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Parish Bulletin

APRIL 12, 2020

Христос Воскрес! Воістину Воскрес!



Christ is Risen!

Indeed, He is Risen!

Sunday Divine Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 5:00 P.M. (ENG) | Sunday 8:30 A.M. (UKR) & 11:00 A.M. (ENG)

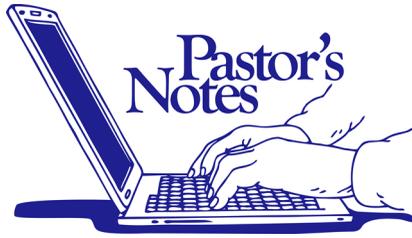
Daily Divine Liturgy

Please see Divine Liturgy Intention Schedule

Vespers Saturday 4:15 P.M.

Христос Воскрес!

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Dear Parishioners,

It goes without saying that this year's Holy Week and Easter have been one that most of us, if not all of us, has never experienced. The pandemic of Covid-19 has altered our lives and changed many of our plans, but it has not changed our faith. One could state that the adjustments that have been made have actually deepened our faith. Below are a few thoughts of how our faith and our community of St. Joseph's has been strengthened.

Some may say that our *Holy Week Services and Easter* were celebrated in an empty building. **Indeed not.** God's presence is always in the church. Our God is always in the sacred place that we call St. Joseph's. Our prayer to the Holy Spirit contains the following words "who is everywhere present and fill all things".

Some skeptics of our faith may say that after Jesus was buried He remained in the tomb. **Indeed not.** In scripture, we read how the risen Lord met people. And after such meetings, people were changed, because of the power of the Resurrection. This gift is extended to each of us. We receive it by remaining "faithful", especially in the darkest of times. For example, the women who went to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus, had broken hearts, yet they were "faithful" to their duties. And because they were faithful they discovered that Christ rose from the grave. Being "faithful" leads to unexpected great things.

Some may say that it is impossible to pray without being in church. **Indeed not.** While it is true that at times to pray may be a challenge, it is never impossible. With the help of the internet and a few talented people, our worship space of St. Joseph's was extended by "live streaming" on YouTube to so many homes this past week and it was in these "extensions" of our parish of St. Joseph's that so many prayers were prayed.

Some may say that it is not possible to be a parish during this difficult time. **Indeed not.** True, it is not what we are used to. True, it takes effort. True, it is not a perfect situation. However, by reaching out by live streaming, emails, our parish website, phone calls, efforts have been made to be a parish much as possible. One could say, it is being a parish in a different way. A big word of "thanks" to all who have been in contact with each other, whether it has been by phone, email, Facetime, etc., this strengthens our community greatly. All of the above and so much more is possible because

Indeed He is Risen!

Peace & Prayers, Fr. Dmytro

Christ Is Risen!

Христос Воскрес!

Pascha Великдень Easter

*As a sign of the joy of the Resurrection
and to emphasize the fact that we have all been forgiven by the Risen Christ,
we are to stand (to refrain from kneeling) during the Divine Liturgy and other liturgical services,
from Easter Sunday until Pentecost Sunday (May 31).*

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Condolences are extended to
Nellie O'Neil and Michael & Heather Ryczak and Family on the passing of
+Marven O'Neil ,
Grant Eternal Rest, O Lord, to the soul of your servant.
Христос Воскрес! Christ is Risen!

Knights of Columbus Fr. Shyshkowich Council # 8925 The 35th Anniversary Celebration planned for May 2nd has been postponed. The new tentative date is September 26th. Details to follow in the near future. For individuals who have purchased advance tickets please hold onto them as they will be honoured for the rescheduled date.

