

## 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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Sunday April 16, 2006: Easter Sunday

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A stylized illustration of an angel with large, feathered wings, wearing a white robe and a halo, positioned behind the text.

“He  
is risen;  
he is not here.”

MARK 16:6

**Sunday, April 16, 2006 at 8:30 A.M.**

George & Annie Mehfoud and the Mehfoud family

**Sunday, April 16, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock**

Members and Benefactors of St. Anthony's; living & deceased.

**Daily Liturgy in the Chapel at 9:00 A.M.**

**Monday:** Abe and Julia Massad

**Tuesday:** Mary Nadder

**Wednesday:** No morning Liturgy

**Thursday:** Charles Thomas

**Friday:** Salvador Zajur

**Saturday:** Mary Nadder

**Sunday, April 23, 2006 at 8:30 A.M.**

Special Intention

**Sunday, April 23, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock**

Charles and Alice Anthony

**Sunday, April 30, 2006 at 8:30 A.M.**

Special Intention

**Sunday, April 30, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock**

Joseph & Julia Shaar; Cleo & Mariam Lee and Henry Lalik



## Choir Practice

**Tuesday, April 25, 2006 at 7:30 P.M.**

there will be a Choir practice for both

Liturgies

## Readers:

**Sunday, April 23, 2006 at 8:30 A.M.**

John Aaron

**Sunday, April 23, 2006 at 11:00 A.M.**

Kenneth Sledd

## Altar Boys

**Sunday, April 23, 2006 at 8:30 A.M.**

Jack Zohab, Daniel Edwards and Joseph Saad

**Sunday, April 23, 2006 at 11:00 A.M.**

Thomas & Vince Shibley, Alex Goodman and

Lawrence Talej

## Ushers

**Sunday, April 23, 2006 at 8:30 A.M.**

Arthur Zohab, Tom Dailey, Tom Anthony and Victor

Shaheen

**Sunday, April 23, 2006 at 11:00 A.M.**

John Fadool, Michel Zajur, Michael Yesbeck and Sam

Shibley

## Sunday School

Sunday, April 23, 2006 the Sunday School classes will resume following the 8:30 A.M. Liturgy.

## Bible Bee

Introducing Sunday School's first **BIBLE BEE on April 30, 2006 following the 8:30 A.M.**

Students in 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades will be answering religious questions in our first Bible Bee. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. Attendance Awards will also be given during the Bee. Complimentary breakfast will be provided for parents and students.

## Upcoming Lebanese Food Festival

**Cooking for the Festival** is every Tuesday following the 9:00 A.M. Liturgy and Thursday evenings from 4:00 P.M. until ?. Please give them a hand and help make this upcoming festival a success. There is room for everyone and everyone is needed. For more information about the kitchen crew, contact either Theresa Shibley, Janet Fodill or Rosie Shaia. The festival itself will take place **May 19, 20, 21, 2006**. Dance Practice for the festival is every **Thursday at 6:30 P.M.**

## Mother Daughter Breakfast

**Sunday, May 7, 2006** following the 8:30 A.M. Liturgy, we will have a Mother/Daughter Breakfast in the social hall.

## May Procession and Crowning of the Blessed Mother

**Sunday, May 7, 2006 at 6:30 P.M.**, we will have our annual May Procession and Crowning of the Blessed Mother.

## Second Collection

**Sunday, May 7, 2006**, a second collection will be taken up for **The National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon** in North Jackson, Ohio. All funds collected will be sent to the Chancery Office for proper transfer. Thank you for your generosity and may God reward you handsomely.

## Are You Interested?

Saint Gertrude High School invites you to attend the Annual Spring Gala on Friday, April 28, 2006 at the Tuckahoe Woman's Club, 4215 Dover Road from 7:00-11:00 p.m. Heavy Hors d'oeuvres by Complete Catering will be provided and music by "Time for Change." Tickets are \$75.00. Proceeds will support the Sister Charlotte Lange '58 Scholarship Fund. For more information and reservations, please contact Ann Winchell 358-9885 ext. 352.

## A Big Thank You

A big Thank You to His Excellency Bishop Stephen Hector Doueih for his presence among us during this Holy Week.



*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.*