

*The First Resurrection on Holy Saturday*

*Our Lord's Descent into Hades to Raise the Old Testament Righteous*



*The Second Resurrection on Pascha*

*The Myrrh-bearing Women witnessing our Lord's Empty Tomb*



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April 28, 2019

**The Great and Holy Pascha (*Passover*)**

**The Glorious Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**

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Greeters / Ushers: Members of our Parish Council

**Raed AbuAita, Khaled Abuaita, Anwar Abueita, Emil Abueita, Tony Daoud,  
John Farah, Habeeb Ghattas, Aida Nassar, and Fadi Rishmawi**

Please follow the **Pascha Bilingual Service** {*white sheets*}. When Divine Liturgy begins (*Red Service book*, p.91 and *Bilingual books*), all special Hymns are in the Pascha Bilingual Service.

**Welcome to St. George!** Thank you for attending our Pascha celebration. Please register your visit by completing the guest book located in the narthex. We would appreciate getting to meet you, so feel free to join us during our Paschal Breakfast in our Banquet Center!

Every Sunday we remember the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The word "*Liturgy*" means *work of the people* that means everyone participates through singing, praying, hearing the teaching, and opening our hearts to allow God's grace to enter. We believe Holy Communion to be a sign that in Christ we have all things in common, share an identical faith, and are united fully to the Orthodox Church. Anyone interested in learning more about our faith are encouraged to speak with one of our clergy. Holy Communion can be given to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting (no food or drink from 6pm), the Sacrament of Confession (7 years and older) within the last 2 months, being at peace with others, and attending the Divine Liturgy regularly. Please know everyone is invited to venerate the Holy Cross and receive Holy Bread at the end of Liturgy.

**Holy Bread Offerings**

- Karam and Aida Nassar for the health of their family especially sons **Fred, Omar** and **Salam**.
- Khaled and Sally Abuaita for the health of their family especially children **Watan, Ayham**, and **Majd** and in loving memory of Sally's aunt **Mary** and Sally's grandmother **Rahma**.
- Ziyad and Mary Ibrahim for the health of their children **Issa, Melissa, Mario**, and **Isabella**.
- Janet Abueita for the health of her family especially **Anwar** on the occasion of his Name's Day and children and grandchildren **Tony, Chrissy, Haleena, Maliyah, Anthony, Michael, Iliyana, Jacqueline, John, Jenny, Tony**, and **Matthew** -- *May God grant them many years!*
- The Abud Family for the health of the **Abud** and **Nicola Families** especially **Nicholas** Abud, **Steven** Ayoub, and **Tanya** Milkie on their birthdays ~ *May God grant them many years!*

### **Baptism/Chrismation Days**

The Church School offers the Holy Bread for those students who are celebrating their birth {Baptism/Chrismation} into the Church this week:

- ◆ **Rubina** AbuAita and **Dionte** Wilson – April 29<sup>th</sup>      ◆ **Angela** Qazaha – May 1<sup>st</sup>

*May our children be children of the Light and heirs of eternal good things. (Baptismal Service)*

