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BULLETIN – GREAT & HOLY PASCHA

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CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!

Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!
Al-Massih gam! Haggan Qam!

	<i>Many Years – Birthday</i>	
Elijah Beck		April 21
	<i>Many Years – Anniversary</i>	
Fr. Nathan & Kh. Mandy Thompson		April 25

ONLINE DONATING

To donate online, go to <https://ssppaoc.org/#>. When the home page comes up, at the top right, you will see “Support Our Parish”. Select “Donate Online” and that will take you to a page with a list of possible donations and a place to pay tithe.

WATCHING DIVINE SERVICES ONLINE

To see the list of links for accessing online services, please go here:

<https://www.antiochian.org/dashboard?name=COVID-19>

NEEDS & SURPLUS

In this time of possible shortages at stores, if you have a surplus of

- **bleach, household cleaners, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, water, canned and jarred food (especially vegetables), frozen foods, diapers, paper towels**

and want to share with others in our parish who might need some of those items, please bring them to the parish hall **on Saturdays from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**. If you have a need, please call Marilyn Spurgeon at (831) 345-5448 or email her at mlspurgeon64@gmail.com. The Kindness

Ministry Team will then work out a time/place for items to be distributed to those in need.

CHURCH SERVICES

The Pascha services will be served by the Thompson family only as per the **restrictions imposed by the County of Santa Cruz**. The Thompsons will be serving on behalf of all of us. **Please hold them up in prayer.**

This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul–April 20-26, 2020

4/26 Sun 8:20 am – Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy – St. Thomas

Looking Ahead –

Services will be conducted similarly to what is listed above until further notice from the Antiochian Archdiocese and the County of Santa Cruz. When we know more, you will be notified as to any change to this schedule. Please remember to pray at home.

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR HOMESCHOOLING

The Department of Homeschooling and other Archdiocese ministries are offering learning opportunities, support, and curriculum resources for all ages. Go here for more info:

<https://www.antiochian.org/regulararticle/622>

Orthodox Tidbits

The glorious Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the sign of universal life. The “first light” is offered and a candle lit procession makes its way around the church reminding us that Light has overtaken darkness. Eggs are offered as a sign of new life. The Paschal exclamation, “Christ is Risen!” is offered and exchanged — “Indeed, He is Risen!” The Paschal Liturgy is celebrated in the light filled church as if in the Light giving Tomb of the Resurrection.

**In Christ,
Fr. Nathan**

The Paschal Sermon

The Catechetical Sermon of St. John Chrysostom is
read during Orthros of Pascha

If any man be devout and love God, let him enjoy this fair and radiant triumphal feast. If any man be a wise servant, let him rejoicing enter into the joy of his Lord. If any have labored long in fasting, let him now receive his recompense. If any have wrought from the first hour, let him today receive his just reward. If any have come at the third hour, let him with thankfulness keep the feast. If any have arrived at the sixth hour, let him have no misgivings; because he shall in nowise be deprived thereof. If any have delayed until the ninth hour, let him draw near, fearing nothing. If any have tarried even until the eleventh hour, let him, also, be not alarmed at his tardiness; for the Lord, who is jealous of his honor, will accept the last even as the first; He gives rest unto him who comes at the eleventh hour, even as unto him who has wrought from the first hour.

And He shows mercy upon the last, and cares for the first; and to the one He gives, and upon the other He bestows gifts. And He both accepts the deeds, and welcomes the intention, and honors the acts and

praises the offering. Wherefore, enter you all into the joy of your Lord; and receive your reward, both the first, and likewise the second. You rich and poor together, hold high festival. You sober and you heedless, honor the day. Rejoice today, both you who have fasted and you who have disregarded the fast. The table is full-laden; feast ye all sumptuously. The calf is fatted; let no one go hungry away.

Enjoy ye all the feast of faith: Receive ye all the riches of loving-kindness. Let no one bewail his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one weep for his iniquities, for pardon has shown forth from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Savior's death has set us free. He that was held prisoner of it has annihilated it. By descending into Hell, He made Hell captive. He embittered it when it tasted of His flesh. And Isaiah, foretelling this, did cry: Hell, said he, was embittered, when it encountered Thee in the lower regions. It was embittered, for it was abolished. It was embittered, for it was mocked. It was embittered, for it was slain. It was embittered, for it was overthrown. It was embittered, for it was fettered in chains. It took a body, and met God face to face. It took earth and encountered Heaven. It took that which was seen and fell upon the unseen.

☩ Death, where is your sting? ☩ Hell, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are overthrown! Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen! Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice! Christ is risen, and life reigns! Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave! For Christ, being risen from the dead, is become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages. Amen.