2020 KUCA Youth Winter Games Please be advised that the remaining event schedule has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 restrictions

Senior's Club - St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church On behalf of the Senior Club, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who assisted us this past year with the Perogy Bee. The Tuesday & Wednesday of each month are very busy but without your help, this project would not be the success it is. Thank you to all who have donated with your time & hard work & may God Bless you for your efforts. Unfortunately, this year, we had to stop earlier than anticipated due to the coronavirus-19. With that said, the April 14 & April 15 session as well as May 5 & May 6 are obviously cancelled. We hope to be able to start up again on September 8 & September 9 but that is definitely dependent on the circumstances of the pandemic at that time. May we all continue with good health over the next coming months & practice the safe distancing until this pandemic is behind us. God Bless Alicia Topor, President, Senior Club

***Christ is risen from the dead,
trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.***

**Sunday, April 12
Easter Sunday**

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.

Third Antiphon: Let God arise and His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from His presence.

Tropar: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.

As smoke vanishes, let them vanish, as wax melts from the presence of fire.

Tropar: Christ is risen from the dead....

So let sinners perish from the presence of God but let the righteous rejoice.

Tropar: Christ is risen from the dead....

At the Little Entrance: In assemblies bless God, the Lord, you who spring from Israel.

Tropar: Christ is risen from the dead....

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and for ever and ever. Amen!

Kondak, tone 8: Though You went down to the grave, immortal Lord,* You destroyed the power of Hades* and rose victorious, Christ our God.* You who said "Rejoice" to the myrrh-bearing women,* give peace to Your apostles* and offer resurrection to the fallen.

Instead of 'Holy God....': All you, who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia!

Prokimen, tone 8: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**Неділя, 12 квітня
Великодна Неділя**

Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим що в гробах, життя дарував.

Третій антифон: Нехай воскресне Бог, і розбіжяться вороги його, і нехай тікають від лица його ті, що ненавидять його.

Тропар: Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим що в гробах, життя дарував.

Як іще зає дим, нехай іще знуть, як тане віск від лица вогню.

Тропар: Христос воскрес із мертвих....

Так нехай погібнуть грішники від лица Божого, а праведники нехай возвеселяться.

Тропар: Христос воскрес із мертвих....

На малім вході: В церквах благословіть Бога, Господа, ви, з джерел ізраїлевих.

Тропар: Христос воскрес із мертвих....

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові: і нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.

Кондак, глас 8: Хоч і в гріб зійшов Ти, Безсмертний*, та адову зруйнував Ти силу,* і воскрес еси як переможець, Христе Боже,* жінкам мироносицям звістивши: Радуйтеся,* і Твоїм апостолам мир даруєш,* падшим подаєш воскресення.

Замість Святий Боже: . . . : Всі ви, що в Христа христилися, у Христа зодягнулися. Аلیلія.

Прокімен, глас 8: Це день, що його створив Господь, возрадуємося і возвеселімся в нім.

Стих: Дякуйте Господеві, бо добрий, милосердя його повіки.

Epistle

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (1:1 - 8)

In my first account, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up to heaven, having first instructed the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit. In the time after his suffering he showed them in many convincing ways that he was alive, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking to them about the reign of God. On one occasion when he met with them he told them not to leave Jerusalem: "Wait, rather, for the fulfillment of my Father's promise, of which you have heard me speak. John baptized with water, but within a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." While they were with him they asked, "Lord, are you going to restore the rule to Israel now?" His answer was: "The exact time it is not yours to know. The Father has reserved that to himself. You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes down on you; then you are to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, yes, even to the ends of the earth."

Alleluia Verses: *Rise, take pity on Zion.*

The Lord has looked down on earth from heaven.

GOSPEL: John 1: 1 - 17

In the beginning was the Word; and the Word was in God's presence, and the Word was God.

He was present to God in the beginning, through him all things came into being, and apart from him nothing came to be.

Whatever came to be in him, found life, life for the light of men. The light shines on in darkness, a darkness that did not overcome it.

There was a man named John sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the light, so that through him all men might believe.