- This morning we also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Linda** Abuaita (+March 15<sup>th</sup>, niece of Fouad and Suad Abuaita), **Martha** Abraham (+March 20<sup>th</sup>, Godmother of Fr. Joe), **Michael** Abdallah (+March 24<sup>th</sup>, father of Nasri), **Donna** Stewart (+March 25<sup>th</sup>, mother of Kelly Sanderson), **Ilham** Abd Elkarim (+April 2<sup>nd</sup>, cousin of Fares Abdallah), **George** Khoury (+April 13<sup>th</sup>), **Hanneh** Jaraysa (+April 13<sup>th</sup>, grandmother of Fady Jaraysa), **Nawal** Odeh (+April 14<sup>th</sup>), and **Barbara** Finch (+April 15<sup>th</sup>, mother of Elise (Bill) Sophiea).
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Metropolitan Paul** and **Archbishop John** who are in captivity, **Bishop Alexander** (Ottawa, Eastern Canada, and Upstate New York), **Laila** and **Sahar** Abdallah, **Androlla** Abu Aita, **Salwa** Abu-Aitah, **Asma** Abuaita (sister of Janett Abuaita), **Georgette** Abueita, **Khaled** and **Mariam** Al-Khoury, **Naila** Banna, **Emil** Bathish, **Vera** Daoud, **Alex** and **Panayiotis** Deligorges, **Vera** Farah, **Betty** Froberg, **Mariam** Ghanim (Manal's mother), **Phyllis** Good, **Carol** Haddad, **Roland** and **Ronald** Haddad, **Shawna** Hale, **Daisy** Isaac, **Ida** Isaac, **Nawal** & **Nimer** Iseid, **Sally** Joseph, **Nakhleh** Khoury, **Nicola** Khoury, **Danny** Mortensen, **George** and **Renee** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Elias** Rishmawi, **John** Salomon, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Eva** Saseen (niece of George and Jeanette Nassif), **Michael** and **Nancy** Silpoch, **William** Sophiea Jr., and **Lois** Teunion; **Shadi**, **Natalie** and newborn **Aila** Qumsieh (March 31<sup>st</sup>); **Michael**, **Ola** and newborn **George** Alqazaha (April 8<sup>th</sup>); **Ryan**, **Lindsey** and newborn **Haley Marie** Brunner (April 17<sup>th</sup>); **Ayman**, **Diana** and newborn **Yazan** Khair (April 17<sup>th</sup>).
- Remember in your prayers those who are with child: **Katrina** (Gary) Gagne and **Sandy** (Raad) Qumsieh {daughter of Issa and Esperanza}.

### **Reception of Holy Communion**

If you are planning to take Communion and have a special need or circumstance, please let one of the ushers know so we may assist you. Thank you -- St. George Ushers

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## **Announcements**

- For the next forty days, until the Feast of our Lord's Ascension into Heaven on June 6<sup>th</sup>, we greet each other with ***Christ is Risen!*** and respond ***Indeed He is Risen!***
- Our Ladies Auxiliary invites everyone to our **Paschal Breakfast** immediately following the Paschal Liturgy. Let us break the fast together! Thank you to all who donated toward the breakfast (if you would like to donate, see Anaam Abueita or any member of the Auxiliary.
- **Vespers of Love (Baa'ooth or Agape Vespers) and Egg Hunt** TODAY Pascha, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. This service is a continuation of our celebration of Pascha. **If your children did not come tonight, then you NEED to come to this service (not just the egg hunt) so our children can sing "Christ is Risen", process with candles.**

**etc. like we did tonight.** During the service, the Gospel is read in different languages. If you would like to read, speak with Fr. Joe or come to church by 12:45pm. Also, please have your children bring a basket to collect their goodies at the Egg Hunt. **If you can help, please see Janet Abueita TODAY!**

- **Pascha Dinner Party today at 4pm!** Please see *Khaled Abuaita, Anwar Abueita* or *Fadi Rishmawi* for more information during our Paschal Breakfast.
- **Thank you to all parishioners** who baked, bought, and gave their support to our Church School Program! The *Palm Sunday Bake Sale* profit was a little over \$2,000!
- The national **Food For Hungry People** campaign that has been going on during the Great Fast is over today. If you would like to make a final donation to help the hungry, boxes are on the tables in the hall. Please bring in your donations and return your boxes and canisters ASAP.
- **Thank you** to the members of our **Parish Council, Ladies Auxiliary, Altar Servers, Altar Society, Chanters, Choir, Ushers, Kelly Dotson**, our office secretary, and **Jim Rozier**, our custodian, for all of their hard work which enabled everything to be beautiful along with being done properly and in order.

**LADIES AUXILIARY MOTHER/DAUGHTER DINNER** This annual activity is Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, at the *Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth* beginning at 5:30pm. Go out early, do some shopping, enjoy Frankenmuth, and then enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship. For more information and to make reservations (cost: \$23 per person; \$9 for children 6-12 years of age; \$2 for children under 5 years of age / deadline: May 5<sup>th</sup>), please contact Janet Abueita (810-691-0956).

