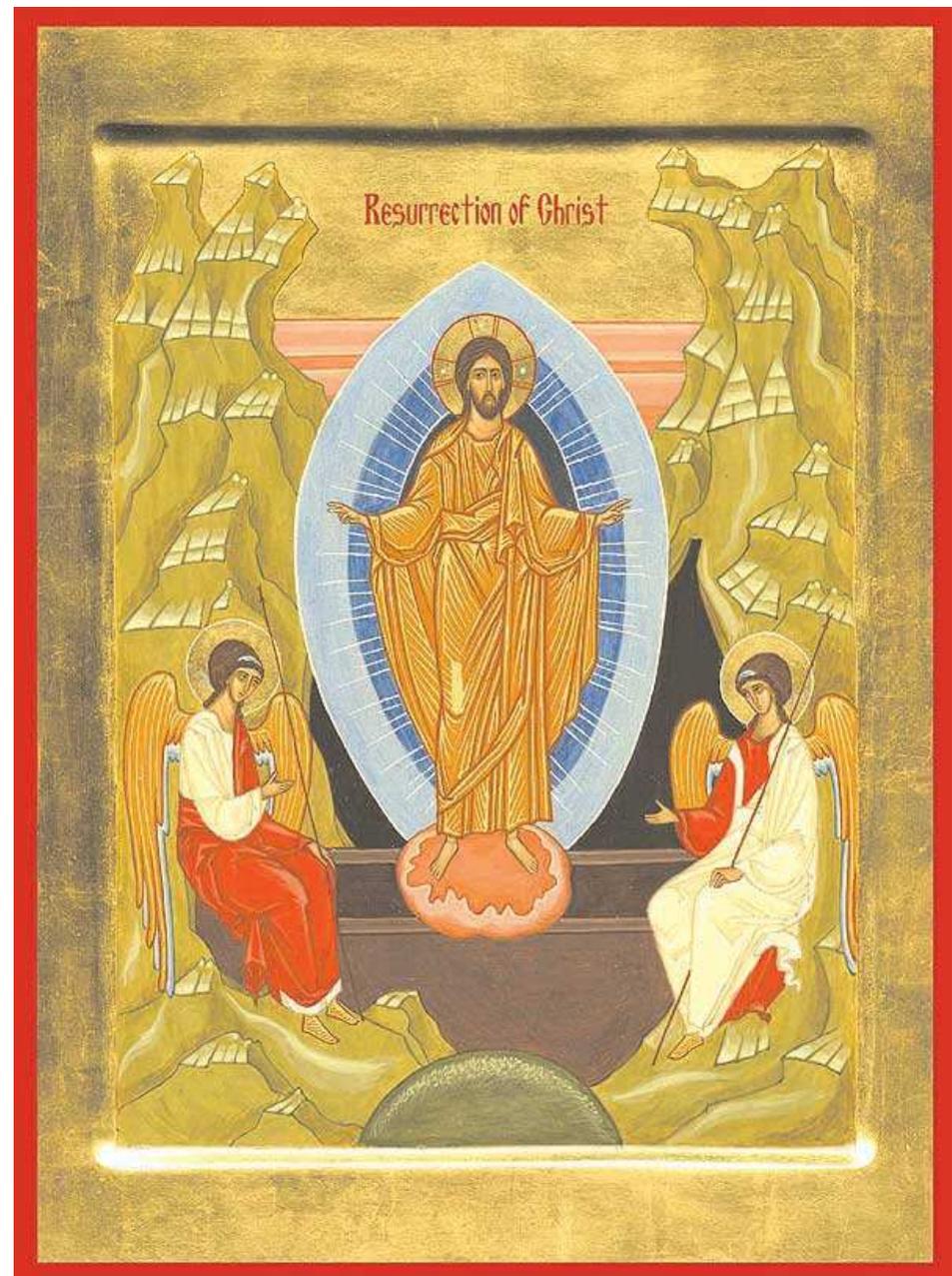


*“THIS IS THE CHOSEN AND
HOLY DAY,
FIRST OF SABBATHS,
KING AND LORD OF DAYS,
THE FEAST OF FEASTS,
HOLY DAY OF HOLY DAYS.
ON THIS DAY WE BLESS
CHRIST FOREVERMORE.
CHRIST IS RISEN
FROM THE DEAD.”*

Ode VIII, from the Canon of Pascha



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HOLY PASCHA

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Ven. John of the Ancient Caves in Palestine;

Martyrs Christopher, Theonas, and Anthony, at Rome;

Hieromartyr Paphnutius of Jerusalem; St. George the Confessor, Bishop of Antioch in Pisidia;

St. Tryphon, Patriarch of Constantinople; Ven. Nicephorus, Abbot of Catabad;

Monk-Martyr Agathangelos of Esphigmenou; Ven. Simeon of Philotheou

CHRIST IS RISEN!

INDEED HE IS RISEN!

“When Mary and her friends went to the tomb before dawn, they found the stone removed. Suddenly an angel spoke to them saying: Why look among the dead for One who dwells in eternal light? Look: Here is the cloth in which they wrapped Him. Go, now, and tell the world the Lord has risen, dealing death a death-blow, for He is the Son of God and Savior of mankind.”

