

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, April 19, 2020

~ HOLY PASCHA ~

**The Resurrection of Our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ
CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

*All Services May Be Joined by Live Stream
at Web Address www.facebook.com/htocelmiraheights
or www.youtube.com/user/frdavidcowan*

Holy Saturday – Pascha Sunday, April 18-19 – The Services of PASCHA

11:30 PM Nocturns, Matins, and the Divine Liturgy of PASCHA

Pascha Sunday, April 19

2:00 PM The Vespers of PASCHA

4:00 PM Virtual Pascha Fellowship Hour, on “Zoom” – Parishioners, check your email for instructions

Bright Monday, April 20

10:00 AM The Hours of Pascha and Paschal Divine Liturgy

Bright Saturday, April 25

5:00 PM Great Vespers

St. Thomas Sunday, April 26

8:50 AM 3rd Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

12:00 PM Virtual Fellowship Hour, on “Zoom” – Parishioners, check your email for instructions

EPISTLE 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 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.

With Thanks...

***Thank you to all who have labored so diligently to prepare for this
most unusual, but always beautiful, radiant Feast of Feasts:***

those who have brought and placed and watered the flowers inside and outside the church ...

prepared and led and sung the music and served the services ...

prepared and cleaned the Altar, managed the live-streaming of the services and our Websites ...

pressed and changed the coverings, arranged the Cross and the Tomb of our Lord ...

those who offered and still offer donations toward the preparation of the church for Pascha...

those who have faithfully participated in the services and prayed daily in your homes...

And everyone who has contributed in so many ways to the beauty of this church and this Feast.

May God Bless You Richly and Grant You Many Years! CHRIST IS RISEN!



PRAYER FOR THE BLESSING OF PASCHAL FOODS AT HOME



*Provided by Archbishop Michael for
this year, when we cannot gather in Church*

READER: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, risen from the dead, have mercy on us and save us.

CHOIR: Amen. [Sing the Paschal Troparion]

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

READER: O Lord Jesus Christ our God, Who art the Bread of Life and the Giver of all good things, as Thou didst receive and sanctify the ram which the faithful Abraham brought to Thee, and the lamb which Abel offered to Thee as a whole-offering; likewise, also, the fatted calf which Thou didst command to be slain for Thy prodigal son when he returned to Thee: that, as he was counted worthy to delight in Thy good things, so may we also delight in these foods that are sanctified and blessed by Thee for the nourishment of us all. Bless this Paschal bread, these fleshmeats, this cheese, these eggs, and all these other foods, and preserve us in Thy goodness, that, as we partake of them, we may be filled with Thy gifts, ungrudgingly bestowed, and with Thine ineffable goodness. Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, risen from the dead, have mercy on us and save us.

CHOIR: Amen. **Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (Thrice.)**

