

**PARASTAS: Fr. Timothy will serve a Parastas next Sunday, May 1st, 2022 at 8:45 a.m. for the repose soul of his mother Matushka Jane Barna (for her birthday). Christ is Risen!**

**From The ORTHODOX WEEKLY BULLETIN ... Vestal, Cliffwood, New Jersey  
DEATH HAS BEEN DEFEATED!**

CHRIST IS RISEN! Today we celebrate the joy of Pascha! Let the flowers of spring exhale their sweetest fragrance for this is a day of happiness. Christ Lives! Christ Triumphs! Christ Reigns! On Good Friday, Christ was crucified and died on the Cross. Sadness and inexpressible grief hovered in the air. But today we no longer see before us a suffering Christ, but a glorious Christ.

It was a small rocky tomb, in Joseph's garden, that our Lord revealed His divine power. He proved by His glorious Resurrection that He was greater than man. Man knows that he cannot, by his own power, rise from the dead. By doing so Christ proved to us that He is the Son of God. This is the great triumph of Christ, trampling down death with death. Truly the Lord is risen and has slain death. This is why Pascha is the greatest event on the liturgical calendar.

By His glorious Resurrection, Christ has completed the work of salvation. He has confirmed our Holy Faith, for as St. Paul tells us: "If Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty." (1 Cor. 15:14) Pascha fulfills our hope in Christ's teachings and promises. We should give thanks for this blessed evidence of our Christian faith. No wonder we sing with great joy the words of David: "This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad therein." That is because the crucifixion has been displaced by the Resurrection.

**THANK YOU:** I wish to thank our parishioners for their continued support of St. Michael's. We will come through this uncertain time with your love and support.

Again I want to **wish to thank Chris Muzzin and his son Matthew** for their technical support in getting St. Michael's on line to live-stream services during Holy Week and the couple of years streams our Divine Liturgies. There are many parishioners who took advantage of this service. We thank Chris and Matt for volunteering their hard work to make this possible.

*View services at:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W8w6TBOvxNE>

TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS : just click on the link below to hear beautiful choir and virtual choir music. To hear the an orthodox choir sing "The Angel Cried" (beautiful!) GO TO:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DGzDjfjVpg&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR1AapmfOwFQar9c4VCtbT9HVVNHPu3VueEWC30Ktf3WubgQ-XnoNIZyc>

**Please go to YouTube – listen to Orthodox Virtual Quarantine Choir singing many beautiful Pascha hymns.**

**The Angel Cried, Let God Arise, Christ is Risen! and many Others.**

**MAY YOU ALL HAVE A BLESSED PASCHA**

**CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!**

**REMINDER: NO FAST THIS WEEK UNTIL NEXT WEDNESDAY MAY 4TH**