

Announcements

- 2019 Directories are complete. If you have not picked up your directory, please see Marsha and Mike Blazso **after** Liturgy.
- In order to offset the cost, we are asking for a small donation.
- Special thanks to Fr. David Rucker and Matushka Rozanne for assisting during Holy Week. It's been a pleasure to have you join our family here at St. Mark.

Financials: 4/21

Collection: \$2408 (YTD Ave.: \$3993)

Attendance: 85/12 (YTD Ave.: 72/9)

Prayers of Oblation are offered for the Health of:

Fr. John	Christopher
Fr. Elias	Mat. Marion
Sami	Irene
Fran	Connie

Prayers of Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Gregory	Helen (ND)
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Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through fasting and confession. In keeping with ancient Traditions and the injunction of St. Paul, the blessed bread (*Antidoron*), following Divine Liturgy, is shared by all who worship with us.

St. Mark Orthodox Church

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St. Mark is a Parish of the OCA Diocese of the South under the leadership of Metropolitan Tikhon and Archbishop Alexander

Our mission is to be a spiritual home to all who enter; to be a Christ-like community of Orthodox Christians: to be active in worship, fellowship, and witness, and through participation in the Sacraments to come into close union with God

Sunday, April 28, 2019
Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Acts 1:1-8 (Epistle)

The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

John 1:1-17 (Gospel)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the

only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.’” And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Parish Council has approved three Lenten Projects ; new carpet runner in the center of the Church, a defibrillator, and outside LED lights along the walkway to the parking lot. These projects were delayed from last year due to the expense of adding an AC unit.

Today, our journey is complete. We have fasted for forty days during Great Lent; we have participated in our Lord’s passion and crucifixion. Now, we celebrate the most glorious Feast of Feasts - the Resurrection of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ. Just a few short days ago, we laid His lifeless body in a tomb. Today, the tomb is empty and we rejoice in His rising from the dead, giving us the hope of salvation and our own Resurrection. Like fallen Adam, we have been granted the promise that God gave us in the beginning. Today, churches throughout the world proclaim, “Christ is Risen!” To which all respond, “Indeed He is Risen!”

For us Orthodox, Pascha is not an end, but a beginning. We will celebrate Pascha unlit the Feast of Ascension. Christ is Risen! will ring out throughout our churches. Congregations will sing the Pascal verses. “This is the day which the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

(English)	Christ is Risen!	Indeed He is Risen!
(Russian)	Khristos Voskrese!	Voistinu Voskrese!
(Romanian)	Hristos a inviat!	Adevarat a inviat!
(Arabic)	El Messieh kham!	Hakken kham!
(Greek)	Christos Anesti!	Alithos anesti!
(Dutch)	Christus is opgestaan!	Ja hij is waarlijk opgestaan!
(Spanish)	Cristo ha resucitado!	En verdad ha resucitado!
(Swahili)	Kristo amefufukka!	Kweli amefufukka!
(Finnish)	Kristus nousi kuolleista!	Totisesti nousi!
(Serbian)	Cristos vaskres!	Vaistinu vaskres!
(Bulgarian)	Hristos voskrese!	Vo istina voskrese!
(Japanese)	Harisutos Fukkatsu!	Jitsu ni Fukkatsu!
(German)	Christus ist auferstanden!	Wahrlich Er ist auferstanden!
(Latin)	Christus resurrexit!	Vere resurrexit!
(Italian)	Cristo e' risorto!	Veramente e' risorto!
(Portuguese)	Cristo ressuscitou!	Em verdade ressuscitou
(French)	Le Christ es ressuscite!	En vérité il est ressuscite!
(Estonian)	Kristus on ollestoosunt!	Toayestee on ollestoosunt!
(Gaelic)	Taw creest ereen!	Taw shay ereen guhdyne!

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