

# St. Basil the Great Orthodox Church



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Welcome visitors! If you are visiting with us for the first time, we greet you in the Holy Name of Christ, our Saviour, and hope you will join us in fellowship after worship. We are genuinely pleased to have you with us today. We must remind you that while the Orthodox Church prays for the unity of all, only those Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves with prayer, fasting, and regular confession should approach the chalice.

For questions, please contact Fr. James Purdie. Blessings.

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The Most Reverend  
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The Right Reverend  
Bishop THOMAS



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## ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

### Feast of Great and All-Holy PASCHA – 2024



Our journey through the Great Fast being complete, we now walk with our Lord through the all-hallowed days of Holy Week along with his disciples. Moments of intimate conversation and fellowship at the Holy Table with Christ give way to betrayal, abuse, and crucifixion. The tender care of Christ's body by Sts. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, taking his lifeless corpse down from the cross and placing it in a new tomb, is contrasted with the unexpected joy of the myrrh bearing women who discover an empty tomb and hear the announcement by an

angel, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." (Matthew 28:5-6) "For it was not possible that the Author of life should be held by corruption," as St. Basil the Great reminds us in his Anaphora, "that he might be the First-fruits of those who have fallen asleep, the First-born from the dead, that he might be in all things the first among all."

St. Hesychios the Presbyter of Jerusalem, in his homily On Pascha, describes the great mystery of *the dead God who cancels death*. He writes,

"This paschal trumpet invites us to revisit the grave which gives birth to life, the sepulcher of corruption which becomes the bearer of incorruption, the three-day rest which puts the Bridegroom to sleep, and the bridal chamber from which the bride emerges uncorrupted after the marriage. It tells us that the grave guards one who is dead, but the earth is shaken by Him who is God. The body says that He is dead, but the miracle cries out that He is God. The burial testifies that He is dead, but the resurrection demonstrates that He is God. The tears of the women confess Him to be dead, but the words of the angels confess Him to be God. Joseph prepares His internment as dead, but He who is interred as man is God who denudes and abolishes death. The soldiers guard Him as dead, but the guards of the gates of Hades encounter Him and shrivel with fear."

May our Resurrected Lord, who tramples down death by death, bring us to new life with him through His glorious resurrection, and may we, being renewed day-by-day, be filled with great joy in our salvation!

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Bishop THOMAS (Joseph)  
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*"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)*

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# Hymns



## THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing to His Name, give glory to His praises. Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us. Say to God: How awesome are Thy works; let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee. Let it sing a song to Thy Name, O Most High. Glory... Both now...

## THE SECOND ANTIPHON

May God have mercy upon us, and bless us, and may He cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia. That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations; let the peoples give thanks to Thee, O God, let all the peoples give thanks to Thee. May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear Him. Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

## THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let those that hate Him flee from before His face. Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life! As smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish; as wax melteth before the fire. So let sinners perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous be glad. This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein.

# Hymns



## THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF PASCHA

In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord, from the springs of Israel.  
Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee:  
Alleluia.

## PASCHAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 5)

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon  
those in the tombs bestowing life!

## THE HYPAKOE OF PASCHA (Tone 4)

When they who were with Mary came, anticipating the dawn, and found  
the stone rolled away from the sepulcher, they heard from the Angel: Why  
seek ye among the dead, as though He were mortal man, Him Who abideth  
in everlasting light? Behold the grave-clothes. Go quickly and proclaim to  
the world that the Lord is risen, and hath put death to death. For He is the  
Son of God, Who saveth the race of man.

## THE KONTAKION OF PASCHA (Tone 8)

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst  
Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God,  
calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine  
Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

## THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.  
Alleluia. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both  
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Have put on Christ. Alleluia.  
As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.  
Alleluia.

