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## GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA 2018

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8

The Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ

Gospel: John 1:1-17

Tone: For The Feast Day

### THE EPISTLE

Prokeimenon: You, O Lord, shall rise and have mercy on Zion.

The Lord has looked upon the earth from heaven.

The reading is from The Acts of the Apostles

IN THE FIRST BOOK, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

### THE EUCHARISTIC OFFERINGS

The Holy Oblations are offered at the offertory of the Great Entrance for the health and welfare of those living members, and for those departed this life of the Jockel/Bangos, Franz, Serafin, Muculj and Eliopoulos Families.

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Here at St. Anthony's, a true "pan-Orthodox" community, we greet each other and pronounce the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the various languages represented in our parish. Below are the exchanges:  
 Christ Is Risen.....Truly He Is Risen  
 Al-Maseeh Qahm.....Hak' An Qahm (Arabic)  
 Christos Anesti.....Alithos Anesti (Greek)  
 Christos Voskrese.....Va Istenu Voskrese (Slavonic)  
 Christos a Inviat.....A Devarat Ka Inviat (Romanian)  
 Cristye Agh-zda.....Chesh-Maritad (Georgian)
- THE RUSH PROCESSION. Throughout the Orthodox world the "rush" to the empty tomb begins when the Priest brings forth the Paschal Candle from the Sanctuary into the darkened Church. This light

represents the "light of Christ," shown forth in the Resurrection, which represents the overcoming of darkness and death by God's penetration into that darkness of human life. The Priest chants the words: "Come take ye the light from the Light which knows no night; Come let us glorify Christ who is risen from the dead." The light of the Paschal Candle is passed from the Altar throughout the entire parish. This is the beginning of the exit of the building in our "rush" to discover that the tomb is empty. The Choir continually chants the hymn: "The Angels in heaven, Oh Christ our Savior, sing of Thy Resurrection...."

- The Rush Procession will proceed in the following manner: 1) The Clergy and Altar Boys, 2) The Choir and 3) the entire congregation, will process until they arrive at the front doors; these doors represent the "doors of Paradise" (Communion with God). There with the doors yet closed the Gospel announcing the empty tomb is chanted, followed by the antiphonal responses of "Christ Is Risen." After the knocking on the door with the words of the Psalm, "Lift up your heads, oh ye gates and be lifted up, and the King of Glory shall come in" (three times), and with the ensuing "dialogue," the doors are thrown open, and all enter, as if into a new reality created by Christ's Resurrection. The special Paschal Orthros (Matins) and the Eucharistic Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is celebrated.
- After the reading of Epistle and Gospel in the Liturgy, the famous Paschal Homily of St. John Chrysostom is read, just as it is throughout the Orthodox World. We at St. Anthony's follow the tradition, which includes the "refrains" on the part of the parish during this homily. It will be presented by Sub-deacon Nicholas Nagorny; please do respond according.
- EASTER BREAKFAST. All parishioners are invited to the Church Hall after the final blessing and distribution of the Easter Eggs. **PLEASE NO PERSONS ARE ALLOWED IN THE HALL UNTIL HE OR SHE HAS RECEIVED THE FINAL BLESSING IN THE CHURCH!**
- EASTER BASKETS will be blessed immediately after the Liturgy. Please place your basket on the stage in the Hall. With or without a basket, we welcome you all!
- Please remember that there is **NO SERVICE ON SUNDAY MORNING**; tonight's Liturgy IS for Sunday!
- NO FASTING.** The Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch has declared that there is to be **no fasting** from Easter to Ascension (May 17), since "we do not fast while the Bridegroom is present." Also there is **NO KNEELING** in the church until **PENTECOST (May 27th)**.
- We sincerely thank all those who have generously contributed to the beautiful season of Great Lent and Holy Week. Most particularly, Father Michael Ibrahim, along with:
  - Archdeacon Peter** and his crew for their special works of cleaning and polishing the Altar utensils and area.
  - Our **Chanters** and **Choir**, under the Direction of Proto-Psaltes Stratos Mandalakis along with the Chanters: Ed Assile, John Banu, Luke Bazi, George Mavropoulos, Angeliki McMinn, and Teresa Thomas.
  - Epitaphios, Palms, and Altar Flowers:** We will properly thank all those wonderful parishioners who helped decorate for Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter next week.
  - Egg Dyeing:** John Gakos, and his crew: Jim Bogris, James Gakos, and Dino Mavropoulos. **MANY YEARS!**
- PLEASE DO NOT FORGET:** our weekly pledge is indeed "weekly." That is, it is a pledge to God for one week at a time! Is there a week in our life when we should not thank God? Each of our families receive our envelopes every month, so we do get them early enough to PLAN: if for some reason you are not in Church on a given Sunday, still please return your pledge offering for those days, and therefore stay up to date on your stewardship and care for our beloved St. Anthony's parish.
- SPRING YARD SALE - MAY 17, 18, 19: Costume Jewelry Needed.** Last year, the sale of costume jewelry proved to be very profitable. If you have any costume jewelry that you will be donating this year, it will be collected on the following Sundays: **April 8, 15, and 22.** There is a committee who will price and organize the jewelry prior to set-up week which will save us valuable time. Please bring your jewelry donations in small boxes or zip lock plastic bags to coffee hour. **All other Yard Sale items are to be brought to church on Sunday, May 13.** Please contact Valerie Joseph if you have any questions.
- YOUNG AT HEART** – The next meeting of the YAH will be on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. Our guest will be Mr. Bill Ervolino of *The Record*. Please attempt to arrive on time thus allowing our guests the time needed for their presentation.
- Don DiNovi Memorial Golf Outing** on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Please see Ed Assile and Jim Watkins with any questions.
- There is a Women's Guild meeting on Thursday, April 19 at 7:30 PM.