<u>Bright Week – No Fasting</u>	
TODAY	<i>Vespers of Love {Baa'ooth or Agape Vespers}</i> and Egg Hunt 1pm <b>St. George Pascha Party</b> 4pm
Monday	<b>Bright Monday Paschal Liturgy</b> at <i>St. Nicholas in Burton</i> 9:30am
Wednesday	<b>Bright Weds. Feast of St. George Paschal Liturgy</b> at <i>St. George</i> 6pm
Friday	<b>Bright Friday Paschal Liturgy</b> at <i>Assumption</i> 10:30am
Saturday	<b>Great Vespers and Confessions</b> 5pm

### Paschal Greeting and Response

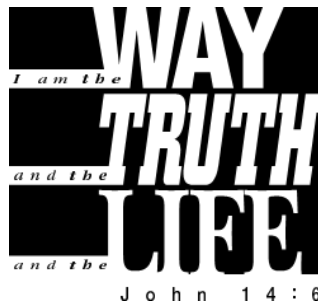
*Used until Our Lord's Ascension on the 40<sup>th</sup> day after Pascha (June 6<sup>th</sup>)*

English: *Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!*

Arabic: *Al-Maseeh Qam! Haqqan Qam!*

Greek: *Christos Aneste! Alethos Aneste!*

Slavonic: *Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!*



His Eminence  
The Most Reverend  
Metropolitan JOSEPH

The Right Reverend  
Bishop ANTHONY



Archbishop of New York and  
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**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE  
OF NORTH AMERICA**

Great and Holy Pascha ~ the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord  
April 28, 2019

Beloved Clergy and Faithful of the Midwest Diocese,

**Christ is Risen! *Indeed He is Risen!***

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On the Praises between the verses of Psalm 119 at the Matins of Holy Saturday, we hear chanted: *“Thou hast been numbered among transgressors, O Christ. Thou hast justified us, O Lamb of God, by freeing us from the devil’s work.”* Christ came to do three specific things: liberate us from captivity to Satan; defeat sin in our fallen nature; and destroy death. Christ’s Passion, Death, and Resurrection is the meaning of Redemption.

*“He is the first-born from the dead.”* (Colossians 1:18; Revelation 1:5) His resurrection is the beginning of the general resurrection of all of us. He is the first, but not the last, and not the only One. We are enrolled with Him, the *assembly of the first-born from the dead.* (Hebrews 12:23). *“In fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep ... each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at His coming (the Second Coming) those who belong with Christ.”* (1 Corinthians 15:20, 23)”

When we sing the Troparion for Pascha, we sing also for ourselves being in Him. We are risen from the dead. We are given a renewal of life in Him who is Life Himself. Our joy, then, is in Him ~ and for ourselves!

May the Light of the Empty Tomb shine in our hearts forever!

Yours in Christ,

*+ Bishop Anthony*

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Bishop of Toledo and the Midwest  
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*“The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch” (Acts 11: 26)*

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*We celebrate the death of death, the destruction of hades, the first fruit of an endless life. And as we leap with joy, we praise the Cause of these good gifts. He alone is blessed and most glorious, the God of our Fathers.*

*Canon of Pascha Ode VII*

*Beloved in Christ,*

***CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!***

*As we peer with our noetic eyes into the Empty Tomb, let us rejoice at the triumph of Our Great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, over sin and death. May we proclaim this good news to our broken world with the joy and zeal of the Myrrh-Bearing running in haste to tell their brethren:  
**Christ is risen!***

*With heartfelt prayers to God that you may be granted a grace-filled and joyous celebration of Pascha, I remain,*

*Yours in the Risen Lord,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Metropolitan Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**+JOSEPH**

*Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America*

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## Donations for the Great Fast, Holy Week, and Pascha ~ THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS ALL OF OUR DONORS!

