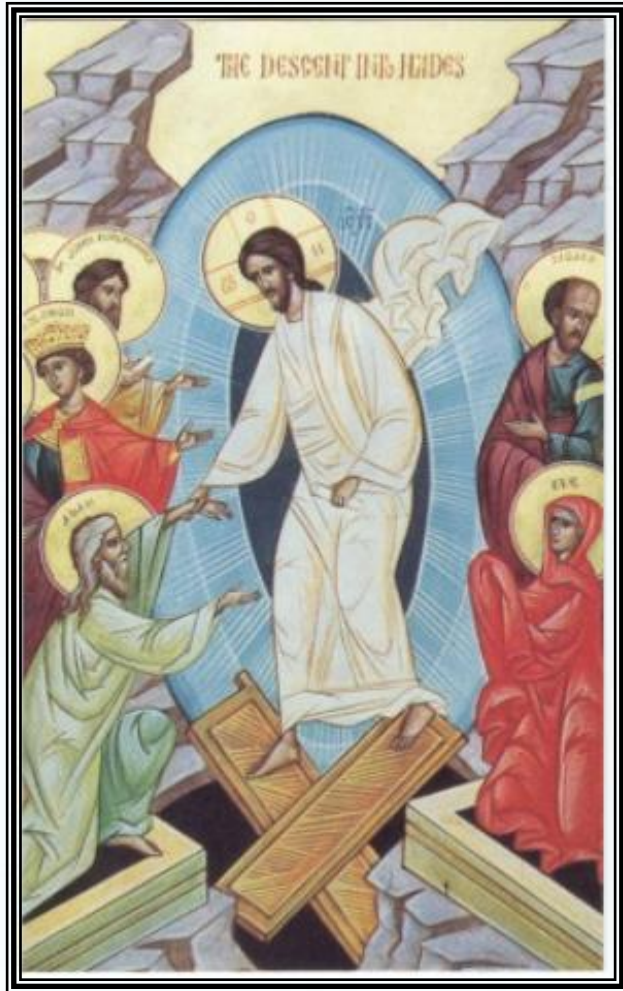


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Christ Is Risen! Truly He Is Risen!
Krishti Ungjall! Vertet Ungjall!
Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!
Christos Voskrese! Voistinnu Voskrese!
Christos a Inviat! Adevarat a Inviat!
Al Maseeh Qam! Huggun Qam!

*2014 Great and Holy Passion Week
Holy Pascha (Easter) and Bright Week Services*

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Saturday, April 12th, Commemoration of the Resurrection of Lazarus

Saint of the Day: St. Basil the Confessor, Bishop of Parium

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 12: 28 - 13: 8

Gospel Lesson: St. John 11: 1-45

-10:00 AM – The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
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Sunday, April 13th, Palm Sunday – Entry of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ into Jerusalem

Saint of the Day: Hieromartyr Artemon, Presbyter of Laodicea in Syria

Matins Gospel Lesson: St. Matthew 21: 1-11, 15-17

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 4: 4-9

Gospel Lesson: St. John 12: 1-18

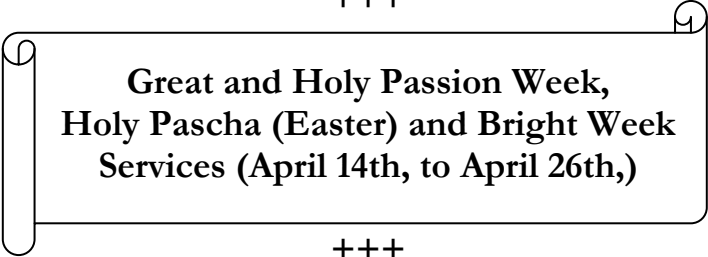
-9:30 AM – Preparation Prayers followed by General Confession in preparation for Great and Holy Passion Week

-10:00 AM – Blessing and distribution of palms followed by The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Homily: Giving and Taking

Note: Our Church School teachers and students will hold palms in the center aisle during the Great Entrance procession.

