

ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH
OLYPHANT, PENNSYLVANIA
*PASCHA: THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF OUR
LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST*



Mary Magdalene, and the other women who were present at the burial of our Saviour on Friday evening, returned from Golgotha to the city and prepared fragrant spices and myrrh, so that they might anoint the body of Jesus. On the morrow, because of the law which forbids work on the day of the Sabbath, they rested for the whole day. But at early dawn on the Sunday that followed, almost thirty-six hours since the death of the Life-giving Redeemer, they came to the sepulchre with the spices to anoint His body. While they were considering the difficulty of rolling away the stone from the door of the sepulchre, there was a fearful earthquake; and an Angel, whose countenance shone like lightning and whose garment was white as snow, rolled away the stone and sat upon it. The guards that were there became as dead from fear and took to flight. The women, however, went into the sepulchre, but did not find the Lord's body. Instead, they saw two other Angels in the form of youths clothed in white, who told them that the Saviour was risen, and they sent forth the women, who ran to proclaim to the disciples these gladsome tidings. Then Peter and John arrived, having learned from Mary Magdalene what had come to pass, and when they entered the tomb, they found only the winding sheets. Therefore, they returned again to the city with joy, as heralds now of the supernatural Resurrection of Christ, Who in truth was seen alive by the disciples on this day on five occasions. Our Lord, then, was crucified, died, and was buried on Friday, before the setting of the sun, which was the first of His "three days" in the grave; observing the mystical Sabbath, that "seventh day" in which it is said that the Lord "rested from all His works" (Gen. 2:2-3), He passed all of Saturday in the grave; and He arose "while it was yet dark, very early in the morning" on Sunday, the third day, which, according to the Hebrew reckoning, began after sunset on Saturday. As we celebrate today this joyous Resurrection, we greet and embrace one another in Christ, thereby demonstrating our Saviour's victory over death and corruption, and the destruction of our ancient enmity with God, and His reconciliation toward us, and our inheritance of life everlasting. The feast itself is called Pascha, which is derived from the Hebrew word which means "passover"; because Christ is the new Passover, Who suffered and arose, has made us to pass over from the curse of Adam and slavery to the devil and death unto our primal freedom and blessedness. This day of this particular week, the first of all the rest, is dedicated to the honour of the Lord; in honour and remembrance of the Resurrection, the Apostles transferred to

this day the rest from labour that was assigned to the Sabbath of the ancient Law. www.goarch.org

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Services & Activities:

Holy Saturday, April 14 11:30 pm Nocturns,
Procession, Matins of Pascha

Sunday, April 15 PASCHA: THE GLORIOUS
RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOUR
JESUS CHRIST:

CHRIST IS RISEN!!!!TRULY HE IS RISEN!

10:00 am PASCHA Divine

Liturgy

Monday, April 16

Bright Monday

10:00 am Paschal Divine

Liturgy/Procession

Paschal Pot Luck Luncheon

Friday, April 20 Paschal Retreat with Dr. David Ford, St.

Tikhon's Seminary

6:00 pm Pizza

6:30 pm Retreat on JOY

Saturday, April 22

5:30 pm Confession

6:00 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, April 23

Thomas Sunday

9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Egg

Hunt/Breakfast

Blessing of Graves at All Saints

Cemetery

ANNOUNCEMENTS: CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR OUR BRIGHT MONDAY POTLUCK AFTER DIVINE LITURGY. SIGN UP SHEET IS ON THE CANDLE DESK.