### Akathist/Madayeh Fridays:

- **Jamal** and **Manal** Abuaita for the health of their family especially Manal's mother **Mariam** and in loving memory of **Mounir**.
- **Emil** and **Hiam** Bathish for the health of their **children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren** and in loving memory of **Yacoub** and **Marie** Farah, **Naif** and **Julia** Bathish, **Hani** Farah, **Edward** Bathish, and **Cesar** Banna.
- (2) **Ayman** and **Wafaa** Elias for the health of the **Elias, Hanna, and Joubran families** and in loving memory of children **Elias** and **Joselyn**.
- **Najwa** Joubran for the health of the **Hanna, Elias, Joubran, Khoshaba** and **Kanaan families** and in loving memory of **Salem** Hanna, **Badia** Khoury, **Joselyn** and **Elias** Elias, **Emil** Joubran, **Ghais** and **Zahwee** Hanna, and **Sadie**.

### Carnations for the Holy and Life-giving Cross:

- Drs. Ron Shaheen and Kathy Kudrey for the health of their family especially grandchildren **Emily** and **Evelyn** and in loving memory of parents **George** and **Beatrice** and brother **Kenneth**.

### 2 pounds of Incense:

- **Ayman** and **Wafaa** Elias for the health of the **Elias, Hanna, and Joubran families** and in loving memory of children **Elias** and **Joselyn**.

### Palms and Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday Icons

- **Emil** and **Hiam** Bathish for the health of their **children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren** and in loving memory of **Yacoub** and **Marie** Farah, **Naif** and **Julia** Bathish, **Hani** Farah, **Edward** Bathish, and **Cesar** Banna.
- **Issa, Lina, Benan, Haneen, and Christian** Burbar for the health of the **Burbar, Damouni, Rizk, Kassis, Gantos, Haddad, Abu-Diwan, Khoury, Hannoush, Shehaddah, and Hayek Families** and in loving memory of **Elias, Mary, Jad, Bisharah, Josephine, Ramon, Diab, Kareema, Laurence, Basseem, Michelle, Hanna, Hussam, Abdallah, Haleem, Nametallah, Malaken, and Kamel**.

### Holy Week Items:

- A *Fern Arrangement* offered by **Issa, Lina, Benan, Haneen, and Christian** Burbar for the health of the **Burbar, Damouni, Rizk, Kassis, Gantos, Haddad, Abu-Diwan, Khoury, Hannoush, Shehaddah, and Hayek Families** and in loving memory of **Elias, Mary, Jad, Bisharah, Josephine, Ramon, Diab, Kareema, Laurence, Basseem, Michelle, Hanna, Hussam, Abdallah, Haleem, Nametallah, Malaken, and Kamel**.
- A *Fern Arrangement* offered by **Ayman** and **Wafaa** Elias for the health of the **Elias, Hanna, and Joubran families** and in loving memory of children **Elias** and **Joselyn**.
- *Fern Arrangements* offered by **Habeeb** and **Denise** Ghattas for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Archpriest Basil** Karpelenia.
- *Fern Arrangements* offered by **Donald** and **JoAnn** Hawkins for the health of the **Hawkins, Shahin, Rhinehart, Shadeded, and Moore families** and in loving memory of departed members of the **Brackett, Hawkins, Ojile, Rhinehart, Shahin, and Moore families**.
- A *Fern Arrangement* offered by **George** and **Jeanette** Nassif for their health of their family and in loving memory of son **Paul**.
- *Flowers for the Bridegroom Icon, Crucifixion Icon, Un-nailing of Jesus from the Cross Icon, and Entombment of Jesus Icon* offered by **Fares** and **Sahar** Abdallah for the health of their family and in loving memory of Sahar's mother **Hilda** Haddad Zureikat.

- *Crown of Thorns* offered by Drs. **Ronald** Shaheen and **Kathy** Kudray for the health of their family especially grandchildren **Emily** and **Evelyn** and in loving memory of parents **George** and **Beatrice** and brother **Kenneth**.
- *Flowers for the Tomb of Christ* offered by the **Ghattas** family for the health of the **Ghattas** and **Khouri** families and in loving memory of **George**, **Lucy**, **Salwa**, **Edward**, **Yousif**, **Freida**, **Elia**, **Ajaeb**, **Eskander**, **Daad**, **Kamelia**, **Fouad**, and **Samira**.