-11:15 AM – Church School in the church hall
– Fellowship in the church hall

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**Great and Holy Passion Week,
Holy Pascha (Easter) and Bright Week
Services (April 14th, to April 26th,)**

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Great and Holy Wednesday, 16th,

-7:00 PM – The Service of Holy Unction and the anointing of all faithful Orthodox Christians attending the service.

Great and Holy Thursday, April 17th, Commemoration of the Last Supper and the Institution of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist

Saints of the Day: Hieromartyr Simeon, Bishop in Persia and those with him

Epistle Lesson: I Corinthians 11: 23-32

Gospel Lesson: St. Matthew 26: 2-20, St. John 13: 3-17, St. Matthew 26: 21-29, St. Luke 22: 43-45, and St. Matthew 26: 40-27: 2

Great and Holy Thursday, April 17th, (Continued)

-10:00 AM – The Vespereal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

-7:00 PM – Matins with the reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels

Great and Holy Friday, April 18th, Commemoration of the Passion, Death, and Burial of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

-3:00 PM – Vespers with the Entombment of our Lord

NOTE:

The church will remain open for the faithful to pray before the Tomb.

-7:00 PM – Lamentations before the Tomb of our Lord

Homily: Words from the Nicene Creed

Great and Holy Saturday, April 19th,

-7:30 PM – Paschal Resurrection Matins

– The Paschal Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Homily: The Resurrection

– The blessing of the Artos (Bread) and distribution of red eggs.

– The blessing of Paschal foods in the church hall followed by a Paschal pot luck meal to end the fast and celebrate the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord.

NOTE: To prepare yourself to partake of the Holy Eucharist at the Paschal Divine Liturgy, you must fast (abstain) from food, drink, smoking, etc., from 12:00 Noon, Great and Holy Saturday.

Holy Pascha (Easter) Sunday, April 20th,

-12:00 Noon – Paschal Vespers

Easter Flowers and Easter Offering Donation Envelopes are enclosed with this edition of the **Glad Tidings~Outreach** for your convenience. You may mail or bring your donation envelope to Great and Holy Friday or Great and Holy Saturday Services.

Dell Park Cemetery – Sunday, May 4th, following fellowship in the church hall, Fr. Joseph will serve a Memorial Litany at the grave of Fr. Peter Chala followed by the blessing of all the graves of our departed family members buried at the cemetery. (Weather Permitting)

2014 Project Helping Hands

Our Church School teachers and students are collecting food to assist the needs of The Vi Tutuny Food Pantry in Natick. This project will continue until St. Thomas Sunday, April 27th. Following fellowship on St. Thomas Sunday, teachers, students and their families will transport the food collected to the pantry and receive a guided tour of the pantry's operation.

The following items are in dire need: canned tuna fish, peanut butter and grape jelly (any size jars), mustard and ketchup (any size jars), cereal, paper products, shampoo or any other non-perishable items you wish to donate will be greatly appreciated. Containers are located in the church hall for you to place your donation.

Monetary donations are also accepted. Make your check payable to our church (Memo: Pantry) and mail it to the church or leave it at the candle desk on Sunday.

**SHARE WITH OTHERS THE BLESSINGS
GOD HAS GIVEN TO YOU!**

Vetetima~Women's Society 2014 Mother's Day Bake Sale

-Tuesday, May 6th, 9:30 AM, volunteers with experience making baklava and volunteers who want to learn how to make baklava are invited to come to the church hall to make extra Baklava for the sale.

-Friday, May 9th, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, The church hall will be open to receive baked goods.

-Saturday, May 10th, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Mother's Day Bake Sale in the church hall. Sale favorites like lakror (spinach, leek sauerkraut pies), baklava, kouribie (butter cookies), finiqi, and more will be available. The ladies are asking our church members to bake your favorite recipe and donate it for the sale.

Midfeast of Pentecost (Rusicat)

The ladies of our **Vetetima~Women's Society** and their guests will celebrate Rusicat with a traditional dinner, Wednesday, May 21st, in the church hall. Meet and greet will begin at 5:00 PM. More information will follow.