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*Holy Resurrection
 Orthodox Church*

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**April 20, 2025
 Blessed Pascha!**

Christ Is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!

Services Sat., Apr. 26th **Bright Saturday**
Great Vespers with Confession 6 pm

Sun., Apr. 27th **Sunday of St. Thomas**
 Sunday School 9:15 am
 Hours 9:45 am
 Divine Liturgy 10 am
 Memorial at Cross & Grave Blessings 2 pm
 at Belle Vernon Cemetery
 (Weather Permitting)

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

Epistle: Acts 5:12-20

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

Epistle (*Resurrection*)
 (*Acts 1:1-8*)

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.”

Gospel (*Resurrection*)

(*John 1:1-17*)

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.

Announcements:

Very Important Note from Fr. Stephan: Please drive carefully and reduce your speed. The weather becoming nice, children are out playing and riding bikes. There are a lot of children in the neighborhood as well as in the Church. *Please take caution when driving to and around the Church.*

Don't forget, we need to remember and visit our Home-Bound Parishioners especially over the Paschal season! We have quite a few parishioners who are not able to get out and about as well as they use to. See today's bulletin insert for a listing of our Home-Bound Parishioners. All of these folks are very appreciative that their parish has not forgotten them and enthusiastically send their love to all here at HROC. *If you know of a person who needs to be added to it, please let Father Stephan know. A SPECIAL REQUEST* – that we please try to share our “Paschal Feast” with our home-bounds as well as those we meet.

PASCHAL ALTAR CANDLES: The following Altar Candles were presented by the following:

*In Loving Blessed Memory of: Jereme Joseph Dudzinski by Mom & Dad,
Jacob & Victoria and Jonathan, Jennifer, Ava & Nathan*

Local glass artisan and friend of HROC ***“Kiln it by Donna”*** has created custom order, one of a kind Orthodox Glass Crosses as garden medallions, gravestone markers, table top centerpieces and any other custom design can be created as a beautiful reflection of our faith. In the vestibule there is a cross, flyer with samples pictures, business cards and a sign-up sheet if interested.

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