

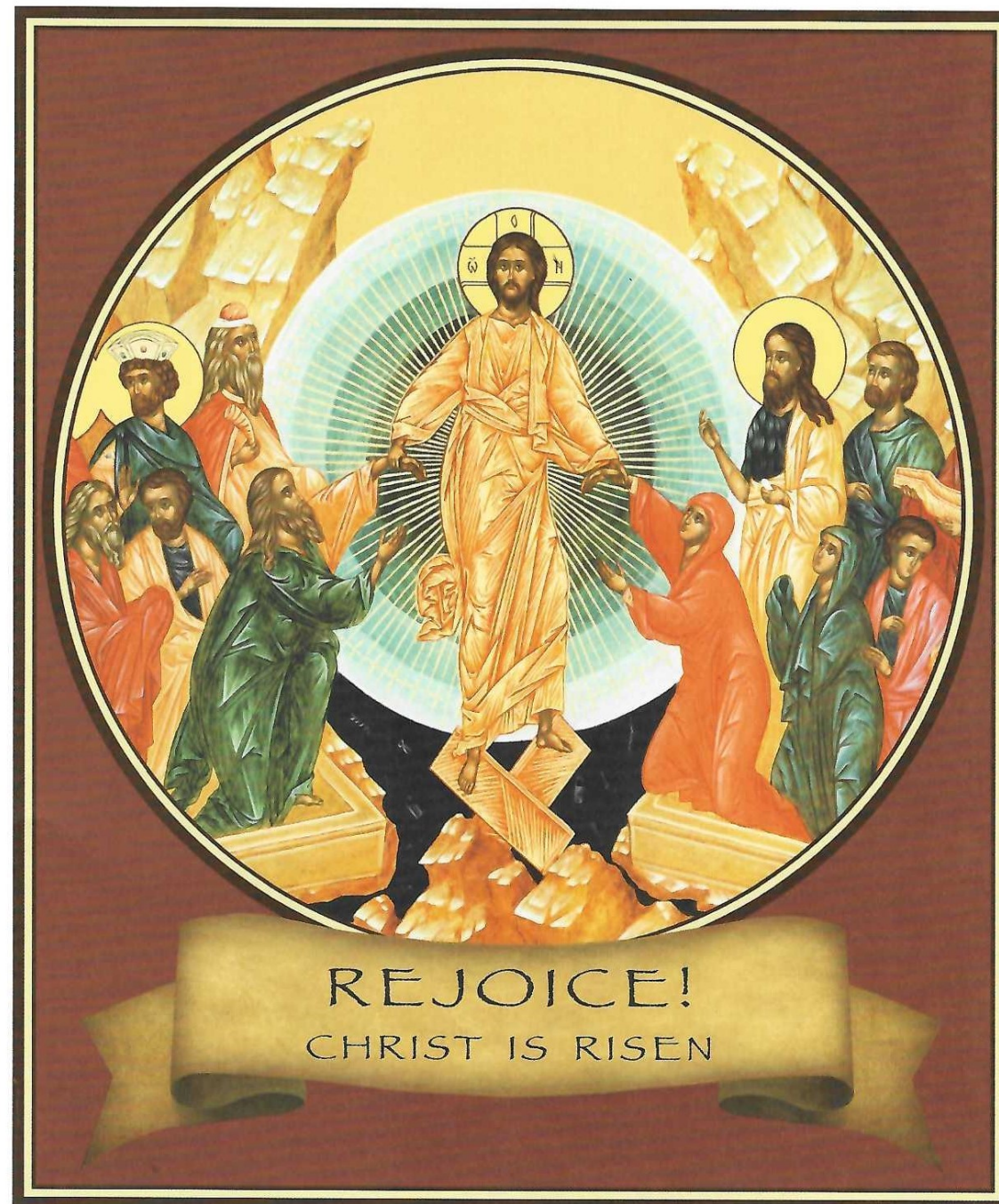
CHRIST'S RESURRECTION: A LOGICAL EVENT

The Orthodox world rejoices today as we celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord. While we bask in the radiance of this glorious day, however, we must be aware of the fact that much of the world remains hardened and unmoved by the observance of Pascha. Yes, there are those who would insist that the story of Christ's Resurrection from the dead is simply that: a story fabricated by His followers and handed down from generation to generation.

