

Christ is Risen! Christos Anesti! Christos Voskrece! Al-Maseeho Qam! Hristos a Inviat!

April 8, 2018

Epistle Reading: Acts 1:1-8

Gospel Reading: John 1:1-17

Next Week: Acts 5:12-20

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind for Sunday's Liturgy.

Services Sun., Apr. 15th

St. Thomas Sunday
(2nd Sunday of Pascha)

Church School

9:15 am

Hours

9:45 am

Divine Liturgy

10 am

Memorial at Cross & Grave Blessings
(Weather Permitting)

Announcements:

Paschal Altar Candles: The following Altar Candle was presented by the following:

In Memory of Jereme Joseph Dudzinski from Mom, Dad and Jacob

We have another Missionary in our Midst! After nearly a 20-year absence from the mission field, Fr. Sam, with God's help and the blessing of Archbishop MELCHISEDEK, is offering his services to the Orthodox Christian Mission Center as a Team Member of a *Mission to Pilot Station, Alaska* in July 2018. The Pilot Station Mission on the Yukon River will participate in the Annual Deanery Youth Camp for young people from rural villages in remote areas of Orthodox Alaska. You can support 'our Missionary' by logging onto the OCMC link that specifies Fr. Sam's trip, missions@ocmc.org, and the clicking on Open Mission Teams. The Pilot Station Mission is at the very bottom of the list. Be sure you check Fr. Sam's name box on the donation form so that your donation will be credited to his account. **Fr. Sam and the youth of Orthodox Alaska thank you in advance for your support!**

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If any be a devout lover of God, let him partake with gladness from this fair and radiant feast.

If any be a faithful servant, let him enter rejoicing into the joy of his Lord.

If any have wearied himself with fasting, let him now enjoy his reward.

If any have labored from the first hour, let him receive today his rightful due. If any have come after the third, let him celebrate the feast with thankfulness. If any have come after the sixth, let him not be in doubt, for he will suffer no loss. If any have delayed until the ninth, let him not hesitate but draw near. If any have arrived only at the eleventh, let him not be afraid because he comes so late. For the master is generous and accepts the last even as the first. He gives rest to him who comes at the eleventh in the same way as to him who has labored from the first. He accepts the deed, and commends the intention.

Enter then, all of you, into the joy of our Lord. First and last, receive alike your reward. Rich and poor, dance together. You who have fasted and you who have not fasted, rejoice today. The table is fully laden; let all enjoy it. The calf is fatted: let none go away hungry.

Let none lament his poverty; for the universal Kingdom is revealed. Let none bewail his transgressions; for the light of forgiveness has risen from the tomb. Let none fear death; for the death of the Savior has set us free.

He has destroyed death by undergoing death.

He has despoiled hell by descending into hell.

Hell was filled with bitterness when it met thee face to face below;

filled with bitterness, for it was brought to nothing;

filled with bitterness, for it was mocked;

filled with bitterness, for it was overthrown;

filled with bitterness, for it was put in chains.

It received a body, and encountered God. It received earth, and confronted heaven.

O Death, where is thy sting? O hell, where is thy victory?

Christ is risen, and thou art cast down.

Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen.