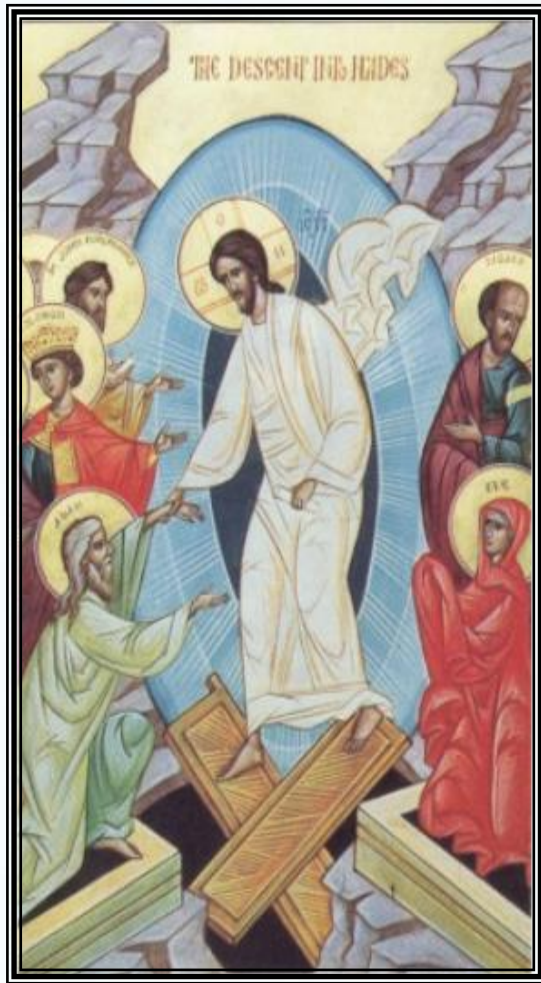


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Christ Is Risen! Truly He Is Risen!
Krishti Ungjall! Vertet Ungjall!
Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!
Christos Voskrese! Voistinnu Voskrese!
Hristos a Inviat! Adevarat a Inviat!
Al Maseh Qam! Huggun Qam!

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Divine Services and events for the month of May:

**Sunday, May 7th, 4th Sunday of Pascha (Tone #3) –
Commemoration of the Paralytic Man**

Saints of the Day: Repose of St. Alexis Toth, Confessor and Defender of Orthodoxy in America and Martyr Acacius the Centurian at Byzantium

Matins Gospel Lesson: St. Luke 24: 1-12

Epistle Lesson: Acts of the Holy Apostles 9: 32-42

Gospel Lesson: St. John 5: 1-15

-10:00 AM – The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Homily: Faith

-Memory Eternal – A Memorial Litany for the repose of the soul of Trifon Marku (One Year) offered by Mr. and Mrs. Fatos Shuteriqi and Family.

-Fellowship in the church hall is in memory of Trifon Marku hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Fatos Shuteriqi and Family

-Church School Teachers Meeting in the church hall following fellowship

Tuesday, May 9th, Volunteers are invited to come to the church hall at 9:30 AM to make extra baklava.

Wednesday, May 10th, Rusicat (Mid-Feast of Pentecost)

Friday, May 12th, The church hall will be open from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM to receive baked goods for the sale.

Saturday, May 13th, Mother's Day Bake Sale sponsored by the **Vetetima-Women's Society** from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the church hall.

Sunday, May 14th, 5th Sunday of Pascha (Tone #4) –

Commemoration of the Samaritan Women - Mother's Day

Saints of the Day: Martyr Isidore of Chios and Venerable Isidore, Fool-for-Christ, Wonderworker of Rostov

Matins Gospel Lesson: St. John 20:1-10

Epistle Lesson: Acts of the Holy Apostles 11: 19-26, 29-30

Gospel Lesson: St. John 4: 5-42

-10:00 AM – The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Homily: Mothers

-11:00 AM – Church School in the church hall

-Memory Eternal – A Memorial Litany for the repose of the souls of the departed Mothers of our church.

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-Many Years – A Litany for the health of all the living Mothers of our church

-Fellowship in the church hall

2017 Project Helping Hands ends. Thank you for your support!

Thursday, May 18th, **The Albanian Orthodox Archdiocese in America Spring Session Council Meeting** in our church hall.

-6:00 PM – Dinner hosted by the **Vetetima-Women's Society**

-7:00 PM – Council Meeting

Sunday, May 21st, **6th Sunday of Pascha (Tone #5) – Commemoration of the Blind Man**

Saints of the Day: Holy Equals-to-the-Apostles Emperor Constantine and his mother Helena

Matins Gospel Lesson: St. John 20:11-18

Epistle Lesson: Acts of the Holy Apostles 16: 16-34

Gospel Lesson: St. John 9: 1-38

-10:00 AM – **The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**

Church School Student's Homily: The Ascension

-Fellowship in the church hall.

Dell Park Cemetery – Following fellowship, Fr. Joseph will go to Dell Park Cemetery, serve a Memorial Litany at the grave of Fr. Peter and Prifteresa Kleanthi Chala, and bless all the graves of departed family members of our church who are buried at the cemetery. (Weather Permitting)

Thursday, May 25th, **Holy Day commemorating the Ascension of our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ**

Matins Gospel Lesson: St. Mark 16: 9-20

Epistle Lesson: Acts of the Holy Apostles 1: 1-12

Gospel Lesson: St. Luke 24: 36-53

-10:00 AM – **The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**

Sunday, May 28th, **7th Sunday of Pascha (Tone #6) –**

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Saints of the Day: St. Nicetas, Bishop of Chalcedon and St. Ignatius, Bishop and Wonderworker of Rostov

Matins Gospel Lesson: St. John 21: 1-14

Epistle Lesson: Acts of the Holy Apostles 20: 16-18, 28-36

Gospel Lesson: St. John 17: 1-13

-10:00 AM – **The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**

Homily: Prayer

-11:00 AM – No Church School in the church hall
-Fellowship in the church hall

Monday, May 29th, Memorial Day 2017 – Remembering Veterans who served our country in time of conflict and made the ultimate sacrifice! Take a moment to visit the grave of a Veteran and offer a prayer.

Welcome to all visitors joining our church community for Sunday Divine Liturgy. Fr. Joseph, the members of our Parish Council and our church community wish to thank you for praying with us and we hope you will return again. Please sign our guest book located in the rear of the church, and join us for fellowship following Divine Liturgy in our church hall.

A Thought:

O Christ God, Thou has ascended in Glory, granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world. (Ascension Troparion)

Congratulations To Our Church Members
Celebrating Their Patronal Saint Name Day Of

Holy Equals-to-the-Apostles,
Emperor Constantine and his mother Helena – May 21st,
May God Grant You Many Years!

Looking Ahead

Sunday, June 4th,

- Pentecost and the reading of the Kneeling Prayers
- Memorial Litany for the repose of the souls of Edward J. Powers and Gregory E. Powers
- The end of the 2016-2017 Church School Academic Year, grade advancements and graduations.

Rusiat (Mid-Feast of Pentecost)

Members and Guests of the **Vetetima-Women's Society** will celebrate Rusicat, Thursday, June 8th, in the church hall. Meet and greet at 5:30 PM, followed by dinner featuring Agostino's chicken parmesan at 6:00 PM. Reservation deadline is Sunday, June 4th.

Make your check for \$15.00 payable to the **Vetetima-Women's Society** and mail to:

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