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**Bulletin for Pascha Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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

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**Schedule of Holy Week Services**

**April 8<sup>th</sup> Pascha Sunday; The Feast of Feasts**

00:15 a.m. Matins, Hours, Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Baskets  
3:00 p.m. Agape Vespers, Paschal Picnic

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

8:00 a.m. Paschal Matins  
9:00 a.m. Paschal Divine Liturgy  
3:00 p.m. Paschal Vespers

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

8:00 a.m. Paschal Matins  
9:00 a.m. Paschal Divine Liturgy  
5:00 p.m. Paschal Vespers

**April 11<sup>th</sup> Bright Wednesday**

6:00 a.m. Paschal Matins  
7:00 a.m. Paschal Divine Liturgy  
7:00 p.m. Paschal Vespers

**April 12<sup>th</sup> Bright Thursday**

8:00 a.m. Paschal Matins  
9:00 a.m. Paschal Divine Liturgy  
6:00 p.m. Paschal Vespers

**April 13<sup>th</sup> Bright Friday**

6:00 a.m. Paschal Matins  
7:00 a.m. Paschal Divine Liturgy  
3:00 p.m. Paschal Vespers

**April 14<sup>th</sup> Bright Saturday**

9:30 a.m. *Russian Divine Liturgy, St. Seraphim's, Dallas*  
5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

**April 15<sup>th</sup> Thomas Sunday**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

There is joy in the frequent remembrance of God, as it is written: "I remembered God, and I was gladdened (Psm 76:4.) *St. Anthony of Optina*

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## Announcements for Pascha, April 8

**To Our Visitors: Welcome!** Please join us after the service for coffee, food, and conversation. If you would, fill out a visitor's card for us and leave it in the basket on the candle table. We also invite you to go first through the food line.

**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 (since the beginning of Great Lent 2018).

**Temple Wine** offered in memory of Rodica and for the health and salvation of Razvan. **Temple Oil** offered in memory of Charles.

**The Special Offering** this week will be for our building fund.

**Processional Candles** this year come with a clear wind shield and a substantial candle. The wind shield may be reused if it is not abused. They are on sale for \$2.50.

**Many Years** to the newly-illuminated Joel, Xenia, Josiah, Sophia, Gideon, and Benjamin Morris! Welcome to the members of Xenia's family visiting from out of state and overseas.

**Agape Vespers & Picnic:** Please join us at 3:00 p.m. today for the Agape Vespers and Paschal picnic with egg hunt for the children.

**No Classes, No Fasting this Week**

**The Paschal Kiss** will be exchanged during the Paschal Verses of Matins ("Let God Arise") sung by the choir. Greet one another joyfully, but try to avoid getting into conversation: you'll miss the glorious hymn!

**The Sunday Offering** will be taken at the usual time of the Divine Liturgy. If you must leave sooner and wish to leave an offering, you may put it in the slot in the candle table. The offering for commemorations should be put in the slot, and the commemoration sheet may go in the basket.

### Building Fund Watch

"Establish Thou this holy house, even unto the consummation of the age."

*Liturgy of St. Basil*

Building fund balance: \$131,300. Glory to God, we made our goal of \$130,000 by Pascha. Let's see if we can get to \$150,000 by Pentecost!

**Pascha Baskets** will be blessed after the service, some time after 3:00 a.m., on the first long table in the hall. Please have the food exposed and candles burning for the priest when he arrives to bless.

**Bright Week** Liturgies will be served here daily.

**Tithes, Offerings & Attendance:** Bringing our tithes and offerings to the temple of God is part of our worship of God and supports our efforts to proclaim the fullness of the Gospel of Christ in Denton through the establishment of a permanent Orthodox parish and new missions in Denton County and north Texas. Checks should be made out to St. Maximus Orthodox Church and placed in the slot in the candle table (or in the basket passed during service). There are also boxes for alms (those in need) and our building fund.

Last Sunday, we gave \$2850 in tithes and offerings; our monthly budget is \$12,383 (the money received above budget goes to the building fund). Candles \$124, Special Offering for Paschal Flowers \$150; Building Fund \$1750. Attendance: Vigil 72; Sunday Liturgy 152.

**Please Pray: Please Pray** for our catechumens Miguel Dean, Connor Patrick, Brandon and Lanie Veazey and their baby Silouan; our inquirers Donna Lange, the Dean family, Jason Matthes, Chris Day; for the nun Susannah and the novice Élias. Please pray for Photina and Jude Bellan, for Olga Fincher and her husband Joseph, for Eugene and Rachel, for Jeremy Gleb Rovny, Ian Rehmet, and Terrence Stevenson on Mt. Athos. Pray for those you haven't seen for awhile.

### Paschal Hours

*The Hours will be sung Pascha night between Matins and the Liturgy while the Liturgy of Preparation (Proskomide) is finished in the altar. They will also be sung and at the start of Agape Vespers and Vespers and Liturgy all week. Hereby you may sing along with the choir. They also may be said or sung morning and evening during Bright Week in place of our regular prayers, if desired.*

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

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

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

*Greek*: Christos anesti! Alethos anesti!

*Russian*: Khristos voskresye! Vo istinu voskresye!

*Arabic*: El Messieh kahm! Hakken kahm!

*Romanian*: Cristos a inviat! Adevrat a inviat!

*Serbian*: Cristos vaskres! Va istinu vaskres!

*German*: Christus ist auferstanden! Wahrlich er ist erstanden!

*Latin*: Christus resurrexit! Vere resurrexit!

*Japanese*: Christos fukkatsu! Jitsu ni fukkatsu!

*French*: Le Christ est ressuscité! En vérité il est ressuscité!

*Norwegian*: Kristus er oppstanden! Han er sannelig oppstanden!

*Italian*: Cristo e' risorto! Veramente e' risorto!

*Eritrean-Tigre*: Christos tensiou! Bahake tensiou!

*Swahili*: Kristo amefufukka! Kweli Amefufukka!

*Georgian*: Kriste aghsda! Cheshdmaritad aghsda!

*Finnish*: Kristus nousi kuolleista! Totistesti nousi!

*Zulu*: Ukristu uvukile! Uvukile kuphela!

*Welsh*: Atgyfododd Crist! Atgyfododd in wir!

*Gaelic*: Taw creest ereen! Taw shay ereen guhdyne!

*Anglo-Saxon*: Crist aras! Crist sodhlice aras!

*Chinese*: Helisituosi fuhuole! Queshi fuhuole!

*Coptic*: Pchristos aftooun! Alethos aftooun!

*Aleut*: Khris-tusax agla-gikux! Agangu-lakan agla-gikux!