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Χριστὸς ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη! Christ is risen! Truly He is risen!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christos Anesti! Alethos Anesti!

As we continue our journey through the Paschal season, enjoying the ongoing blessings of our Lord's Resurrection, we look ahead to the Apodosi (Leavetaking) of Pascha, and, not long after that, to Pentecost. As I've said many times before, on many occasions, the Church Liturgical Year is cyclical, with ever-deepening spiritual blessings and understanding, as we pass through this living process each and every year. Or at least it's supposed to be. It's much, much more than remembering historical events, important to some extent though that is. But most importantly, our life in Christ, in His Church, living within the spiritual transmission of Living Tradition, is meant to be and is, if we embrace it, a never-ending process of spiritual healing and transformation. We are meant to go on learning and deepening, becoming more alive and more mature, in Christ.

However, we have to choose to consciously participate in this. It is not usually a given, and it is rarely if ever forced upon us. So, if our experience of Christ and His Church is not growing and deepening, we have no one to blame for this but ourselves, with very, very rare exception.

On Pascha we celebrate Christ's Resurrection, and the almost unimaginable hope, new life, new beginnings and vast possibilities that this brings to us. On Pentecost, we celebrate the beginning of the Church, along with the Descent of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Trinity being fully with us and fully present and accessible in the world.

Let us be blessed to dig deeper, participate more fully and consciously in the living and life-giving Christian Mystery. Come to church, pray, meditate and study at home, and serve.

God bless one and all, abundantly!

Your Brother in Christ,
Fr. John

NOTED DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

June 9: Holy Ascension

June 12: Parish Council Meeting

June 19: Holy Pentecost and Father's Day

June 24: Nativity of John the Baptist

June 29: Synaxis of the Holy Apostles ...Church's Name Day

PARISH NEWS:

- We are sad at the loss of our long time steward, Basil Basil, who passed on April 29 unexpectedly. Our prayers are with his family. May his Memory be eternal.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND TALENT DURING HOLY WEEK AND EASTER:

- **Xanthippi and Nearhos Darzentas, Debbie O'Reilley Michael, Pappas, Georgia Stevens, and all** those who donated for the flowers in the basket passed.
- **Nearchos and Xanthippi Darzentas** for donating the Resurrection flowers in memory of their fathers, George Darzentas and Haralambos Magdalinos
- **Helen Kostarides** for the rose petals for the Epitaphios. Also, the altar flowers on Holy Saturday in memory of her father Anastasios Kostarides.
- **Debbie O'Reilley** for making sure the shrouds were cleaned and pressed, the votive candles for Holy Unction, and washing the church windows and cleaning the candle stands.
- **Mary Kostarides** for the dyed red eggs and wrapping them in tulle for Pascha.
- **Xanthippi and Nearhos Darzentas and Debbie O'Reilley** for cutting all the flowers Thursday, and preparing set up for Friday.
- Decorators of the Epitaphios –Kouvouklion, icons and banisters were **Xanthippi and Nearhos Darzentas, George Geroulis, Mary Kostarides, and Debbie O'Reilley.**
- Carrying the Kouvouklion were **George Chimples, Christos Darzentas, Nearhos Darzentas, and Angelus Kocoshis.** Also, to **Demetrios Geroulis, George Geroulis, and Antonios Kantzavelos** for assisting in the procession.
- **Debbie O'Reilley, Carolyn Schoeff and Nezhla Sanderson** for preparing the church for Saturday evening.
- **Angelus Kocoshis** for the tasty spread after the Paschal service.
- **Angelus Kocoshis, Debbie O'Reilley, Elia Pepps, and Nezhla Sanderson** for chanting.
- **Angelus Kocoshis** for leading the singing Friday evening.
- **Father John** for his lovely services and words of the faith, and the Parish Council for their work.

OUR LOVELY KOUVOULION