Апостол

Діянь Святих Апостолів Читання. (1:1 - 8)

Першу книгу я написав, о Теофіле, про все, що Ісус робив та що навчав від початку аж до дня, коли вознісся, давши Святим Духом накази апостолам, яких собі вибрав. Він показував їм себе також у численних доказах живим після своєї муки, з'являючись їм сорок день і розповідаючи про Боже Царство. Тоді ж саме, як споживав хліб-сіль із ними, він наказав їм Єрусалиму не кидати, але чекати обітниць Отця, "що її ви від мене чули; бо Йоан хрестив водою, ви ж будете хрещені по кількох цих днях Святим Духом." Отож, зійшовши, вони питали його: "Господи, чи цього часу знову відбудуєш Ізраїлеві царство?" Він відповів їм: "Не ваша справа знати час і пору, що їх Отець призначив у своїй владі. Та ви приймете силу Святого Духа, що на вас зійде, і будете моїми свідками в Єрусалимі, і всій Юдеї та Самарії й аж до краю землі."

Стихи на Алілуя: Ти, воскреснеш, змилуєшся над Сіоном.

Господь із небес на землю глянув.

Євангелія: Від Йоана 1: 1 - 17

В началі було Слово, і в Бога було Слово, і Слово було Бог.

З Богом воно було споконвіку. Ним постало все, і ніщо, що постало, не постало без нього.

У ньому було життя, і життя було світло людей. І світло світить у темряві, і темрява його не поїняла.

Був чоловік, посланий Богом, якому ім'я Іван. Прийшов він свідком, щоб свідчити про Світло, щоб усі через нього увірували.

There was a man named John sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the light, so that through him all men might believe.

But only to testify to the light, for he himself was not the light. The real light which gives light to every man was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and through him the world was made, yet the world did not know who he was. To his own he came, yet his own did not accept him.

Any who did accept him he empowered to become children of God. These are they who believe in his name.

Begotten not by blood, nor by carnal desire, nor by man's willing it, but by God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we have seen his glory; the glory of an only Son coming from the Father, filled with enduring love.

John testified to him by proclaiming: "This is he of whom I said, The one who comes after me ranks ahead of me, for he was before me."

Of his fullness we have all had a share -- love following upon love.

For while the law was given through Moses, this enduring love came through Jesus Christ.

Instead of 'It is truly right....': The angel cried out to the One full of grace:* "O chaste Virgin, rejoice!* And again I say, rejoice!* Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day* and raised the dead."* Let all people rejoice!* Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem,* for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!* Exalt now and be glad, O Zion!* And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight* in the resurrection of your Son.

Був чоловік, посланий Богом, якому ім'я Іван. Прийшов він свідком, щоб свідчити про Світло, щоб усі через нього увірували.

Не був він Світло, був лише, щоб свідчити про Світло. Справжнє Світло було те, що просвічує кожну людину. Воно прийшло у цей світ.

Було у світі, і світ постав через нього, і світ не пізнав його. Прийшло до своїх, і свої його не прийняли.

Котрі ж його прийняли, тим дало змогу дітьми Божими стати -- тим, що вірують в ім'я його.

Які не з крові, ні з тілесного бажання, ні з похоті чоловічої, але від Бога народилися.

І Слово стало тілом, і оселилося між нами, і ми бачили його славу -- славу Єдинородного від Отця, повного благодаті та істини.

Іван свідчить про нього і проголошує, кажучи: "Ось той, про кого я говорив: Той, що йде за мною, існував передо мною, був раніш за мене."

З його повноти ми всі прийняли -- благодать за благодать.

Закон був даний Мойсеєм, благодать же та істина прийшла через Ісуса Христа.

Замість 'Достойно...': Ангел звістив Благодатній: "Чиста Діво, радуйся! І знову кажу, радуйся! Твій Син воскрес на третій день із гробу, і мертвих воскресив." Люди, веселіться! Світіся, світіся, новий Єрусалиме, слава бо Господня на Тобі засягла! Радій нині і веселися, Сіоне, а Ти, чиста Богородице, втішайся воскресінням Сина Твого.

Communion Hymn: Receive the Body of Christ; partake of the source of immortality. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Причастин: Тіло Христове прийміть, джерела безсмертного споживіть. Аلیلія! Аلیلія! Аلیلія!

“Christ is risen ...” replaces: ‘Blessed is he who comes...’, ‘We have seen the true light...’, ‘May our mouths be filled...’, ‘Blessed be the name of the Lord...’, ‘Glory be to the Father ...’.

At the conclusion of the Liturgy, “Christ is risen...” is sung three times, with the addition of “And to us He grants life eternal, let us bow to his third day resurrection.”

ALL EASTER SERVICES FROM ST. JOSEPH’S WILL BE LIVE –STREAMED OVER THE INTERNET.

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TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL OUR EASTER SERVICES.**

- April 11 *Easter (Saturday Eve)*
7:00 p. m. Resurrection Matins & Easter Divine Liturgy. Blessing of Easter Food
- April 12 *Easter Sunday*
8:00 a.m. Easter Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) Blessing of Easter Food
- April 13 *Bright Monday* 8:30 a.m. Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy
- April 14 *Bright Tuesday* 8:30 a.m. Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy
- April 19 **Thomas Sunday** 10:00 am Divine Liturgy

PRAYER DURING TIMES OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness. At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth. Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. For yours is the Kingdom and Power and Glory of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

**2020 PASTORAL LETTER OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF CANADA
ON THE OCCASION
OF THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

To the Very Reverend Clergy, Monastics and Religious Sisters and Brothers, Seminarians and Laity of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord – Christ is Risen! Христос Воскрес!

How difficult it is during the darkness of the COVID 19 pandemic, with closed churches and empty streets, to respond with enthusiasm to this greeting of joy – *Indeed, He is Risen! Boicmyh Voskres!* Rather, we might feel urged to chant the words from the psalm the Church sings on the Sundays preceding Great Lent: *“By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion. ... How could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil?”* (Ps. 136:1-4)

This period of turmoil, however, is not new to the followers of Jesus Christ. Throughout its history the Church has known times of natural disasters, severe restrictions and persecutions. Many members of our Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church today still recall the years of underground existence during the Soviet period in Ukraine. Especially during the years from 1945 through to 1989 churches were locked and the faithful were forbidden to practice their faith and sing: *Christ is Risen!* For many in Ukraine during those years the main source of spiritual life came from the Vatican Radio broadcasts where the Divine Liturgy was celebrated every Sunday and religious programs were transmitted daily from Rome. In homes throughout Ukraine a radio was placed on the kitchen table and the family gathered around to pray and sing quietly, united with those in the free world. Many of the clergy, religious sisters and seminarians living in Rome during those years took part in these broadcasts, doing what they could to uphold the faith of the people throughout Ukraine, including as well those in far off Siberia.

One of the central prayers of the Resurrection Matins celebrated on Easter Sunday is entitled: *Plottiu (Плоттю)* – literally, “In the flesh”. The solemn melody begins low and slowly rises. It accompanies the following words: *“You have fallen asleep in the flesh as a mortal man, O King and Lord, but on the third day You arose again.”* The melody continues to rise with the words: *“You have raised Adam from his corruption and made Death powerless.”* Then the melody reaches its culmination with high notes proclaiming: *“You are the Pasch of incorruption. You are the salvation of the world.”*

This troparion has been sung for centuries every year at Easter: during times of persecution, during times of natural disasters, and during times of peace and harmony. Our brothers and sisters in Ukraine sang it over and over again during the years of underground church life. And we too can sing this hymn during this time of pandemic, even when our spirits may be weak and fragile.

The hymn *Plottiu* (Плоттію) speaks to us of the human nature of Jesus Christ, by which he was subject to death – his tragic death on the cross. He was buried and some mourned his passing. In solidarity with humanity Jesus took upon himself the human body to share the hardships and trials that we must endure, even to the point of death.

