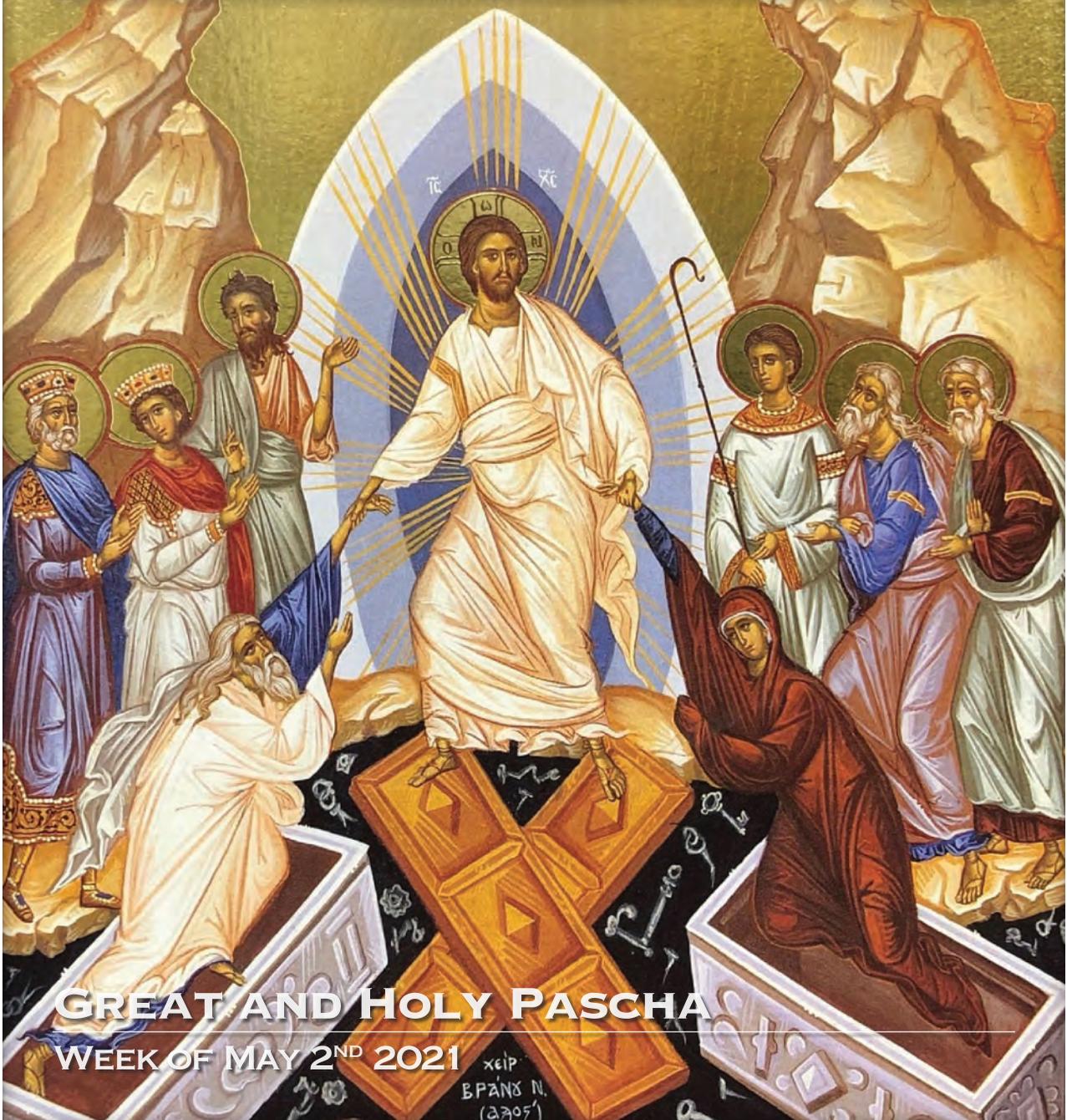


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GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA

WEEK OF MAY 2ND 2021

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HYMNS FOR GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA



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KONTAKION OF GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA
PLAGAL OF THE FOURTH TONE

*Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power,
and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women,
"Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.*

GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA

EPISTLE: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 1:1-8

In the first book, O Theophilos, 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.”

