

Our earthly bodies are supported
by earthly elements,
but then all
“the earthly elements shall melt with fervent fire,
the earth also and the works therein
shall be burned up”
(II Peter 3:10)
And thus remembering these future changes
in our destiny,
in our bodies and in our lives, “
...and the wonder of seeing God incarnate,
let us shun the vain world,
and set our minds upon things Divine”
(Akathist to the Lord Jesus).
Christ came upon the earth
in order to raise us up to heaven.
The spiritual body is entirely different
from the material one.
“That God may be all in all”
(I Corinthians 15:28).

St. John of Kronstadt



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TONE 1

MAY 5, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF PASCHA

ANTIPASCHA

St. Thomas Sunday

Greatmartyr Irene of Thessalonica;

St. Ephraim of Nea Makri;

Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Yakov, Abbot of Zheleznobórovsk

“While the tomb was sealed, You shone forth from it as light, O Life, and though the doors were closed, You appeared in the midst of Your friends, through whom You renew in us an upright spirit in Your great mercy.”

Troparion, Tone VII

“Today, the air is filled with the fragrance of spring, and all creation rejoices at its renewal. As locked doors could not prevent Christ’s presence, neither did unbelief deprive Thomas of faith, so that he exclaimed: You are my Lord and my God.”

Exapostilarion, Tone I

TODAY’S EPISTLE: ACTS 5:12-20

TODAY’S GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Today, May 5

12:30 p.m. Grave Blessings at St. Theodosius Cemetery

Saturday, May 11

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, May 6

Acts 3:19-26

John 2:1-11

Acts 4:1-10

John 3:16-21

Tuesday, May 7

Galatians 1:11-19

John 10:1-9

Wednesday, May 8

I John 1:1-7

John 19:25-27; 21:24-25

Thursday, May 9

Acts 4:13-22

John 5:17-24

Acts 4:23-31

John 5:24-30

Friday, May 10

Acts 5:1-11

John 5:30-6:2

(Apostle Simeon)

I Corinthians 4:9-16

Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday, May 11

Acts 5:21-33

John 6:14-27

(Sts. Cyril and Methodius)

Hebrews 7:26-8:2

Matthew 5:14-19

COMING EVENTS

MAY:

- 5, TODAY 12:30 p.m. Grave Blessings at St. Theodosius Cemetery
- 13, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle
- 17, 18 Rummage Sale
- EOWG Picnic Luncheon
- 19, Sunday 11:15 a.m. Parish Council meeting
- 4:00 p.m. IOCC Banquet at St. Sava Church; Broadview Hts.

BLESSING OF GRAVES:

Father Alexander will be at St. Theodosius Cemetery this afternoon to bless the graves of departed family members; sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

RUMMAGE SALE:

We need about 12 people to help set up tables from May 13-16, starting at about 5:00 p.m. each day. We will also need 12 people to help out on the days of the sale, May 17 and May 18. Contact Alex Cundik (440-877-1980; ajcundik@cox.net) with any questions or to volunteer.

Items can be brought to the church during the next two weeks. NO computers, exercise equipment or furniture, please!

IOCC BANQUET:

Plan now for the Annual IOCC Banquet on Sunday, May 19, at St. Sava Church in Broadview Hts. Doors will open at 4:00; dinner is at 5:00. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased from Paula Svilar, Popadija Kathy Babich, or Diane Hastings; please purchase by Friday, May 10.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Claudia Virosteck in memory of Dn. George Virosteck and departed members of the Koscianski Family.

GOLF OUTING:

St. Herman House—FOCUS Cleveland is having the 6th Annual Golf Classic on June 17 at noon. Many sponsorship opportunities are available if you do not golf. All details are posted in the Fellowship Hall.

EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN’S GUILD:

The EOWG will have a Picnic Luncheon on Saturday, May 18, at St. Michael’s Shanty. Doors open at noon; lunch is at 12:30. Raffle baskets and door prizes will be offered. Tickets are \$15; contact Dianna Kall (216-741-2888) or Joanne Stoyka (440-665-5884).

ST. ELIZABETH BOOK CIRCLE:

The St. Elizabeth Book Circle will meet Monday, May 13, at 12:30 p.m. We are reading pages 158-180 in Wounded by Love.

SOCIAL MEDIA:

Don’t forget to visit our website for updates and recent photos. If you are on Facebook, please like and follow our page to see photos, announcements and motivating messages. If you are not on Facebooks, you can still view from our website: <http://www.holy-trin.org>

FLOWERS:

The list of flower donors for 2019-20 is in the Fellowship Hall. Flowers are \$10; please pay Mary Ann Schmidt.

PASCHAL FLOWERS:

Thank you to all who donated toward the cost of the lovely flowers adorning our church during this Paschal season.

COFFEE HOUR:

Thank you to our Coffee Hours hosts today: The Chandler Family.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

In connection with the Annual IOCC Banquet on May 19, our Parish Council is again asking parishioners for donations to support the important work of the IOCC. A Special Collection Basket is at the back of the church; if you donate with a check, please make it out to “Holy Trinity Orthodox Church.” We will combine our individual contributions to present a \$1,000 offering to the IOCC from our parish.

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ARCHPASTORAL MESSAGE OF HIS BEATITUDE
METROPOLITAN TIKHON

PASCHA - 2019

(Part I)

To the Venerable Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, Monastics, Distinguished Stewards,
and the entire family of the Orthodox Church in America:

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

*Let no one fear death
For the Savior's death has set us free.*

With these words, and the other powerful and inspiring words of his paschal homily, St. John Chrysostom reminds us of that which Christ has accomplished on this bright and glorious feast of Pascha: the conquering of death, the revelation of the universal Kingdom, and the reign of eternal life. Death has lost its sting and hades has been abolished, mocked and slain. Christ is risen and life reigns.

*Let no one fear death
For the Savior's death has set us free.*

Life reigns and yet, on this saving day, St. John does not say that it is the Savior's resurrection that has set us free but rather His death that has done so. We manifest this reality by unceasingly singing that Christ has trampled down death *by death*. It is precisely by His voluntary death upon the Cross that Christ now lifts all things to Himself, as the Resurrection icon shows the Lord raising Adam and Eve – the whole human race – out of hades with His hands outstretched in the form of a cross.

*Let no one fear death
For the Savior's death has set us free*

Yet, as we know too well, our existence remains full of corruption, illness, and passion, and ends in physical death. So, in what way have we been set free by the Savior's death? We are set free because, though we suffer, though we endure illness, though we die, we need not fear death. Death is no longer a dark abyss of nothingness, but rather a place where we behold the risen Lord in all His glory, a glory that today pierces even to the depths of hades. We are free because the grave is no longer our final dwelling place but has become an entrance into *another life which is eternal*, an entrance into life which Christ Himself has given to us, "to those in the tombs."

(continued in next Sunday's Trinitarian)