Is it preposterous for us to believe that Christ could have risen from the dead? No one denies that Jesus Christ actually walked this earth -- historians have been able to verify what the Gospels tell us. So if He lived, taught, preached, worked miracles, was arrested, put on trial and ultimately crucified, **WHAT HAPPENED TO HIS BODY?** Our Lord's tomb had a huge boulder placed in front of its entrance, and was sealed with the imperial seal of Rome. It was guarded by Roman soldiers, who were trained killers. Is it logical to believe that the Apostles -- who ran and hid when Jesus was arrested -- could have overpowered the guards and stolen their Master's Body? Highly unlikely! To suggest that the Myrrhbearing Women could have pulled off such a "grave robbery" is even more illogical. It is inconceivable to suggest that the guards may have failed to do their jobs. They would have paid for such a blunder with their lives.

In reality, the **MOST LOGICAL** explanation of what happened to Christ's Body is what we proclaim this morning: **CHRIST ROSE FROM THE DEAD!** In 2000 years, no one has been able to prove otherwise. The truth of Christ's Resurrection, which is the cornerstone of our Holy Orthodox Faith, will continue to stand up to the scrutiny of skeptics and unbelievers. **CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

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ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

May 5, 2024

HOLY PASCHA

Orthros 9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy immediately following the Orthros.

MAY SCHEDULE

SUN MAY 5	†Great and Holy Pascha Resurrection	12:00 a.m.
	†Great and Holy Pascha	12:30 a.m.
	†Great and Holy Pascha	1:00 a.m.
	Paschal Liturgy St. John Chrysostom	
	†Great Pascha Agape Vespers	11:00 a.m.,
MON MAY 6	†Feastday of St. George Massillon	9:00 a.m.
	Hellenic Dance Practice	5:45 p.m.
	Savvas Bournelis Book Study	6:00 p.m.
	GreekFest Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.
TUE MAY 7	Greek School Last Day Party	5:30 p.m.
THU MAY 9	Dolmathes Rollers	9:00 a.m.
	Hellenic Dance Practice	5:45 p.m.
FRI MAY 10	†Renewal/Bright Friday	9:00 a.m.
	Theotokos of the Life-Giving Foundation	
SUN MAY 12	†St. Thomas Sunday	9:00 a.m.
TUE MAY 14	Philoptochos Mother's Day Dinner	6:00 p.m.
WED MAY 15	Hellenic Dance Practice	5:45 p.m.
THU MAY 16	Hellenic Dance Practice	5:45 p.m.
SUN MAY 19	†Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Woman	9:00 a.m.
	AHEPA & DOP Memorial Coffee Hour	
	Youth Celebration Sunday	



ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

MAY 5, 2024 ~ TEAM A

YOUTH CELEBRATION SUNDAY

MAY 19, 2024

TRI-ROOM ~ AFTER LITURGY

All Sunday School & Youth Group kids
and their immediate family are welcome at
this FREE celebration!

Enjoy chicken tenders and fries for lunch,
sponsored by SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Also enjoy an ice cream sundae buffet
sponsored by JOY, Jr. GOYA & GOYA!

INTERACTIVE BOOK STUDY

By Savvas Bournelis, M.DIV

Monday, May 6th @ 6:00 p.m.

AHEPA FAMILY MEMORIAL COFFEE HOUR

The May 19th Coffee Hour will be sponsored by the AHEPA #59 and DOP Chloris #40.

AHEPA always welcome new members, so applications will be available in the lobby for anyone interested in joining AHEPA Chapter 59.

DOLMATHES ROLLERS NEEDED!

You are invited to be a
Dolmathes Roller on
Thursday, May 9th at 9:00 a.m.

We need your HELP!
To Volunteer, please call or email:

Dena Apostolou, 330-705-3200
dapostolou@neo.rr.com

or

John Kellamis, 330-351-1339
jokellamis@leeinc.com

Coming Soon...