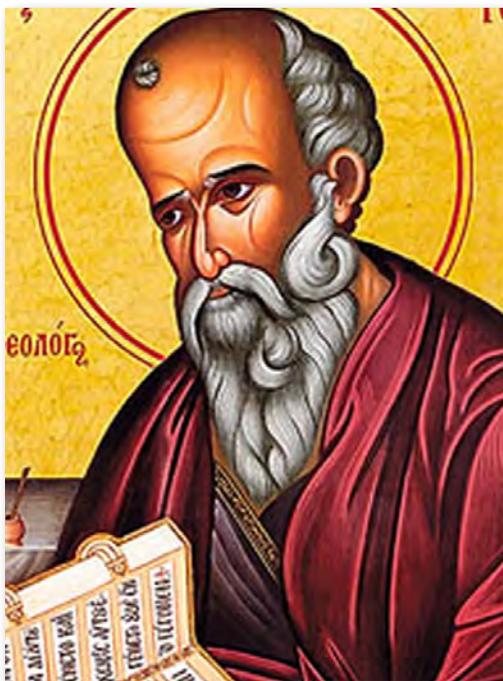
So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?” He said to them, “it is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.”

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 1:1-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world



knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.’”)

And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.



THE GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA ARCHIEPISCOPAL ENCYCLICAL

ARCHIEPISCOPAL ENCYCLICAL ON THE FEAST OF GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA

May 2, 2021

Unto the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs, Pious Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, Presidents and Members of Parish Councils, Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Members of Leadership 100, the Day and Afternoon Schools, Philoptochos Societies, the Youth, Greek Orthodox Organizations, and the entirety of the Christ-named Plenitude of the Holy Archdiocese of America.

My Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Ἴδὸν σκοτία καὶ πρωΐ ... (ΕΘΘΙΝΟΝ Ζ', Ἦχος βαρὺς)

Behold the darkness yet the dawn... (EOTHINON VII, Grave Mode)

How far we have come since Easter of last year! Those were dark days, when our passing of the light of the Resurrection had to be virtual, even if no less heartfelt. But as we all know, it is always darkest before the dawn. Thus, we behold in the hope of the recovery of our world from the pandemic, the glimmer of the dawning of faith and confidence for our collective future. This year, we will celebrate our Holy Pascha – perhaps not in the fullness of the pre-pandemic days, but certainly with a greater degree of freedom and in-person community. But let this not be an excuse for relaxing our vigilance. Our responsibility to be our brothers' and sisters' keeper and guardian abides.

Our anticipation of the rising of the Sun of Righteousness is within our hearts, like the little sun that Saint Symeon the New Theologian speaks of, which dawned inside of him. The darkness of night that is dispelled at first gradually gives way, shade by shade, until the brilliant solar orb overpowers the horizon. Every other star fades in the light of the one. This is also how the fullness of God Almighty overwhelms every shadow in our souls. Like a sleepless night of worry and troubled thoughts, the dark night of the soul can be very long indeed. But as the Psalmist says, “joy comes in the morning” (Psalm 29:5, LXX). And in the dawning of the Day of the Lord, every concern of this world pales before the glory of the world to come.



The Resurrection of our Lord is the triumph of light over darkness, of good over evil, of love over hate, and of life over death. Moreover, it is the dawn of a new humanity, the potential of every human being to become divine. As Saint Athanasios the Great says: “For He became a human being, so that we might made divine” (Αὐτὸς γὰρ ἐνηθρώπισεν, ἵνα ἡμεῖς θεοποιηθῶμεν). The Lord did not rise from the dead only for Himself. He arose so that we might rise with Him, in this life and the next.

Therefore, my beloved Faithful, let us embrace the dawn that rises within us. Let us live in the light of Christ, a light filled with love and compassion for every creature. A light that passes no judgment on anyone. A light that is clear and transparent with honesty and humility. Let us witness to the truth that indeed: Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life!

Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς Ἀνέστη!
Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

† Ἀμερικής Ἐπιτοφῆος

† ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America

2021 STEWARDS AS OF MAY 2ND

If you do not see your name on this list, and you have returned your stewardship card, please contact Nicole Tsiouvaras, tsiouvaras@msn.com or 303-489-4491

Gaynel Andrusko	Michelle Mann
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Pres. Kedrann Dotsom	Bill Pappas
Ashley & Steve Dzilvelis	Charleen Pappas
Angela Egeberg	Nick G Pappas
Keity & Eric Elias	Sophia & Ted Piper
Dana Gall	Julie & Jim Powers
Valentina & Nicholas Ganiaris	George Saliba
Mary Garcia	Juli Sarris
Jane Garrity	Samira & Eissa Serougi
Michael Gehmeyr & Olympia Bakalis	Voulas Skodras
Yoana & Steven Georgis	Candy & Mannny Soulakis
Katherine Gerakos	Cindy & Pete Stamus
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Nuha Kapatayes	Julie & Dave Welker
Rick Leonidas	Photini Westover
Mary Lymberopoulos	Sheila & Jim Zissimos
	Zoe Zwierzynski

UPCOMING WEEKDAY SERVICES

SATURDAY, MAY 8

Great Vespers _____ 5pm

SUNDAY, MAY 9

Orthros _____ 8:15am

Divine Liturgy _____ 9:30am

COVID-19 GUIDELINES,

5/2/2021

The revised Colorado Safer-at-Home guidelines set forth by the Governor of Colorado allow Sts Peter Paul to 45 people in Church during the services.

