy Massad

Tuesday: Salma Azar Juarez

6:30 p.m.: George & Annie Mehfoud and all offspring

Wednesday: George & Dably Gibrall

6:30 p.m.: F. D. Gottwald, Jr.

Thursday: Eddie Gibrall

6:30 p.m.: William T "Pat" Patrick

Friday: Fred Kahway (104th birthday remembrance)

6:30 p.m.: Dwight and Ann Pardue

Saturday: Ferrell & Rhonwyn Ryan

Sunday, April 12, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

Marie Gibrall Rudd

Sunday, April 12, 2015 at 11:00 o'clock

Joseph & Julia Shaar and deceased family members

Sunday, April 19, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

George, Rosa and Faiz Oley

Sunday, April 19, 2015 at 11:00 o'clock

Salma Azar Juarez (40 day anniversary)

Scripture Readings

Sunday, April 12, 2015, New Sunday and Divine Mercy

2 Cor 5:11-21; Jn 20:26-31

Readers

Sunday, April 12, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

Rose Shaia.

Sunday, April 7, 2013 at 11:00 o'clock

Kenneth Sledd

Ushers

Sunday, April 12, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

Paul Thomas, Michael Shulleeta, Sonny Shibley, Leigh McDaniel and Michael Yesbeck

Sunday, April 12, 2015 at 11:00 o'clock

Raymond Khoury, Geogre Yesbeck, Jr., Danny Shibley, Jr., Brandon Shulleeta and Walter Ferguson

Altar Boys

Sunday, April 12, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

Stephen Yago, Sam and Joseph Shaia and Justin Shulleeta

Sunday, April 12, 2015 at 11:00 o'clock

Jacob Maust, Christopher Little, Joseph Shibley & Tyler Anders

Meetings

Wednesday, April 8, 2015, the Pastoral Council will meet at **7:00 pm**, in the meeting house. If you have any items to discuss, please let Cathy George, Chairperson, know.

Sunday, April 12, 2015, the Ladies Auxiliary, the Youth Club and the Junior Youth will have their monthly meeting following the 11:00 o'clock Liturgy.

Prayer for Vocations

This week Roger and Margie Gray family will have the Vocation Icon and will pray for vocations.



A Blessed and Joyful Easter to Each of You. May our Risen Savior fill your hearts with Special Graces this Easter Sunday and all the days of your lives.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Leana Contelmo** (Fiancé of Jeffrey McDaniel) and to **Matthew Ryan Estes** (Fiancé of Erika Yesbeck) for formally and officially entering the Maronite Catholic Church this Easter Sunday. Leana was baptized in Half Hollow Community Church in New York, and Matthew was not previously baptized. He received Baptism this Easter Sunday. Matthew and Erika will be married on June 6 and Leana and Jeffrey on July 11, 2015.

Sunday School

Sunday School will resume on **Sunday, April 12, 2015**, following the 8:30 A.M. Liturgy.

Upcoming Lebanese Food Festival

Cooking for the Festival is **every Tuesday** following the morning Liturgy and every **Thursday evening starting at 4:00 P.M.** Please give us a hand. For more information contact either Theresa Shibley, Janet Fodill or Rosie Shaia. The Festival itself will take place May 15, 16, 17, 2015. Thank you for your cooperation, hard work and sacrifices.

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, May 2: at 4:00 p.m.: Picnic until 5:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m.: Annual May Procession, Divine Liturgy and Crowning of the Blessed Mother (there will be no 8:30 a.m. Liturgy on Sunday, May 3)

Saturday, May 9 at 9:00 a.m.: Spring Cleaning Day and set-up for the upcoming Lebanese Festival.

Sunday, May 10, at 11:00 a.m.: First Holy Communion

Friday - Sunday, May 15 - 17, 2015:

Annual Lebanese Food Festival