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

April 28, 2019

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., May 5th **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 Victoria LaPenna & Victoria Mary Ann Hatalowich
by Donna & Michael Hatalowich

Angel Bowl News: The Angel Bowl Committee wishes to share some good news with our Parish Family on this glorious Paschal morning! We have a very generous special Angel among us at Holy Resurrection, who wishes to remain anonymous, who donated $1,000 to our Angel Bowl. You know the saying, "We have angels unaware amongst us!"

During Holy Week, Father was approached by two families in need of assistance and it was a blessing that their needs were met. Several other options being contemplating are: sending a portion to St. Tikhon's for the children of our seminarians, a share to the Nuns of Holy Transfiguration for their needs, and a portion to the Bag Brigade (a charitable endeavor in the BVA community) which sends food home on weekends with students. These are a few ideas being considered. What happy news to share with everyone today!

Christ is Risen!
Fr. Stephan, Toni & Martha

Much appreciation to Fr. Stephan and my Parish Family for all the prayers, cards, and candles lit on my behalf during my illness, surgery and recovery. I am grateful for the love and compassion of my church family.

Christ is Risen,
Bill Lofink

Father Stephan and Matushka Denise will be travelling to George Tech to attend the college graduation of their daughter Mary on Thurs., May 2nd, returning late afternoon on Saturday, May 4th. Fr. Peterson will be available for pastoral needs (724/483-4441).

Collection: April 21st: $2,880

We expect to celebrate the Memorial for our Beloved Departed at the Cross in front of the Church doors on **Sunday, May 5th** following Coffee Hour, weather permitting. A Procession will then proceed to the Belle Vernon Cemetery to bless the graves of family members and former parishioners. Otherwise, the Memorial will be re-scheduled for Sunday, May 12th.

THE CATECHETICAL PASCHAL ADDRESS OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

(Edited by Anthony M. Coniaris)

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 be 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.