



THE PROTOMARTYR



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CHRIST IS RISEN!

INDEED HE IS RISEN!

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HOLY PASCHA—THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.
[Beginning of the Pentecostarion.] Ven. Joseph the Hymnographer (883). Ven. George of Mt. Maleon in the Peloponnesus. Ven. Joseph the Much-ailing, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—14th c.). Ven. Zosimas, Abbot of Vorbozómek (ca. 1550). Ven. Zosimas, of Palestine (4th c.). Virgin Martyr Pherbutha of Persia, her sister and servants (341-343). Martyr Nikita of Pojani. St. Isidore, Bishop of Seville (636). Ven. Theonas, Archbishop of Thessalonica (1545).

EPISTLE: Acts 1:1-8

GOSPEL: John 1:1-17

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES BRIGHT WEEK

Monday, April 5	<i>Bright Monday</i> Paschal Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM Procession with the reading of Resurrection Gospels Agape Meal and Egg Hunt
Tuesday, April 6	<i>Bright Tuesday</i> Diocesan Paschal Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church in Bethlehem, PA 9:30 AM Paschal Vespers 7 PM

Wednesday, April 7	<i>Bright Wednesday (Annunciation O.C.)</i> Paschal Divine Liturgy (Slav) 9:00 AM
Thursday, April 8	<i>Bright Thursday</i> Paschal Vespers 7 PM / Bible Study
Saturday, April 10	<i>Bright Saturday</i> Paschal Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM Great Vespers 5 PM
Sunday, April 11	<i>St. Thomas Sunday</i> Divine Liturgy 10 AM Blessing of the graves (Oakland Cemetery) 1 PM

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! Father Victor, Matushka Anastasia with children Elizabeth, Katherine and Alexander, would like to wish you all the blessings of God during this glorious season of Pascha. May the light of our Lord's Resurrection enlighten your life and fill you with joy of the Heavenly Kingdom.

Thank you: To all who helped us to prepare for Holy Week and Pascha by cleaning and beautifying our Cathedral and to all who put their efforts to make sure that the celebration of these most important days for Orthodox Christians would be done properly. Thank you to all those who helped with the Tomb Watch readings. May our Risen Lord richly bless you and grant you Many Years!

AGAPE: Please join us with your blessed Easter basket following Resurrection Matins and the Paschal Divine Liturgy to break the fast. Beverages and plastic ware will be provided.

BRIGHT MONDAY: Join us on Bright Monday following the Divine Liturgy for a pot luck luncheon. Please consider bringing something to share. Paschal leftovers are more than welcome! Plates, utensils, coffee and tea will be provided. There will also be an egg hunt for the kids. We want to ask the parents of our parish to request a day off for your children in observance of Orthodox Pascha celebration.

Blessing of the Graves: Next Sunday and in the following weeks as it is a custom in the Orthodox Church, we will be blessing the graves of our loved ones. On St. Thomas Sunday Fr. Victor will be blessing graves at Oakland Cemetery. The blessings at other cemeteries will be by an appointment.

PEROGIE MAKING: The next perogie project will be held on Wednesday, April 14 and Thursday, April 15. Help is needed for both days but especially on Thursday. For additional details see Raya or Olga.