*Bay Leaves (provided by Grand Oak Herb Farm in Bancroft, Michigan):*

- **Protodeacon Michael** and **Pam** Bassett for the health of their sons **Christopher** and **Jonathan**.

*Three Paschal Candles:*

- **Khader**, **Raed**, **Issa**, and **Tamer** Abuaita and family for the health of their family.

*Two Resurrection Icons Flowers:*

- **Fares** and **Sahar** Abdallah for the health of their family and in loving memory of Sahar's mother **Hilda** Haddad Zureikat
- **Robert Teunion** for the health of his family and in loving memory of granddaughter **Catherine** Webb.

*Lilies:*

- **Jamal** and **Manal** Abuaita for the health of their family especially Manal's mother **Mariam** and in loving memory of **Mounir**.
- **Janet** Abueita for the health of her family especially **Anwar** on his Names Day, **Jenny** on her 30<sup>th</sup> birthday, **Tony**, **Jacqueline**, and their families and in loving memory of **Peter**, **Alice**, **Nasim**, and **Basim**.
- **Issa** and **Esperanza** Abuaita for the health of their family especially **Sandy**, **Raad**, **Josalien**, **David**, **Nougod**, **Nejma**, **George**, and **Blanka** and in loving memory of **George** and **Wadeea** Khair.
- Dr. **David**, **May**, **Gabrielle**, **Lauren**, and **Shane** Gantos for their health and the health of the **Gantos**, **Damouni**, **Kassis**, **Burbar**, **Haddad**, and **Farah** families and in loving memory of **Shafik**, **Kameleh**, **Laura**, **Shane**, **Shoukry**, **Lynn**, **Diab**, **Kareme**, **Hanna**, **Laurance**, **Elias**, **Mary**, **Jad**, **Bishara**, **Josephine**, **Ramon**, **Michael**, and **Baseem**.
- **Donald** and **JoAnn** Hawkins for the health of the **Hawkins**, **Shahin**, **Rhinehart**, **Shadeed**, and **Moore** families and in loving memory of departed members of the **Brackett**, **Hawkins**, **Ojile**, **Rhinehart**, **Shahin**, and **Moore** families.
- **Najwa** Joubran for the health of her family especially **Martin**, **Jennifer**, and **Emma**.
- **Martin**, **Jennifer**, and **Emma** Khoshaba for the health of **Farida** and the **Khoshaba**, **Hanna**, **Elias**, **Joubran**, and **Kanan** families.
- **George** and **Hiam** Ishaq for the health of their family especially **Nusta**, **Nida**, **Nidal**, **Samer**, **Issa**, and **Adam** and in loving memory of **Nawal** Odeh.
- **Karam** and **Aida** Nassar for the health of their family especially sons **Fred**, **Omar**, and **Salam**.
- **Fadi** and **Evette** Rishmawi for the health of their daughters **Carol**, **Mariane**, **Amany**, and **Christina** and in loving memory of **Nassim** Ishak (Evette's father) and **Odeh** Rishmawi (Fadi's father).
- **Douglas** and **Sandy** Thomas for the health of their family especially grandchildren **Laney**, **Morgan**, and **Jordan** and in loving memory of parents **Alex** and **Jean** Khouri and **Marvin**, **Virginia**, and **Ken** Thomas.

*Paschal Floral Arrangements and White Bows:*

- **Timothy** Beers and **Victoria** Zerka for the health of their families especially Godchildren **Branden**, **Tanner**, and **Sofie** and in loving memory of **George**, **Lourice**, **Sam**, **Sadie**, **Handoumi**, **Harry**, **Louise**, and **Fred**.

*Paschal Eggs:*

- **Suheil** and **Abeer** Abuaita for the health of their family **Elias**, **George**, **Angel**, **Rachel**, **Andrew**, and **Laila** **Rose** and in loving memory of departed parents **Issa** and **Nahil** and brother **Hanna** Abuaita.