# The Epistle



*This is the day which the Lord hath made;  
let us rejoice and be glad therein!  
O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good;  
His mercy endureth forever.*

## **The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (1:1-8)**

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 to 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



## The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. 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.

# Offerings



Prayers of Health and Safety are Offered for:

Christensen Family	Arsenius	Jared
Kyle	Alexios	Diana
Kati	Agape	Sophia
Bryce	John	Aiden
Megan	Paul	Camron
Michael	Anna Marie	Niko
Chuck	Fr, Adam	Toby
Julie	Matushka Angie	Herman
Elizabeth	Sexton Family	Philip
Taylor	Schaffer Family	Joseph
Thomas	Saur Family	James
Daniel	Ekaterina	Jay
Rebecca	Angelina	Elias Family
Derek	Igor	Dn. Christopher & Family
Sarah	Alexander	Stelios & Family
Matthew	Anastassia	Oxana
John	Mark	John
Fr. Michael	Alexander	David
Matushka Linda	Ben	Denise
Cathy	Frank & Lauren	Nicholas
Spiros	David	Fawn
Christine	Edens Family	John
Anthony	Jacob	Joe
Athanasios	Dane	Marybeth



# Offerings



Prayers of Health and Safety are Offered for:

Maksimenko Family	John	Ellen	Widricks Family
Wenker Family	Vladimir	Emily	Ericka
Mariya	Mary	Nate	Joe
Fritts Family	Johnathon	Bruning Family	Tammy
Emily	Irina	Jamie	Fondren
Babbitts Family	Sergei	Thadeus	Cici
Bob	Joanna	Randy	George
Elena	Evgenii	Leslie	Mark
Tomashevskiy Family	Tatyana	Brenda	Ahmed
Daniil	Andrey	Peter	Ross Family
Irene	Daniil	Patricia	
Maria	Valentina	Robert	
Ana	Valentina	Donna	
Vasilii	Tatyana	Richard	
Hilarion	Sergei	Cynthia	
Irina	Ivan	Durfee Family	
John	Ksenia	Gervais Family	
Axenia	Katerina	Zall Family	
Sidor Family	Nikolai	Brian & Carolyn	
Maia & Family	David	Brent	
Mirela & Family	Ksenia	Ivan	
Jane	-----	Scotty	
Mark	Anne	Julian	
Tamar	Aaron	Shirley	

# Offerings



Prayers of Loving Memory are Offered for:

Antonia	Valentin	Pelagea
Alexander	Valentina	Tatiana
Katherine	Vladimir	Sergei
Charles	Zinaida	Ion
Kathy	Saedra	Maria
Marie	Andreas	Agrepina
William	Grant	Ion
Fr, Matthew	Ashley	Fr. John
Lydia	Donna	Fr. Milan
Victor	Mindy	Maria
Tatyana	Hillary	Maria
Alexander	Mariya	Mike
Nun Thekla	Ivan	Bob
Nun Nektaria	Alexsandra	Bill
Roman	Vladimir	Anna
Evdokia	Klaudiya	Anna
Ephim	Vladimir	Zoya
Ephimia	Agrafena	Viktor
Michael	Pavel	Paul
Alexey	Alexsandr	Mikel
Alexander	Vladimir	Murray
Alexandra	Dmitriy	Alexander
Yuri	Richard	-----
Boris	Tatiana	Mike

# Offerings



Prayers of Loving Memory are Offered for:

Anna	Wagner
Julia	Max
Louise	Jeffry
Conrad	Friedrich
Edward	Valkyrie
Angeline	Marcie
Edward	Lena
Leslie	Gerhard
Diane	Mary
Helen	Roger
Walter	Kelly
Elena	Vernon
Lynn & Charles	
Dietta	
Alan	
Herbert	
Mark	
Ben	
Kent	
Conrad	
Doug	
Betty	
Lois	
Harry	

# Events



May 12

Parish Council Meeting, 12:45 pm



CINCO  
*de*  
MAYO + Purdie  
Pascha  
Party

5TH MAY 1:30 - 9:30 PM

Everyone welcome - join any time!  
849 Poquoson Ave

The banner features a colorful border at the top with five square panels containing icons: a green cactus, a blue cactus, a pink lime slice, a teal book, and an orange church. At the bottom, there is a row of seven black and white line-art Easter eggs with various patterns.