



The Apostles' Joy



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***This is the Day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it! (Psalm 118:24)***

My dear brothers & sisters in Christ:

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

You may note that this Psalm is read many times during the Paschal season. I now remember fondly (not so, at the time...) when I was a kid and wouldn't want to get up for school. My mother would sing this Psalm to me to get me motivated. At the time, it was used as a way to just annoy me out of bed, I think, but now looking back there is a profound understanding that I have gained from it.

We know in the Church that this refers directly to Holy Pascha, that "day" the Lord made in which our salvation is born from the empty tomb. But it can also apply to every day... and that's a little harder to accept! This is the day that the Lord has made...*even* if it is absolutely miserable outside. This is the day which the Lord has made...*even* if the car won't start. This is the day which the Lord has made...*even* if someone close to us, who we love, is sick or suffering. In all these events we are called to rejoice and be glad in them. This is where "the rubber has to meet the road" in terms of our faith. It is easy to be zealous and excited exclaiming "***Christ is Risen!***" in the early morning hours of Pascha, but what about the other days where it might take some effort to do so? This is the challenge that we, as the people of God, must face and must overcome!

So, as we go through our lives, remember that every day is given to us as a gift from God to do His work and to accomplish His will in it. The question is: Do we acknowledge that this day is the Lord's (*and not just Sunday, but EVERY day!*), and are we rejoicing in it? Join me, and our parish as we strive to do this in our own small way in Mechanicsburg, and work to achieve that salvation in which the day is eternal and the joy will never cease!

With love and the blessing of our Risen Saviour,

*Let us ever bless the Lord,
praising His Resurrection.
For behold, through the
Cross, joy has come into
all the world!*



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Our Mission @ a glance:

Orthodoxy 101 Class: Our very popular and well attended "Orthodoxy 101" classes will be taking a break. The original purpose for these classes was as a catechism for our former catechumens, and they have served their purpose well! At the request of those in attendance, we will resume with an Adult Study class in the Fall .

Congratulations and Many Years to Christopher and Alexios (Derek) Givler, and Mary (Gillian) Laughlin on their recent Baptism and Chrismation during the days leading up to Holy Pascha. We ask God to protect and guide them and their sponsors for Many Years! As a parish, we welcome them in to the fullness of the Faith!

Thank you to all the families and individuals who donated the liturgical items used during Holy Week! Our Mission was blessed with a new plachanitzza (epitaphion)-winding sheet, handmade by a parishioner! A hand painted Golgotha Cross (the Cross and stand were made by a parishioner), and new white priest and altar server vestments to be worn during the Paschal season. We pray that the Lord sanctifies those who love the beauty of His House!

Paska Bread sale! Our recent Paska Bread sale was a great success, not only financially, but in terms of spending time as a community working to build up our Mission. With the bread sales, as well as the homemade crafts that were donated, this project proved to be beneficial to our Mission!

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WELCOME

SAT. VESPERS 6 PM

SUN. LITURGY 9:30 AM

The Monthly Mission Council Meeting will be held Thursday, May 18, at the **Katchur Residence** at 7:00 pm. Everyone in the parish community is invited to attend and to participate in this administrative ministry of the Church

A sincere "Thank you" to everyone who contributed so many gifts and donations to our Mission during the Paschal season! We pray that the Lord rewards all of you for the kindness you have shown us and we pray to be able to use these gifts of love in building up Christ's Holy Church here in Mechanicsburg.

Mechanicsburg Jubilee Day: Mechanicsburg's annual Jubilee Day is this coming June 15, all day. Since it is the largest one-day street fair in the country, we have decided to have a booth and let people know who we are! Anyone interested in helping with this event please see Fr. Tim.

As a parish community we thank God for allowing us to worship Him during this past Lenten season in a relatively full schedule of services. We experienced the services of the first week of Great Lent, as well as Wednesday evening Presanctified Liturgies in the homes of our parishioners. Through it all, we have struggled to maintain a vibrant liturgical experience for the many seeking refuge from the crazy world we live in. Please pray that these experiences, though they have helped solidify the bond of love in our parish, will not be an issue next Pascha. We pray that the Lord directs us to a more stable place of worship to properly offer Him praise in the fullness of faith.



**LET NO ONE WEEP FOR HIS SINS
FOR PARDON HAS SHOWN FORTH
FROM THE GRAVE. LET NO ONE
FEAR DEATH, FOR THE SAVIOR'S
DEATH HAS SET US FREE.**

*from the Paschal Sermon
of St. John Chrysostom*



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Holy Apostles Orthodox Mission, Mechanicsburg, PA

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 The Day of Rejoicing	3	4	5	6 <i>Chapel set-up, Choir 5pm Great Vespers, Litiya, & Confessions 6pm</i>
7 TONE 2 St. Alexis Toth Myrrhbearing Women <i>Divine Liturgy 9:30am Fellowship & Church School following Altar Server Team #2</i>	8 St. John the Theologian	9	10	11 Sts. Cyril & Methodius	12	13 <i>Chapel set-up, Choir 5pm Great Vespers & Confessions 6pm</i>
14 TONE 3 The Paralytic <i>Divine Liturgy 9:30am Fellowship & Church School following Altar Server Team #1</i>	15	16	17 Midfeast	18 <i>Mission Council Mtg. 7pm @ the Katchur Residence</i>	19	20 <i>Chapel set-up, Choir 5pm Great Vespers & Confessions 6pm</i>
21 TONE 4 Sts. Constantine & Helen The Samaritan Woman <i>Divine Liturgy 9:30am Fellowship & Church School following Altar Server Team #2</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27 <i>Chapel set-up, Choir 5pm Great Vespers & Confessions 6pm</i>
28 TONE 5 The Blind Man <i>Divine Liturgy 9:30am Fellowship & Church School following Altar Server Team #1</i>	29 MEMORIAL DAY <i>St. Tikhon's Monastery 102nd Annual Pilgrimage</i>	30	31			<p><i>“Let us call ‘brothers’ even those that hate us, and forgive all by the Resurrection...”</i></p>



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Prayers for the newly Departed: CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

Archpriest Victor Sokolov, Mat. Margarita Gisetti, & Igor Sharonoff.

If anyone has any additions to this list, please see Fr. Timothy.