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Pascha

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**Entrance Hymn:**

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**Apolytikia:**

Resurrection

Joseph of Arimathea

(Tone 2)

The noble Joseph took down from the tree Your spotless body, and wrapped it in pure linen for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day, You arose, O Lord, and bestowed great mercy upon the world!

Myrrhbearing Women

(Tone 2)

The angel stood by the tomb and cried out to the Ointment-bearing Women: “Ointments are for the dead, but Christ has proved Himself free from corruption. Cry out, then: “The Lord is risen and has bestowed great mercy upon the world.”

**St. Joseph**

**Kondakion:** Pascha

Psalm 1117:14, 18

The Lord is my strength and my song. **Stichon:** The Lord has chastised me sorely.

**Epistle:**


In those days, as the number of disciples increased; there arose a complaint among the Greeks against the Hebrews, in that their widows were being neglected in the daily service. And so, the twelve summoned the many disciples and said, “It is not good that we give up the word of God and serve at tables. Therefore, brethren, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and of wisdom that we could put to this service, while we devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” And the plan was pleasing to the whole crowd, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip and Prochorus and Nicanor and Timon and Parmenas and Nicholas, a recent convert from Antioch. These they presented to the apostles, who then prayed and laid their hands upon them. And God’s word was growing, and the number of the disciples increased considerably in Jerusalem; and many of the priests also accepted the faith.

**Alleluia:** Psalm 19:1, 10

(Tone 2)

May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble.

O Lord, save the king and hear us when we call upon you.

**Gospel:**

St. Mark 15:43-16:8

At that time there came Joseph, the one from Arimathea, a councillor of high rank, who was himself looking for the kingdom of God. And he went in boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. But Pilate wondered whether he had expired so soon. And sending for the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen cloth, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone to the entrance of the tomb. But Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph were looking on and saw where he was laid. And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, in order to go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb, when the sun had just risen. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll the stone back from the entrance of...
the tomb for us?” And looking up they saw that the stone had been rolled back—now, it was very large. But on entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were amazed. He said to them, “Do not be terrified. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he goes before you into Galilee; there you shall see him, as he told you.” And they left and fled from the tomb, for trembling and fear had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**Hirmos:** Pascha

**Kionkon:** Pascha

**Communion Hymn:**
Receive the Body of Christ and taste the Source of immortality. Alleluia.

**Post-Communion Hymn:**
Instead of ‘Blessed be the Name …’:

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**Divine Liturgy Intentions**

- 25 April*Joseph Viola Family
- 26 April†Genevieve Kushmeder
- 02 May*Joseph Viola Family
- 03 May†Genevieve Kushmeder
- 09 May*Genevieve Kushmeder
- 10 May†Genevieve Kushmeder
- 16 May*Genevieve Kushmeder
- 17 May†Genevieve Kushmeder
- 23 May*Genevieve Kushmeder
- 24 May†Genevieve Kushmeder
- 30 May*Genevieve Kushmeder
- 31 May†Nellie Saul

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**Events in April**

**Sunday, April 26**
Youth Religious Education
After the Divine Liturgy

**Events in May**

**Thursday, May 21**
Ascension Thursday
First Confession Ceremony
Postponed

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**2020 Pascha Celebration**
Thank you to those who decorated the church:
- Sean Fitzpatrick Family: Antonia, Eve, Leo, Gabriel & Luke
- Nathan Lefler Family: Bruno, Noami &Montserrat
- Judith Manuele
- Michael Miller Family: Michael, Maggie, Annie, William & Carolina

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**2020 Weekly Collection**
April 19
Weekly Offering $ 971.00
Monthly $ 25.00
Flowers $ 20.00
Holy Land $ 20.00
Candles $ 10.00
Total: $ 1,046.00
Thank you for your support!
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PRAYER INTENTIONS


CLERGY:
Rev. Christopher Manuele, Presbyter

DIVINE SERVICES:
Wednesday:
Compline  .................. 7:30 P.M

Saturday:
Great Vespers: ............ 3:15 P.M

Sunday:
Orthros ...................... 9:00 A.M.
Divine Liturgy: ........... 10:00 A.M.

Holy Days:
Eve: Great Vespers: .... 7:00 P.M.
Day: Divine Liturgy ... 5:30 P.M

HOLY MYSTERY OF CONFESSION:
Before Vespers at 3:00 P.M.; following any service; or by appointment.

HOLY ANOINTING OF THE SICK:
Following services / call the Rectory.

HOLY MYSTERY OF CROWNING:
Call rectory at earliest convenience.

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL:
Meetings as scheduled.