The narrative of Jesus would be a sad story indeed, if it were not for the power of the Father's love for him, raising Jesus from the depths of the kingdom of Death. This is the truth of the Resurrection. This is the true joy of Easter. This is what we are called upon to celebrate in whatever way we can during this time of darkness and gloom. COVID-19 is a material evil of this finite world. Its time will pass. It is no match to the power of the love of our eternal God, revealed in the Resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ!

Dear Beloved!

Whether we pray in glorious churches or in our humble homes – Christ is Risen! Whether we hear beautiful choirs or a voice crying in the wilderness – Christ is Risen! Whether we partake of a sumptuous Easter basket overflowing with food, or a simple sandwich and a glass of water – Christ is Risen!

We share the Good News of spiritual hope and joy that the Resurrection of the Lord offers to all humanity: with the lonely and the shut-ins, with the discouraged and depressed, with those without employment and with those having inadequate housing. We share the Good News of spiritual hope and joy in the Resurrection especially with all those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic: with those afflicted by the virus, with the health care workers who endanger their lives helping others, with those providing essential community services, with those who have passed on to eternal life and with all those who mourn their passing.

May you find hope and support in the Resurrection of the Lord, and the spiritual strength to proclaim:
Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen! Христос Воскрес! Воістину Воскрес!

Sincerely Yours in the Risen Lord!

- + Lawrence Huculak, OSBM, Metropolitan Archbishop of Winnipeg
- + David Motiuk, Eparchial Bishop of Edmonton, Administrator of New Westminster
- + Bryan Bayda, CSsR, Eparchial Bishop of Saskatoon, Administrator of Toronto
- + Michael Wiwchar, CSsR, Bishop Emeritus of Saskatoon
- + Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM, Bishop Emeritus of New Westminster
- + Stephen Chmilar, Bishop Emeritus of Toronto

5/12 April 2020, Palm Sunday

Христос Воскрес!

Sunday Collection

April 5

Sunday Collection	\$405
Miscellaneous Donation	\$1460
Initial Offering	\$20
Easter Offering	\$615
Easter Flowers	\$125
Share Lent/Church in Ukraine	\$405

Thank you for your support.

A Prayer for Healthcare Workers during this time of the Coronavirus COVID-19

*Loving God, we place into your care
all our doctors, nurses and healthcare
workers.*

*Give them courage of heart and strength of
mind and body.*

*Keep them safe from harm. May they know
our deep gratitude*

*for all they are doing to heal and help those
affected by the coronavirus. God of all
consolation may they know your
protection and peace.*

*Bless them in these challenging days and
bless their families. Amen.*



Христос Воскрес!

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Воістину Воскрес!

INDEED HE IS RISEN!

(from around the world)



Albanian: *Khrishti unjal! Vertet unjal!*

Arabic- *El Messieh kahml Hakken kahm!*

Byelorussian: *Khristos uvoskros! Zaprowdu uvoskros!*

Coptic: *- Christos anesti! Alithos anesti!*

English: *Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen !*

Finnish: *Kristus nousi Kuolleista!*

French: *Le Christ est ressuscite! Kriste ahzdkhah! En verite il est ressuscite!*

Georgian: *Kriste ahzdkhah! Chezdmari det!*

German: *Christus ist erstanden! Wahrlicht ist er erstanden!*

Greek: *Christos anesti! Alithos anesti!*

Japanese: *Harisutosu Siochatsu! Makoto-ni Siochatsu!*

Latin: *Christus resurrexit! Vere resurrexit!*

Polish: *Khristus zmartvikstau! Zaiste smartvikstau!*

Romanian: *Cristos ainviat! Adeverat a inviat!*

Serbian: *Christos vaskres! Vaistinu vaskres!*

Slavonic: *'Khristos voskrese! Voistinu voskrese!*

Spanish: *Christos ha resucitado! En verdad ha resucitado!*

Ukrainian: *Khristos voskres! Voistinu voskres!*

BLESSING OF EASTER FOODS

PRIEST Glory to the holy, consubstantial, life-giving and undivided Trinity, always, now and for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

Paschal Troparion

PRIEST: Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life.

ALL: Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life.