CANTON
GREEK FEST
2024

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
SIGN UP GENIUS

[https://www.signupgenius.com/
go/10COE4DABAF2EA7FAC07-greekfest](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COE4DABAF2EA7FAC07-greekfest)



For questions call Linda Natale
330.495.8427
or your preferred area chairman

Lovin' Louisville Derby Experience Plus Bourbon Trail

July 16-18, 2024



Cost : \$660 (double occupancy)
\$620 (triple occupancy)
\$800 (single occupancy)

Includes Bus, Lodging, Tours,
3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners,
all gratuities, admissions and bourbon
tastings.

Reservation deposit \$100 (refundable until
April 26) - Balance due May 31.

Day 1: Depart: 8:00 A.M. - travel to Louisville,
Kentucky, Admissions to the Louisville Slugger
Museum & Bat Factory, Dinner.

Day 2: Breakfast, Tour at Churchill Downs,
Tour the Museum, Guided tour of Churchill
Downs, Mint Julep University and Derby Pies,
Evan Williams Bourbon Experience, Dinner
Buffet/Cruise aboard the Mary M. Miller

Day 3: Breakfast, Depart for Lexington,
Bourbon Tour at either Woodford Reserve or
James E. Pepper Distillery, Admission to
Kentucky Horse Park, Depart for home and
arrive home about 9:00 p.m.



The AHEPA 59 Inc. Charitable
Corporation made a \$2,000 donation in
November of 2023 and another \$2,000
on April 20, 2024 for the needs of the
Saint Haralambos Greek School.

We are most appreciative of this generous contribution
to our Greek School Program.

God bless AHEPA for their generosity.

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Tithe.ly Online Stewardship Payment Options

You can now scan the QR code to your left to log into Tithe or go directly to their website (tithe.ly) to make Stewardship, Memorial or Candle payments.

To scan QR code:

Apple iphone- use your camera app and click on the yellow link that appears on the screen.

Android (non-apple) phone- use QR code scanner if already installed or go to Google Play Store and download.

Either option will take you directly to our donation website for your donation to St. Haralambos Church.

May 5, 2024: FEAST: Holy Pascha, "Feast of Lights"; Greatmartyr Irene (+384); Righteous Euthymios, Bishop of Madytos, Wonderworker; Righteous Ephraim of Nea Makri (~+1415).

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Ἦχος πλ. α΄

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζωὴν χαρισάμενος.

Ὑπακοή Ἦχος δ΄

Προλαβοῦσαι τὸν ὄρθρον αἱ περὶ Μαριάμ, καὶ εὑροῦσαι τὸν λίθον ἀποκυλισθέντα τοῦ μνήματος, ἤκουον ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου· Τὸν ἐν φωτὶ αἰδίῳ ὑπάρχοντα, μετὰ νεκρῶν τί ζητεῖτε ὡς ἄνθρωπον; βλέπετε τὰ ἐντάφια σπάργανα· δράμετε, καὶ τῷ κόσμῳ κηρύξατε, ὡς ἠγέρθη ὁ Κύριος, θανατώσας τὸν θάνατον· ὅτι ὑπάρχει Θεοῦ Υἱός, τοῦ σῶζοντος τὸ γένος τῶν ἀνθρώπων.

Κοντάκιον τοῦ Πάσχα Ἦχος πλ. δ΄

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ἄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ μυροφόροις φθεγξάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

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Mode pl. 1

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

Hypakoe Mode 4

When the women with Mary had come before dawn, and they found that the stone had been rolled away from the sepulcher, they heard from the Angel, “Why do you seek among the dead, as a mortal man, the One who exists in everlasting light? See the grave clothes in the sepulcher. Run and proclaim to the world that the Lord has risen and put death to death; for He is the Son of God who saves the human race.”

Kontakion of Pascha Mode pl. 4

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out “Rejoice” to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.



Epistle

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.”



Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to John.

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 was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; 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, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.’”) And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.