

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Weekly Bulletin for Week of April 17-23, 2017

CHRIST IS RISEN!! • PASCHA 2017

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

EPISTLE: In those days: The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
(Acts 1:1-8)

GOSPEL: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.'" And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. *(John 1:1-17)*



BRIGHT WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

TODAY: THE HOLY PASCHA — The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

PASCHAL MATINS, PASCHAL DIVINE LITURGY, 12:00 AM, VESPERS OF PASCHA, 12:00 PM (Noon)

MONDAY, April 17: Paschal Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM

TUESDAY, April 18: Parish Council Meeting, 6:00 PM

THURSDAY, April 20: Eritrean Service, 8:00 AM; **NO Coffee Chat (schedule change)**

SATURDAY, April 22: Great Vespers, 5:00 PM

SUNDAY, April 23: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM; **ANTIPASCHA. 2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 1. Holy Glorious Greatmartyr, Victorybearer and Wonderworker George. St. Thomas Sunday.** Martyr Alexandra the Empress, wife of Diocletian. Martyrs Anatolius and Protoleon, soldiers converted by witnessing the martyrdom of St. George.

Hours: Jarlson

Epistle: W. Demko

Post-Communion: Wheeler

Greeters: Stafford/Demko

Coffee: Agape Meal

NO CHURCH SCHOOL

AGAPE MEAL • GRAVE BLESSINGS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRIST IS RISEN!

On this, the holiest Day of creation, we greet you with the joy of the Feast! May the Light of the Risen Christ shine brightly in each and every one of our lives! Thank you so much to everyone who made the Lenten journey, Holy Week, and now Pascha, so rich and beautiful. A special thanks to the choir, the altar servers, and to everyone who offered time and talent in cleaning, bringing meals, organizing and making the temple ready of our celebration. There are so many — you know who you are, and more importantly, God knows! A blessed Feast to everyone! Christ is Risen!

*Father John and Matushka Liz
Father Stephen, Matushka Lindsey and Zoe
Ginny Hood and the Parish Council*

PASCHAL NOTES

We bless Pascha Baskets after the service. Doors to the hall are closed and locked at 10:55 PM. Tables will be set up in the courtyard for anyone coming after that.

There will be tables set aside in the hall and reserved for the choir and clergy. ***Please be courteous and leave those for their intended purpose.***

Paschal Vespers are served at 12:00 PM (Noon), and baskets will be blessed again for those who have a “cause worthy of a blessing” and are absent at midnight. The hall will not be open for anyone after Vespers — baskets must be taken home.

Bright Week is fast-free in the Orthodox Church!

AGAPE MEAL/EGG HUNT

The traditional Agape Meal will be celebrated next Sunday — Thomas Sunday, April 23, following the liturgy. Meats are provided by the parish, but a **potluck sign-up list** for sides, salads and desserts will be available in the hall. Our children’s annual egg hunt will be held at the end of the Agape Meal. Please join us!

GRAVE BLESSINGS

Following the agape meal next Sunday, April 23, we will be going to bless graves for Thomas Sunday. We begin at Davis Cemetery, stop at Palm Eastern and then out to Boulder City Municipal and Boulder City Veterans. Arrangements for other cemeteries will be made with individuals.

PROJECT MEXICO

You can help by using our Amazon “smile” account:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/88-0242982>

A gofundme page allows direct donations:

<https://www.gofundme.com/stpaulmexicotrip>

REMEMBER, O LORD...those in need of prayer

Archpriest John (Bruchok)	Peter (Jolevski)
Matushka Mary (Perez)	Nelson (Huffman)
Christopher (Elliott)	Alla (Jascolt)
Michelle (Chong)	Robert (Kuhn)
Laura (Draskovic)	Stacy (Kim)
Madeline (DeSomov)	Kathryn (Kessler)
Anita (Maresca)	Micah (Demko)
Sophie & Natasha (Zonitch)	Ann (Prochko)
Marilyn (Bassell)	Monique (Miller)
Marteen (Moore)	Child Ally (Hansen)
Christine (Sechrist)	Child Caleb (Bisaccia)
David (Poe)	

DAY WITHOUT EVENING (OCA.ORG)

ARCHPRIEST PAUL LAZOR

... The altar table is fully laden with the divine food: the Body and Blood of the risen and glorified Christ. No one is to go away hungry. The service books are very specific in saying that only he who partakes of the Body and Blood of Christ eats the true Pascha. The Divine Liturgy, therefore, normally follows immediately after paschal Matins. Foods from which the faithful have been asked to abstain during the lenten journey are blessed and eaten only after the Divine Liturgy.

Pascha is the inauguration of a new age. It reveals the mystery of the eighth day. It is our taste, in this age, of the new and unending day of the Kingdom of God. Something of this new and unending day is conveyed to us in the length of the paschal services, in the repetition of the paschal order for all the services of Bright Week, and in the special paschal features retained in the services for the forty days until Ascension. Forty days are, as it were, treated as one day. Together they comprise the symbol of the new time in which the Church lives and toward which she ever draws the faithful, from one degree of glory to another.

O Christ, great and most holy Pascha.

O Wisdom, Word and Power of God,

grant that we may more perfectly partake of Thee in the never-ending day of Thy kingdom

(Ninth Ode, Paschal Canon).

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Apr 17: Acts 1:12-17, 21-26	John 1:18-28
Apr 18: Acts 2:14-21	Luke 24:12-35
Apr 19: Acts 2:22-36	John 1:35-51
Apr 20: Acts 2:38-43	John 3:1-15
Apr 21: Acts 3:1-8	John 2:12-22
Apr 22: Acts 3:11-16	John 3:22-33

STEWARDSHIP 2017

Stewardship 4/9:	\$ 6,910.00
Total Income 4/9:	\$ 7,619.00
Weekly income needed:	\$ 4,995.27
2017 INC GOAL (15 wks):	\$ 74,929.05
2017 INC ACTUAL:	\$ 100,782.71
Percentage of Budgeted Income:	134.5%