PRIEST: Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,*

ALL and to those in the tombs* giving life.

Blessing of Bread

PRIEST: Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: O Holy Master, Father almighty, pre-eternal God: be pleased to sanctify this bread by Your holy and spiritual blessing, so that it might be unto salvation of soul as well as bodily health for all who eat of it. May it also protect against all illness and every attack of the enemy. Through the mercy and compassion of Your only-begotten Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, with Whom You are blessed, together with Your all holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and always and for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

Blessing of Meat

PRIEST: Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: O Lord Jesus Christ our God, look upon these various meats, and sanctify them as You sanctified the ram, which Abraham, the faithful one, brought to You, and the lamb which was offered to You by Abel as a total offering of his fruits. Sanctify them also as You sanctified the fatted calf, which You ordered to be slain for Your prodigal son when he returned to You, so that just as he was made worthy to enjoy Your goodness, we too might delight in these foods that You have hallowed and blessed to nourish us all. For You are the true Nourishment and Bestower of good things, and we render glory to You, with Your Father Who is without beginning, and Your all holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and always and for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

Blessing of Cheese and Eggs

PRIEST: Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: O Master, Lord our God, Creator and Builder of all things: bless these milk products along with these eggs, and preserve us in Your goodness, so that partaking of them we may be filled with Your gifts, which You, because of Your unspeakable goodness, bestow on us so ungrudgingly. For Yours is the dominion, and Yours the kingdom, the power, and the glory, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and always and for ever and ever.

PRIEST: These foods are blessed and sanctified by the grace of the Holy Spirit, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ALL: Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs,* giving life.

PRIEST: †Glory be to You, O Christ God, our hope, glory be to You!

ALL: †Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,* now and for ever and ever. Amen.* Lord, have mercy. (3)* Give the blessing!

PRIEST: Christ our true God, (risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life), through the prayers of His immaculate Mother; of the holy, glorious and all-praiseworthy apostles and of all the saints, will have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind. **ALL:** Amen

The Easter Sermon of Saint John Chrysostom

Is there anyone who is a devout lover of God? Let them enjoy this beautiful bright festival! Is there anyone who is a grateful servant? Let them rejoice and enter into the joy of their Lord! Are there any weary with fasting? Let them now receive their wages! If any have toiled from the first hour, let them receive their due reward; If any have come after the third hour, let him with gratitude join in the Feast! And he that arrived after the sixth hour, let him not doubt; for he too shall sustain no loss. And if any delayed until the ninth hour, let him not hesitate; but let him come too. And he who arrived only at the eleventh hour, let him not be afraid by reason of his delay.

For the Lord is gracious and receives the last even as the first. He gives rest to him that comes at the eleventh hour, as well as to him that toiled from the first. To this one He gives, and upon another He bestows. He accepts the works as He greets the endeavor. The deed He honors and the intention He commends.

Let us all enter into the joy of the Lord! First and last alike receive your reward; rich and poor, rejoice together! Sober and slothful, celebrate the day! You that have kept the fast, and you that have not, rejoice today for the Table is richly laden! Feast royally on it, the calf is a fatted one. Let no one go away hungry. Partake, all, of the cup of faith. Enjoy all the riches of His goodness!

Let no one grieve at his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again; for forgiveness has risen from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Death of our Savior has set us free. He has destroyed it by enduring it. He destroyed Hades when He descended into it. He put it into an uproar even as it tasted of His flesh.

Isaiah foretold this when he said, "You, O Hell, have been troubled by encountering Him below." Hell was in an uproar because it was done away with. It was in an uproar because it is mocked. It was in an uproar, for it is destroyed. It is in an uproar, for it is annihilated. It is in an uproar, for it is now made captive.

Hell took a body, and discovered God. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it did not see. O death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?

Christ is Risen, and you, O death, are annihilated! Christ is Risen, and the evil ones are cast down! Christ is Risen, and the angels rejoice! Christ is Risen, and life is liberated!

Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead; for Christ having risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen.