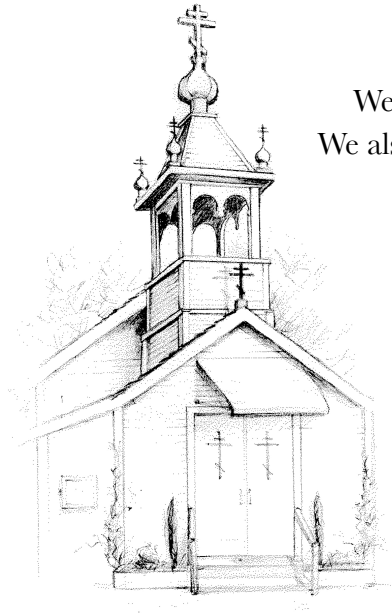


May 5, 2013 ~ Resurrection of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ



WE WELCOME OUR VISITORS AND GUESTS

We invite you to the Paschal Agape Meal following the Divine Liturgy
We also welcome you to our weekly Divine Liturgy each Sunday, at 10 AM.

- RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

We remind all Parish members and guests that the reception of Holy Communion is reserved for Baptized and Chrismated Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting, and a recent Confession.

- BRIGHT MONDAY:

On Bright Monday we will be once again blessed to have His Eminence, Archbishop Benjamin here to serve the Paschal Matins and Divine Liturgy (begins at 9 AM).

CHRIST IS RISEN Transliterated

Arabic:	Al-Masi-H Qam	Hakan Qam
Slavonic:	Christos Voskrese	Voistinu Voskrese
Ethiopian:	Christos T'ensah Em' Muhtan!	
Georgian:	Khriste aghsdga	Jeshmaritad aghsdga
Greek:	Christos Anesti	Alithos Anesti
Romanian:	Hristos A Inviat	Adevarat a Inviat
Spanish:	Christos Ha Resucitado	en Verdad ha Resucitado
German:	Christus ist erstanden!	Wahrlich ist er erstanden!
French:	Christ est Ressuscité!	En Vérité, Il est Ressuscité!

- ON THE RESURRECTION:

Christ was Risen, and so we too must be resurrected with Christ, in order to ascend with Him. Our Resurrection [now] is two-fold: in body and in spirit. Our bodily Resurrection will take place on the Last Day. We speak of this when we recite the Creed, the Symbol of Faith: "I look for the Resurrection of the dead." To be resurrected spiritually is to depart from our sins, to turn away from the vanities of this world, and to abide in true repentance and faith; to take up the struggle against any sin, to do the will of our Heavenly Father, to live His truth, and to follow Christ, the Son of God, with humility, love, meekness, and patience. This is the new creation of which the Holy Apostle speaks when he says, "...if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature..." (II Corinthians 5: 17); a new person, renewed through repentance and faith, a true Christian, a living member of Christ and an heir to the Kingdom of God. — *St. Tikhon of Zadonsk*

- CHRIST IS RISEN!

What does this mean? This means that salvation is truly wrought. For, human nature has joined with Divine nature in the person of Christ, “unmingled, unchanged, undivided, and inseparable.” It is not God Who has passed through the gates of death, and not before God were the “eternal chambers open wide,” not for God’s sake was the stone rolled away from the doors of the tomb, but for the sake of the God-Man. Together with Christ, our human nature has passed through the mysterious gates of death. Death reigns, but not forever!

Death was terrible to the human race before Christ’s death, but after Christ’s resurrection, man became terrible to death, for One of us has conquered death; He did not remain in the tomb, and did not see corruption. Passover was the freeing of Israel from Egypt. Our Pascha frees us from the slavery of death and corruption. Christ is risen! I now know that my salvation is truly wrought. I know that God truly appeared on earth. There have been great people, conquerors of the elements, conquerors of nature; but death cut them all down and revealed our common nothingness. Who has passed through the doors of death? It can only be God. This means that God was truly incarnate on earth, truly brought the healing cure against the corruption that corrodes and torments me. Incarnation and resurrection are united into one. The incarnation gave meaning to the resurrection, and the resurrection irrefutably convinces us of its truth and reality as something that is not a phantom or a dream. Now I am no longer frightened by death, for I have seen the victory over corruption. I also see a different law other than the law of life working in me—I see the law of death and corruption. I see how sin reigns over me at times. But I know that this reign has been shaken, that my situation is not hopeless. I can now hope for victory, I can hope to overcome sin, I can hope for freedom from slavery to corruption. Now I can look with joy upon the *podvig* of struggle with sin and passions, for the enemy has been conquered many times by ascetical strugglers. The saints of God shine in the heavens of the Church like stars—those who lived on the earth, conquered sin, attained purity and chastity, which is incorruption, and therefore departed rejoicing upon the way of all the earthly. Incorruption, that is, purity and chastity, gives joy. Blessedness is not an external reward, as unfortunate Catholic hirelings reason with their minds. Blessedness is the inner consequence of virtue. Virtue is a healthy soul, and a healthy person is always happier than a sick one. My sinful illness is curable—the resurrection of Christ convinces me of this. To me is opened the blessedness of paradise. Let no one lament his poverty when entering the Kingdom of all! Joy has come to all, because hope for incorruption, for redemption from sinful corruption, has also come. Christ God has brought us out of death into life. Egypt is left behind, Pharaoh has perished, and the Promised Land and incorrupt Kingdom lay ahead—where there are many abodes, and where the rejoicing is endless! Pascha of incorruption! Salvation of the world! Christ is Risen!

—*New Hieromartyr Hilarion (Troitsky), Archbishop of Verey*

- VISIT OF THE IVERON MYRRH-STREAMING ICON

A very great blessing will come to the Parish on Saturday, May 11, at Vespers, with the visit of the myrrh-streaming icon from Hawaii, known as the *Iveron Mother of God Icon*. During Great Vespers an Akathist will be sung to the Theotokos, and everyone will have the opportunity to be anointed.

- SENIOR LUNCH FELLOWSHIP:

The monthly Lunch Fellowship will be held on Bright Thursday, May 9, at Noon. This will be a potluck.

- PARKING:

Please do not park parallel inside the Mountain View entrance and along the church driveway. This is a **No Parking Fire Lane**, and must be kept open. Cones and signs will be posted to remind you. If you do park there you will be asked to move your vehicle.

- FRIENDS OF HOLY ASSUMPTION MONASTERY IN CALISTOGA:

The ever-interesting Father Archimandrite Irenei (Steenberg) from San Francisco will be speaking on “The Place of Doubt in the Life of a Christian” at the Monastery in Calistoga on Sunday, May 12, at 4 PM. Fr. Irenei is the author of many books, the most recent being *Beginning a Life of Prayer*, and a much in-demand speaker. The talk will be followed by Vespers and a potluck.