Jerusalem Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY'S EPISTLE: ACTS 1:1-8

TODAY'S GOSPEL: JOHN 1:1-17

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Please attend worship services online on our HTOC Facebook page, accessible on www.holy-trin.org

Saturday, April 25

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, April 20
(Cross Procession)

Acts 1:12-17,21-26

John 1:18-28

Tuesday, April 21

Matthew 28:1-20

Mark 16:1-8

Wednesday, April 22

Acts 2:14-21

Luke 24:12-35

Thursday, April 23

Acts 2:22-36

John 1:35-51

(St. George)

Acts 2:38-43

John 3:1-15

Friday, April 24

Acts 12:1-11

John 15:17-16:2

(Theotokos)

Acts 3:1-8

John 2:12-22

Saturday, April 25

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

(St. Mark)

Acts 3:11-16

John 3:22-33

I Peter 5:6-14

Mark 6:7-13

THIS IS A FAST-FREE WEEK.

HOLY PASCHA WILL BE ON MAY 2 IN 2021. (Western Easter is April 4.)

**Father Alexander has blessed palms and pussy willows.
They will be available at church when we return to our regular schedule.**

WEEKLY OFFERINGS:

We ask that you do not forget to continue your financial support of the parish. The best way would be to mail in your contributions using your regular donation envelopes.

TODAY'S SAINTS

VENERABLE JOHN OF THE ANCIENT CAVES IN PALESTINE

St. John of the Ancient Caves is so called because he lived during the eighth century in the Lavra of St. Chariton. This was called the "Old," or ancient cave, since it was one of the oldest of the Palestinian monasteries. The Lavra was situated not far from Bethlehem, near the Dead Sea.

St. John in his early years left the world, went to venerate the holy places of Jerusalem, and settled at the Lavra, where he labored in fasting, vigil, and prayer. He was ordained to the holy priesthood, and glorified by his ascetic life.

MARTYRS CHRISTOPHER, THEONAS, AND ANTHONY, AT ROME

The Holy Martyrs Christopher, Theonas and Anthony were officers in the army of the emperor Diocletian (284-305). They were present at the sufferings of the Holy Great Martyr George (April 23), they saw the miracles accomplished by the power of God, and they witnessed St. George's faith and unshakable courage.

The soldiers came to believe in the Savior, threw down their golden military belts, and declared themselves Christians in front of the emperor. They were immediately thrown into prison. The next day the emperor urged the former soldiers to renounce Christ, but they firmly confessed their faith and glorified the Savior as the true God.

The emperor ordered that the martyrs be beaten with iron rods, and their bodies to be raked with hooks. The holy martyrs endured all the torments and remained unyielding. Then Diocletian gave orders to burn them. The martyric death of Saints Christopher, Theonas, and Anthony occurred in the year 303.

HIEROMARTYR PAPHNUTIUS OF JERUSALEM

Hieromartyr Paphnutius of Jerusalem was a bishop. He underwent many sufferings from the pagans and was tortured by fire, wild beasts, and finally was beheaded by the sword.

Some suggest that the hieromartyr was an Egyptian bishop and suffered together with many other Egyptians, exiled to the Palestinian mines during the persecution by Diocletian (284-305).

The myrrh-streaming relics of the hieromartyr were glorified by miracles. The Canon in his honor was composed during the Iconoclast period (before 842). In the final Ode is a petition for the hieromartyr to put an end to the heresy disrupting the Church.

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THE DAY OF RESURRECTION

The text below is from the first sermon that St. Gregory gave to the congregation in the town of Nazianzen on Easter Day, 362 AD. He was compelled to become a priest by his aging father who wanted his son to take over the ministry of the community. Ordained at Christmas, he was overcome by doubts and feelings of unworthiness and went into refuge for several months seeking advice and support from his friend St. Basil. With renewed spirit, St. Gregory returned on the Day of the Resurrection and gave this sermon. It became recognized as a homiletic masterpiece, and several parts of it have been incorporated into Paschal hymns.

It is the Day of the Resurrection. Let us then keep the Festival with splendor and let us embrace one another. Let us love “Brothers and Sisters,” even to those who hate; as much as those who have done good and suffered for us. Let us forgive all offenses for the Resurrection’s sake: let us give one another pardon.

Yesterday the Lamb was slain and the door posts were anointed, and Egypt bewailed her firstborn, while the Destroyer passed over us, as we were walled in with the Precious Blood. Today we escape from Egypt, and there is nothing to hinder us from keeping a Feast to the Lord our God, not in the old leaven of malice and wickedness, but in the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, carrying with us nothing of ungodliness.

Yesterday I was crucified with Him; today I am glorified with Him; yesterday I died with Him; today I am quickened with Him; yesterday I was buried with Him; today I rise with Him. So let us offer something precious to Him Who suffered and rose again for us – but not gold or silver, or costly gems, or any of those things that enslave us to this world and to the Prince of the world. Let us offer *ourselves*, the possession most precious to God, and most fitting; let us give back to the Image what is made after the Image. Let us recognize our Diety, let us honor our Archetype; let us know the power of Mystery, and for what Christ died.

Let us become Christ-like, since Christ became like us. Let us become Holy Saints for His sake, since He for ours became Man. He assumed the worse that He might give us the better; He became poor that we through His poverty might be rich; He took upon Himself the form of a servant that we might receive back our liberty; He came down that we might be exalted; He was tempted that we might conquer; He was dishonored that He might glorify us; He died that He might save us; He descended that He might draw us to Himself, who were lying low in the Fall of sin. Let us give *all*, offer *all*, to Him who gave Himself a Ransom and a Reconciliation for us, understanding the Mystery, and becoming like Him for His sake, as He became like us for ours.

From the writings of St. Gregory the Theologian