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**Bulletin for Pascha Sunday, April 4, 2010**  
**Christ Is Risen! Indeed, He Is Risen!**

**Schedule of Services**

**April 4<sup>th</sup> Holy Pascha, Feast of Feasts**

12:00 a.m. Matins, Hours, Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Baskets  
3:00 p.m. Agape Vespers, Paschal Picnic

**April 5<sup>th</sup> Bright Monday**

7:00 a.m. Paschal Matins  
8:00 a.m. Paschal Divine Liturgy

**April 6<sup>th</sup> Bright Tuesday**

6:30 a.m. Paschal Matins  
8:00 p.m. Paschal Vespers

**April 7<sup>th</sup> Bright Wednesday**

6:30 a.m. Paschal Matins  
7:00 p.m. Paschal Vespers  
8:00 p.m. Class: Basics of Orthodoxy

**April 8<sup>th</sup> Bright Thursday**

8:00 p.m. Paschal Vespers

**April 9<sup>th</sup> Bright Friday**

8:00 a.m. Paschal Matins  
9:00 a.m. Paschal Divine Liturgy  
8:00 p.m. Paschal Vespers

**April 10<sup>th</sup> Bright Saturday**

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

**April 11<sup>th</sup> Thomas Sunday, Antipascha**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Mission Council

**Pascha, Troparion**

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

**Pascha, Kontakion tone 8**

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, / Thou didst destroy the power of death. / In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, / proclaiming, "Rejoice" to the myrrh-bearing women, / granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

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## Announcements for April 4<sup>th</sup>

**To Our Visitors: Welcome!** Please join us after the service for the blessing of Pascha baskets and a communal breaking of the fast. If you would, fill out a visitor's card for us and leave it in the basket on the table by the door. And come back for Vespers and our picnic this afternoon! Booklets containing the paschal service are for sale in our bookstore.

**To All:** Please be aware that Holy Communion is open only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves for worthy participation in the Mystery through prayer, fasting, and a recent confession to a priest (during Lent).

**Tithes, Offerings & Attendance:** Last week, we gave \$783.45 in tithes and offerings; in March we gave \$5024.39; our monthly budget is \$8835 (\$2039 per week). Candles \$67.50; Bookstore \$66; Building fund \$0; special gifts \$170. May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 14, Liturgy 74. Expansion fund: \$722.25, (expansion total \$1122.25), minimum goal \$2500.

### From Saint Maximus

In becoming incarnate, the Word of God teaches us the mystical knowledge of God because He shows us in Himself the Father and the Holy Spirit....He gives adoption by giving through the Spirit a supernatural birth from on high in grace, of which divine birth the guardian and preserver is the free will of those who are thus born....He rendered men equal in honor to the angels....He gives a sharing in the divine life by making himself food for those whom he knows....He restores nature to itself....He purified nature from the law of sin....He effects the destruction of the tyranny of evil which has lorded over us by trickery. He conquers the flesh which had been overcome in Adam by brandishing it as an instrument against evil. Thus does he show how the flesh, which had been bruised first by death, captures its captor and destroys its life by natural death. The flesh has become both a poison strong enough to make him vomit out all those whom he had swallowed by confining them in death's dominion, and also a life for the human race, which causes the whole nature to rise like a loaf for a resurrection of life. It is wholly on account of this life that the Word who is God has become man (certainly an incredible fact and story) and willingly accepts the death of the flesh.

*Commentary on the Lord's Prayer*

## Paschal Hours

*The Hours will be sung Pascha night between Matins and the Liturgy. They also may be said or sung morning and evening during Bright Week in place of our regular prayers.*

Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God have mercy on us.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tomb bestowing life! (*thrice*)

*Tone 6* Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ, / let us worship the holy Lord Jesus, / the only sinless one. / We venerate Thy Cross, O Christ, / and we praise and glorify Thy holy Resurrection, / for Thou art our God / and we know no other than Thee; / we call on Thy Name. / Come, all ye faithful, / let us venerate Christ's holy Resurrection, / for, behold, through the Cross joy hath come into all the world; / let us ever bless the Lord, / praising His Resurrection, / for by enduring the Cross for us, / He hath destroyed death by death. (*thrice*)

*Hypakoe, tone 8* Before the dawn Mary and the women / came and found the stone rolled away from the tomb. / They heard the angelic voice: "Why do ye seek among the dead as a man / the One who is everlasting light? / Behold the clothes in the grave! Go and proclaim to the world: / 'The Lord is risen! He hath slain death, / as He is the Son of God, saving the race of men!'"

*Kontakion, tone 8* Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, / Thou didst destroy the power of death. / In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, / proclaiming, "Rejoice" to the myrrh-bearing women, / granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

*Tone 8* In the grave with the body, but in hell with the soul as God, / in Paradise with the thief, and on the throne with the Father and the Spirit / wast Thou, O Christ, filling all things, Thyself uncircumscribed.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

*Tone 8* Bearing life and more fruitful than Paradise, / brighter than any royal chamber, / Thy tomb, O Christ is the fountain of our resurrection.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

*Tone 8* Rejoice, O holy and divine abode of the Most High! / For through thee, O Theotokos, joy is given to those who cry: / “Blessed art thou among women, O all-undefiled Lady!”

Lord, have mercy. (40)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Shine! Shine! O new Jerusalem! / The glory of the Lord hath shone on thee. / Exult now / and be glad, O Zion! / Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, / in the resurrection of thy Son.

Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God have mercy on us. Amen.

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### **Paschal Greetings in Various Languages**

English: Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!

Greek: Christos anesti! Alethos anesti!

Russian: Khristos Voskresye! Bo istinu voskresye!

Romanian: Hristos a inviat! Adevrat a inviat!

Arabic: El Messieh kahm! Hakken kahm!

Spanish: Cristo ha resusitado! En verdad ha resuscitado!

German: Christus ist erstanden! Wahrlich ist er erstanden!

Latin: Christus resurrexit! Vere resurrexit!

Japanese: Christos fukkatsu! Jitsu ni fukkatsu!