



*Rejoice in the Risen Lord!*



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**APRIL 28<sup>th</sup> – PASCHA – Resurrection Of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!**  
(Remembering St. Theodore, Great Prince of Kiev)

**Today's Epistle Reading:**

**EPISTLE:** ACTS 1: 1-9

**Today's Gospel Readings:**

**LITURGY:** John 1: 1-17

**PASCHAL Troparion:** “Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!  
(Hristos Vaskrese, smerti u smert poporav, I sushchi vo grobje zhivot daruvav!)”

**PASCHAL Kontakion:** “Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal; Thou didst destroy the power of death! In victory, didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming ‘Rejoice’ to the myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Thy Apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen!”

**PASCHAL Hymn To**

The Theotokos: “The Angel cried to the Lady full of grace: ‘Rejoice, rejoice O Pure Virgin!  
Again I say rejoice – your Son has risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself, He has raised all the dead; rejoice, rejoice O Pure Virgin!  
Shine! Shine ! Shine O New Jerusalem! The glory of the Lord has shone on you;  
Exult, now exult, and be glad O Zion! Be radiant, O Pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection, the Resurrection of your Son!’”

**Spiritual Food:** Today, as we celebrate glorious **PASCHA** of our Lord – and, ultimately, our own participation in HIS Glorious Salvific work – we are reminded that our entire Faith, Purpose, and our very Existence is directly related to what we are striving to recapture in our Parish’s future, as set forth below in our invite to all people:

You are invited, welcomed, accepted, and loved at the St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church regardless of your present or past status in the Orthodox Church; your current family or marital situation; your past or present religious affiliation; or your personal history, age, background, race, or color...

## Today's Special Announcements and Upcoming Events For Our Parish:

(1) **TODAY:** We invite you to celebrate our Lord's Resurrection through Holy Communion (**Only those who have received Holy Confession may approach the Chalice**), and then again downstairs with our Blessing of the Paschal Baskets and our glorious AGAPE meal! (Please bring your baskets of food and candies down to the hall before Liturgy....)

(1-A) Before we pray downstairs, Our CHT Team has a short message for us!

(2) **BRIGHT Monday (tomorrow):** Paschal Liturgy at 9:30AM – followed by our Paschal Luncheon for our families!

(3) **Please pray for the health and well-being of our following loved ones within our parish:**

Helen Trkula      Gary Popovich      Donna Moss-NH      Katie Repasky      Danijela Belo  
Ann Vunovic-NH      Beverly Stipanovich      Keith Bedell      Margaret Ivkovich  
Melva Buzzelli-NH      Prota Adam Yonitch      Prota Paul Lazor      Prota Joseph Cervo  
Helen Mochan      Vlade Baskot      Melva Dandrea      Matthew Schaffer      John Ratesic

(4) **Also pray for the souls of those fallen asleep in the Lord:**

+Desa Bunovich    +Mark Vojnovich    +Nick Trbovic    +Stella Stipanovich    +Ann Suzich  
+Lucy Pcholinski    +Protas Dr. Filipovic , Den Pavichevich, St Stepanov/  
+Rastko Trbuhovich,/+Vaso Sokolovic/Zvonko Kotorcevic    +Carl Magdic  
+Ray Moss    +Ann Cervo    +Helen Lia    +Alex Stipanovich    +Dan Ikach  
+Sophie Vranesevic    +Louise Zivkovich    +Mimi Pavlovich    +Nick Pilipovich  
+Kh. Stefanie Yazge    +Mika Rocknage    +Sharon Young    +Amy Pacura  
+Betty Perich    +Dorothy Shumkaroff    +George Medich    +Arlene Crnkovich    +Helen Medic

(5) **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- **St. Cyril of White Lake Food Drive:** bring in donated goods – basket in foyer of Entrance!

- **Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>:** Baptism of Nathaniel Dushan Rocknage – after Liturgy!

- **Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>:** MOTHER'S DAY – Come celebrate with us!

- **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>:** Parastos for +Nick Trbovic and +Mark Vojnovich – after Holy Liturgy!

(6) **OUR SUPPORT GROUPS:** we are looking to 'jump-start' the groups back up – are you Interested – please let Fr. Stevo know!

## TODAY WE CELEBRATE A JOYFUL DAY!



f we could use only one word to describe **PASCHA**, it would be the word **JOY**. It is our genuine response to the fact that Christ resurrected from the dead, to save us from sin.

Christians rejoice in their Risen Lord. There is no circumstance in life - even suffering and death - that is strong enough to stifle the surging sense that fills our souls. We are intoxicated with this joy of the Lord. Nor is this a fleeting experience, like pleasure. It is, rather, an ecstasy that fills the soul and carries the true believer forward.

Our Church has preserved - in its ritual and Liturgy, that genuine sense of joy in Christ that is reflected in the way we observe this Feast. Let the bells ring out, loud and clear. Let us bring our baskets laden with food. Let us dress in our Sunday best. We shall sing the hymns of victory until the walls of the church vibrate. We decorate our houses of worship in brilliant color. It is true that all of these are external but they express an inner reality - the joy of the soul. It is the visible form of an invisible substance.

Part of the magnificent Canon of St. John Damascene, sung at the Resurrection Matins, puts it this way: "Let the heavens rejoice . . . and the earth be glad. And let all creation, visible and invisible, observe a celebration, for Christ our eternal Joy is risen!" Today we celebrate this mysterious thing we call Life, coming as it does from the Giver of Life. Perhaps this Pascal hymn says it best: "Yesterday I was buried with Thee, O Christ; today with Thee I rise from the dead." **CHRIST IS RISEN!**

## **“CHRIST IS RISEN” - IN MANY LANGUAGES!**

**Serbian - Hristos Vaskrese! Vaistinu Vaskrese!**

**Arabic - Al Maseeh Kam! Hakkan Kam!**

**Rumanian- Hristos a Inviat! Adeverat a Inviat!**

**Greek - Hristos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!**

**French - Christ est Ressucite En Verite, Il est Ressucite!**

**Italian - Christo e risorto! E veramente risorto!**

**Russian - Khristos Voskres! Voistinu Voskres!**

**Swahili - Christos Wawuka! Zedi Wawuka!**

**Turkish - Hristos Diril-Di! Hakikaten Diril Di!**

**German - Christus ist auferstanden! Er ist wahrhaftig auferstanden!**

**Finnish - Kristus nousi Kuolleista! Totisesti Nousi!**

**Vulcan - O Christos Nasha! Ew'nas Cuha!**

*(In Memory of the brilliant +Leonord Nimoy)*

**Zulu - Ukristu Uvukile! Uvukile Kuphela!**

**Minnesotan -**

**“Christ is up dere, den! Ya shure you betcha, He is up dere, den!**

*(After all, this is a day to be light-hearted, right?)*