

THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Our Church sings in the Resurrection Canon: "You have descended into the abyss of the earth, O Christ, and have broken down the eternal doors which imprison those who are bound, and, like Jonah after three days inside the whale, You have risen from the tomb." That ode accurately describes the icon of the Resurrection that graces our bulletin.

Technically, the icon is referred to as "THE DESCENT INTO HADES." It depicts Our Lord descending into the shadowy abyss below. Having died on the cross in Golgotha, Jesus enters the kingdom of darkness and tramples underfoot its doors. In doing so, He frees the souls of the righteous.

The central, majestic figure of Christ is enclosed in a halo, with rays of light being depicted. He clutches the hand of Adam, lifting him up. Opposite Adam is the figure of Eve, shown in prayerful posture. Surrounding them we see figures of the Old Testament, awaiting the Conqueror of death. Among them are Kings David and Solomon, Moses the Lawgiver and St. John the Forerunner; God's faithful who believed in the prophecy of His coming.

This unique icon conveys the cosmic implications of both our Lord's death and resurrection. Remember that the actual Resurrection was not seen by man. However, by learning about the ancient icons in our Church, we are better able to comprehend the events they depict. It is surely so with this glorious celebration. Let us join in proclaiming: "Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life."



CHRIST IS RISEN!

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TODAY'S READINGS

GOSPEL: John 1, 1-17;

EPISTLE: Acts. 1, 1-8;

TODAY WE COMMEMORATE:

RESURRECTION OF OUR CHRIST

Mary Magdalene, and the other women who were present at the burial of our Saviour on Friday evening, returned from Golgotha to the city and prepared fragrant spices and myrrh, so that they might anoint the body of Jesus. On the morrow, because of the law which forbids work on the day of the Sabbath, they rested for the whole day. But at early dawn on the Sunday that followed, almost thirty-six hours since the death of the Life-giving Redeemer, they came to the sepulchre with the spices to anoint His body. While they were considering the difficulty of rolling away the stone from the door of the sepulchre, there was a fearful earthquake; and an Angel, whose countenance shone like lightning and whose garment was white as snow, rolled away the stone and sat upon it. The guards that were there became as dead from fear and took to flight. The women, however, went into the sepulchre, but did not find the Lord's body. Instead, they saw two other Angels in the form of youths clothed in white, who told them that the Saviour was risen, and they sent forth the women, who ran to proclaim to the disciples these gladsome tidings. Then Peter and John arrived, having learned from Mary Magdalene what had come to pass, and when they entered the tomb, they found only the winding sheets. Therefore, they returned again to the city with joy, as heralds now of the supernatural Resurrection of Christ, Who in truth was seen alive by the disciples on this day on five occasions.

Our Lord, then, was crucified, died, and was buried on Friday, before the setting of the sun, which was the first of His "three days" in the grave; observing the mystical Sabbath, that "seventh day" in which it is said that the Lord "rested from all His works" (Gen. 2:2-3), He passed all of Saturday in the grave; and He arose "while it was yet dark, very early in the morning" on Sunday, the third day, which, according to the Hebrew reckoning, began after sunset on Saturday.

As we celebrate today this joyous Resurrection, we greet and embrace one another in Christ, thereby demonstrating our Saviour's victory over death and corruption, and the destruction of our ancient enmity with God, and His reconciliation toward us, and our inheritance of life everlasting. The feast itself is called Pascha, which is derived from the Hebrew word which means "passover"; because Christ, Who suffered and arose, has made us to pass over from the curse of Adam and slavery to the devil and death unto our primal freedom and blessedness. In addition, this day of this particular week, which is the first of all the rest, is dedicated to the honour of the Lord; in honour and remembrance of the Resurrection, the Apostles transferred to this day the rest from labour that was formerly assigned to the Sabbath of the ancient Law.

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal of the First Tone

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and bestowing life on those in the graves.

HE IS RISEN

Mark 16:1-8

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Sa-

GOD SENDS YOU FLOWERS EVERY SPRING. THANK HIM.

lome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you."

So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Please join us next Saturday, May 7th 2016 for a Grand Buffet Lunch follow ing our golf session for the Dan Ralich Memorial Golf Tournament lunch will be served 1:30 pm. Donations are still being accepted. The following weekend is our Annual Spring Food Festival baskets for the raffle maybe delivered to the center when completed . Please submit your baked goods on Friday evening. Volunteers are needed to work! KCC news -Sunday May 22nd the Brdar Family will host a dinner following Divine Liturgy for all to enjoy! Menu: Pork Loin - rice pilaf-Serbian Green Beans-Rolls and Salad cake-coffee- iced tea- Donation \$12

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.

SAVE THE DATES:

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

VISITS:

April 26th - Cambridge Village - Mary Ulinski (Confe. & Comm.)

April 26th - Beaver Medows - Mike Kozlina, Jennie Zakovich, Bob Sparcie, Mary "Cookie" Loverich, Sara Pesich, Smilja Milosh (Confe. & Comm.)

April 27th - Home - Dorothy Bratich (Confe. & Comm.)

April 28th - Home - Danica Pevac (Confe. & Comm.)

April 28th - Franciscan Manor - Nell Semick (Confe. & Comm.)

