

Jesus answered: "Your brother shall rise again." Martha said, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

At this point, the Lord spoke these amazing words: "I am the resurrection and the life . . . and whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" Martha responded in a wonderful way: "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God . . ."

Mary also poured out her heart to Christ. While attempting to console the agonizing sisters, the Lord Himself wept. Finally Jesus asked, "Where have you laid him?"

They all went to the grave where Lazarus was buried. The Lord asked that the stone be removed from the tomb. Martha protested, saying that Lazarus had been dead for 4 days and that the body was decaying. But Jesus insisted and the grave was opened. He prayed to the Heavenly Father and then commanded: "Lazarus, come forth!"

How can one visualize this amazing event? Lazarus came forth, wrapped in burial clothes. Christ told the people, "Loose him and let him go." Many of the people, witnessing this remarkable resurrection, believed in Christ and began to follow Him. Little did they realize the significance of this miracle.

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CHRIST & LAZARUS



Throughout Christ's earthly travels, He met many people. Among them, He befriended a man named Lazarus. This pious man lived with his 2 sisters, Mary and Martha, in a place called Bethany.

The Lord was a distance away from Bethany one day when a messenger came with some news: "Master, he whom You love is sick." The message was sent by the 2 sisters.

Although Lazarus was deathly ill, Jesus waited for about 2 days before starting out for Bethany.



By this time, Lazarus had died and been buried. This was not a case of our Lord not knowing what happened to His friend. When Christ first spoke to His apostles about the sleep of Lazarus, they understood this to mean slumber. But Jesus told them plainly: "Lazarus is dead . . . let us go to him."

As Christ approached the town, Martha cried out to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." Then she added a significant thought that seems to foreshadow things to come: "But I know that even now, whatever You will ask of God, He will give it to You."

5th SUNDAY OF LENT



TODAY'S READINGS

GOSPEL: Mark 10, 32-45; Luke 7, 36-50;
EPISTLE: Hebrew 9, 11-14; Gal. 3, 23-29;

TODAY WE COMMEMORATE:

VENERABLE JOSEPH THE HYMNOGRAPHER

Joseph was born in Sicily of pious and virtuous parents, Plotinus and Agatha. After the death of his parents, Joseph moved to Thessalonica where he was tonsured a monk. As a monk, he was a model to all in fasting, extreme restraint, ceaseless prayer, chanting of the Psalms, vigils and labor. The bishop of Thessalonica ordained him a priest [Heiromonk]. While visiting Thessalonica the distinguished Gregory Decapolis was so impressed with Joseph, because of his rare character, that he invited him to his monastery in Constantinople. When the flame of the Iconoclastic heresy erupted again under Leo V, the Armenian, Joseph was sent to Rome to call upon the Pope and the Roman Church to battle for Orthodoxy. While enroute, Joseph was captured by pirates and taken to Crete where the heretics detained him in prison for six years. Joseph rejoiced that he was made worthy to suffer for Christ and, for that, he continually praised God, considering the iron chains on him as an adornment of gold. Early in the morning on Christmas day, in the sixth year of Joseph's imprisonment, the wicked Emperor Leo was slain in church while attending Matins. At that same moment, St. Nicholas appeared to Joseph in prison and said to him: "Arise and follow me!" Joseph felt himself being elevated in the air and, all at once, found himself before the gates of Constantinople. All true believers rejoiced at his coming. He composed canons and hymns for many saints. He possessed the "gift of discernment" for which Patriarch Photius appointed him the spiritual father and confessor for priests recommending him as, "A man of God, an angel in the flesh and father of fathers." In extreme old age, Joseph gave up his soul to the Lord Whom he faithfully served both in words and in hymns. He died peacefully on the eve of Holy and Great Thursday in the year 883 A.D.

Saturday, April 23rd; Lazarus Saturday - Confession 9:00; Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am.
Vespers and Vrbica (Blessing of Palms) at 5:00 pm, procession and confession following Vespers; Please bring your children, grandchildren and kumovi to this beautiful Service.

Sunday, April 24th; Palm Sunday - Confession at 9:00 am Divine Liturgy at 10:00am
Lenten Vespers at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Pittsburgh PA at 5:00 pm.

Holy Wednesday, April 27th - Confession 9:00 am. Presanctified Liturgy at 9:30 am.

Holy Thursday, April 28th - Confession 9:00am. Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great at 9:30 am,
Great Vigil - Holy Passion 12 Gospels at 7:00 pm.

Holy Friday, April 29th - Royal Hours at 10:00 am; Great Vespers at 7:00 pm, Procession and Lamentations

Holy Saturday, April 30th - Confession 9:00 am. Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great at 9:30 am,

Resurrection of Christ, Matins, with Procession at 11:30 pm.

Sunday, May 1st - Pascha - Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am.

Monday, May 2nd - Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am. in the Chapel "Holy Resurrection" at the cemetery

Tuesday, May 3rd - Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am.

THERE WILL BE NO CROWN BEARERS IN HEAVEN WHO ARE NOT CROSS BEARERS ON EARTH.

THE VENERABLE ZOSIMUS

Zosimus was a monk of the Jordanian monastic community during the reign of Emperor Theodosius the Younger. It was he who discovered, administered Holy Communion to and buried the body of St. Mary the Egyptian. He died in the Lord in his hundredth year in the sixth century.

THE VENERABLE MARTYR NICETAS

Nicetas was a Slav from Albania. As a monk of the Holy Mountain (Mt. Athos), he went to Serres where he debated with the Mullahs about religion. Being that they could not overcome him with reason, the Turks subjected him to torture under which Nicetas, the holy one, died and gave up his soul to his God in the year 1808 A.D.

Every Saturday during the Lent we will have Vesper Service in our Church at 6:00PM.

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Mother's Club will have posno soup available for sale today following Divine Liturgy

KCC NEWS

The Sveta Petka Kolo is busy once again we are back to making noodles x-fine, fine and wide and nut rolls, poppy seed rolls, and apricot rolls. To place a noodle order, please call Carson Robbins at 724-947-4130. To place orders for the various rolls please call Juliann Taylor 724-375-2784.

ⓔ Pittsburgh Deanery Lenten Vespers are at 5 PM ⓔ

April 17 - CARMICHAELS - St. George - Fr. Rade Merick

April 24 - PITTSBURGH - Holy Trinity Cathedral - Fr. Dragan Zaric



SAVE THE DATES:

CHURCH SCHOOL- The last day of Church School will be on Sunday, May 1st

ANNUAL DAN RALICH GOLF TOURNAMENT- Saturday, May 7th

SPRING FOOD FESTIVAL- May 14th and 15th

TEA and TREASURE BASKETS fundraiser Sunday, June 26th from 1pm-3:30 pm

On Friday, April 22nd, we will have:

SERVICE OF HOURS9:00AM; **CONFESSION**9:30AM;

PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY9:45AM.

VISITS:

April 10th - Home - Janet Britza (Confes. & Comm.)

April 14th - Cambridge Vilage - Mary Ulinski

April 14th - Franciscan Manor - Rudy Kosanovich (Confes. & Comm.)

April 15th - Beaver Medows - Mike Kozlina, Jennie Zakovich, Bob Sparcie, Mary "Cookie" Loverich, Sara Pesich, Smilja Milosh

April 16th - Home - Dorothy Baron (Confes. & Comm.)

