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Χριστὸς ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη! Christ is risen! Truly He is risen! (week early)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Lord! I'm sure we're all looking forward to a great Palm Sunday celebration, then Holy Week, then Pascha! I pray that everyone's Lenten journey has been blessed and profitable.

So.....Pascha.....the Feast of Feasts! Have you all heard of the Miracle of the Holy Fire, that takes place in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem? Has anyone personally witnessed it? Or have any of you seen it on You Tube? If not, then I highly recommend that you look it up and watch it. This is a Miracle that happens there every year and has done so for many centuries. It's amazing.

My point is that Pascha is a Grand Miracle, wherever you participate in it. Whether the Holy Fire manifests in other places or not is not the point. Those kinds of things happen according to God's Will and Plan. But what is certain is that the Holy Light of Christ is manifest in ALL Paschal services. The Resurrection and the Renewal of the Light is EVERYWHERE present, most especially in our Orthodox services.

How much we prepare ourselves has a lot to do with how much of God's Blessings we experience. It's of course not solely dependent on our efforts alone, but efforts to draw closer to God DO matter and make a difference. SO.....let us prepare ourselves as best as we can.....to meet the Risen Christ.....our Lord and our Savior! And THEN.....be ready and willing to go forth and SHARE that Great Blessing! God bless you, each and all! We look forward to saying: "CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!"

Your Brother in the Risen Lord,
Fr. John

NOTED DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

April 01: Palm Sunday Luncheon and Bread pickup

April 08: Holy Pascha - No Services

April 8-14: Renewal Week

April 23: Name Day – St. George

KOUVOUKLION DECORATING OF THE EPTAPHIOS:

Decorating will be held **Friday, April 6th**, in the church starting at 9:00AM. If you have wire cutters, please bring them. We will also be cleaning the chapel area. Please contact Debbie O'Reilly (317-252-4466) or (fox6060@comcast.net) or Ethel Darzentas (317-353-6497) if you are willing to help.

HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA SCHEDULE:

April 4th at 6:30 PM: Holy Wednesday - Μεγάλη Τεταρτη; Holy Unction – Ευχαιλεον.

April 6th at 7:00PM: Holy Friday - Μεγάλη Παρασκευη; lamentations and perifora epitafiou.

April 7th at 11:30 PM: Holy Saturday - Μεγαλο Σαββατο; Resurrection - Αναστασις –Πασχα.

April 8th – The Holy & Great Sunday: Holy Pascha; NO AGAPE SERVICE.

*** Resurrection liturgy will follow; θα ακολουθησει η λειτουργια της Αναστασεως

STEWARDSHIP FORMS:

Please take the time to fill out the paperwork for the Parish Council so they you will be able to participate in the Spring General Assembly on **May 6th**.

LENT THANK YOUS:

- **Dr. Tom Kocoshis** for donating the daffodils for the Veneration of the Cross and church palms on Palm Sunday.
- **Michael Pappas** for helping plan our lovely luncheon at OPA in Avon
- **Debbie O'Reilly** for chairing the Easter Bread sale

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY 6: You will notice that you have also received the enclosed items required to be sent prior to the General Assembly. **Please remember to bring them with you to the meeting so that you may refer to them.** Remember that your church cannot run without everyone participating.

DO YOU EVER WONDER WHY...

...Father John occasionally offers special prayers during the presentation of the Chalice and Diskos at the end of the Great Entrance, which he reads from a list of names given to him prior to the beginning of the Liturgy?

It is customary in the Orthodox faith that parishioners contribute prosforo (bread) and, on occasion, the wine needed for the preparation of the Holy Eucharist. Anyone contributing prosforo also provides a list of names of deceased orthodox individuals to be memorialized and/or a list of names of living orthodox individuals to be commemorated during the Divine Liturgy.

Memorializing the dead (ΥΠΕΡ ΑΝΑΠΑΥΣΕΩΣ) can be done on several dates throughout the year. The most common dates are set during the four celebrations for Saturday of Souls. In 2018 the Saturday of Souls occurs on February 10, 17, 24 and May 26. It is also customary to memorialize an individual 40-days after his or her death and on the anniversary of their death. Commemorating the living (ΥΠΕΡ ΥΓΕΙΑΣ) can be done at any time one wishes.

The Parish Council would like to make this important custom available to all parishioners. Attached with this newsletter is a form to complete for you to list the names of individuals you wish to memorialize or commemorate, and the various options you would like to purchase.

PARISH NEWS:

- Again, thank you to **Mary Kostarides** for continuing to make the Prosforo.
- Continue to keep **Angelo Zarvas** in your prayers during his treatments, to help him find strength.

Also, for those of you who knew Steve Gatsos. He passed away on March 8 in St Lucie, FL at the age of 97.