PLEASE NOTE THAT A MASK IS REQUIRED AND TO BE PROPERLY WORN AT ALL SERVICES DURING THE WEEK - THIS INCLUDES ALL WEEKDAY SERVICES.

If you did not sign up for Sunday, and we have reached the maximum number allowed by the county, you are welcome to participate from the exonarthex (outside entrance into the church). There are chairs placed at the outside entrance of the church. The parish hall will be open to accommodate the overflow of people. Those outside and in the hall are welcome to come inside the church at the end of service for the sacrament of Holy Communion and to receive the Blessed Bread 'Antidoro.'

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORTHODOX FAITH SERIES

The Orthodox Christian Faith Class will resume on Wednesday, May 12 @ 7 pm. Please join us for a lenten supper at 6 pm, followed by the Small Compline Service. Everyone is welcome

We will be discussing the book, Life after Death, by Metropolitan Hierotheos. If you have any questions, please contact Father Jordan @ frjordanbrown@gmail.com or 303-581-1434.

ICONS FOR GREAT LENT

The Church offers special icons during the Great and Holy Lent. If you would like to help with donating an icon for the Lenten Season, please see Father Jordan. The icons are from the Life Giving Women's Monastery located in Dunlap, California.

Icons needed for Great Lent:

Sunday of Orthodoxy, St Gregory Palamas, Crucifixion of our Lord, St John of the Ladder, St Mary of Egypt, Palm Sunday, Raising of Lazarus, Resurrection. (suggested donation \$400) Questions, please contact Father Jordan @ frjordanbrown@gmail.com.

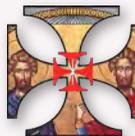
PASCHA EASTER AGAPE PICNIC

SUNDAY, MAY 2
AGAPE VESPERS, 12 NOON
PASCHA LUNCH, 1PM

Please join us for the Agape Service and lunch in celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ! Our three talented chefs will be preparing a delicious lunch. There will be games for the children and an Easter Egg Hunt. Because of Covid, please do not bring a dish to share. We will serve you!

Suggested lunch donation:

\$10 (all proceeds will go directly to the Church Benevolent Fund helping those in need)



PHILOPTOCHOS

2021 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our annual membership drive has begun! If you would like to join this amazing charitable organization or renew your membership, fill out the membership form (available in the Narthex or by the south exit) and return it to Lis Troicky or Julie Powers by Sunday May 9. If you have any questions, contact Lis at etroick@aol.com, 720-771-7786

BAKE SALE

The Philoptochos would like to thank all of you who supported our bake sale project! We raised over \$1,200 to help those in need in our community! Thank you and God's blessings to you always!



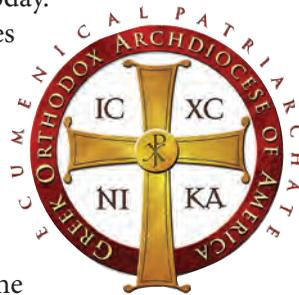
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Icon of the Theotokos “Sweet-Kissing”
by Ileana Barbu

ABOUT OUR PARISH

We welcome visitors worshipping with us today. Our diverse church family encompasses many converts to the Orthodox Christian Faith, as well as Greek, Arab, Romanian, Serbian and Russian Orthodox Christians. The foundation of the Orthodox Church are the teachings and Holy Tradition of Jesus Christ. We follow the first Christians who began to worship Jesus Christ after the Crucifixion and Resurrection.



Please introduce yourself to our priest and members of our community. We also encourage you to join us for our fellowship after services in the parish hall and visit our bookstore. If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Christian faith, please visit with our priest, Fr. Jordan Brown.

HOLY COMMUNION IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH

Holy Communion is reserved only for baptized and/or chrismated Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared by prayer, fasting, and confession.

The Orthodox Church understands the reception of Holy Communion to be the highest expression of our faith. Both Orthodox and non-Orthodox alike are invited to receive the ‘antidoro’ (blessed bread) at the end of the Divine Liturgy.



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RECURRING SERVICES

Orthros - Sundays, 8:15am
Divine Liturgy - Sundays, 9:30am
Great Vespers - Saturdays, 5pm
Confession by appointment.