DR. DAVID FORD, PROFESSOR OF CHURCH HISTORY AT ST. TIKHON'S SEMINARY WILL LEAD US IN A PASCHAL RETREAT ON JOY BRIGHT FRIDAY, APRIL 20. JOIN US. PIZZA AT 6PM; TALK & PASCHAL FELLOWSHIP 6:30 PM. ON THOMAS SUNDAY, APRIL 22, THERE WILL BE AN EGG HUNT AND BREAKFAST (scrambled eggs, hash browns and sausage: price: \$5 adults; \$3 children: sign up sheet on candle stand: please sign up early!) AFTER DIVINE LITURGY AND THEN THE BLESSING OF GRAVES AT ALL SAINTS CEMETERY.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all of the parishioners of All Saints, their families, neighbors, and friends, especially Conor, Laura, Michael, Justin, Liam, Andrew, Allen, Cory Joseph, Michael, George, Gregory, Patricia, Matushka Martha, Vera, Joseph, Andrew, all those serving in the Armed Forces, (Michael & Loreen), all missionaries (Christina), all clergy, monastics, and seminarians, the sick and suffering, those in nursing homes, hospitals and prisons, especially for those for whom we have been asked to pray, **and all the departed members and family members and friends of All Saints, the newly departed:** (among them Lieutenant General John Yeosock, Susan Scochin, Matushka Natalie Kiryluk

Breyan, John Sanko, Cynthia, Sharon Scochin). If you would like Fr. Gabriel to remember the living or the departed at the Divine Liturgy, please give the names to Fr. Gabriel to remember at the Proskomedia.

WHITE ALTAR COVERS NEEDED. Please give your donations to Joni Rezanka.

PLEASE HELP WITH COFFEE HOUR! PLEASE FORM A NEW COFFEE HOUR TEAM OR JOIN A COFFEE HOUR TEAM! This is an important part of our parish outreach. See Julie Cohen. Join us for our Bright Monday Potluck after Divine Liturgy on Bright Monday and for our Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns and Sausage Breakfast on Thomas Sunday next Sunday.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN NANTICOKE RELIEF FUND: A dedicated checking account has been established and checks should be made out to "St John the Baptist in Nanticoke Relief Fund" and mailed to the diocese. Donations are still being accepted.

T SHIRTS (ALL SAINTS) AVAILABLE \$8 EACH & RECONSECRATION ORNAMENTS AVAILABLE \$3 OR 2 FOR \$5. ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY DINNER AT ST. JOHN'S ORTHODOX CHURCH, DUNDAFF, SUNDAY, MAY 13 FEATURING BARBECUE CHICKEN AND HALUPKE. TAKE OUT 11AM SERVING NOON UNTIL SOLD OUT. ADULTS \$10; CHILDREN \$5 AT DOOR. SEE HELEN & JOE SEMON FOR TICKETS AND 50/50 RAFFLE.

BLOOD DRIVE AT LACKAWANNA HEALTH AND REHAB CENTER, 108 TERRACE DRIVE, OLYPHANT, TUESDAY, MAY 1, 12 NOON-6PM TO BENEFIT BREAST CANCER STAGE FOUR DIAGNOSED THIRTEEN YEAR EMPLOYEE KATHLEEN EARLY.

LOTTERY DRAWING every 2 weeks: \$100 to church,\$50 each Friday& Saturday.

GIVE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF COLLEGE STUDENTS AND EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS YOU WOULD LIKE ADDED TO MONTHLY BULLETIN MAILING LIST OUTREACH TO SUBDEACON JOE SEMON.

SPONSORSHIPS: Bulletin (\$30): in memory of Timothy Naughton ;Web-Site (\$25): Linda Stuchlak; Shut-in mailings (\$25): Linda Stuchlak –Thank you to all of our Donors and Sponsors!

SAMPLE PLEDGE CARDS: Please prayerfully consider handing in your pledge card as soon as possible to help us with budgeting for 2012.

WEEKLY COLLECTION: 4/8/12:\$818.61 ; LOOSE

COLLECTION: \$50.05; SECOND Collection (Church

Supplies): \$100.00; WHITE ALTAR COVERS: DONATIONS:

in memory of Robert Bryer by Pete & Joni Rezanka; TITHE:

\$110.

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

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

Acts 1:1-8 (Epistle): 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.

John 1:1-17(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.

ALL FOODS PERMITTED DURING BRIGHT WEEK: NO FASTING EVEN ON
WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY.