

# THE ORTHODOX CHURCH OF SAINT ELIZABETH THE NEW-MARTYR

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Volume XVI

Number 31

6 / 19 April 2015  
SECOND SUNDAY OF PASCHA  
Thomas Sunday

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA

#### 2nd SUNDAY of PASCHA: Thomas Sunday

*Saturday, 18 April (5 April, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions

*Sunday, 19 April (6 April, o.s.)*

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;

Trapeza (coffee hour)

#### 3rd SUNDAY of PASCHA: Myrrhbearing Women

*Saturday, 25 April (12 April, o.s.)*

6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions

*Sunday, 26 April (13 April, o.s.)*

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;

Trapeza (coffee hour)

### THE REST OF APRIL

**Birthdays** – 30th: Sami Ghandour, Colman (Hugh) O’Beirne.

**Fallen Asleep in the Lord** – 28th: Oksana Stryzak (+2001).

### THIS WEEK’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are very pleased to join with **Mother of God** parish and their new Rector, Archpriest Peter Baktis, in celebrating the Divine Liturgy at St Elizabeth’s Church this morning. We welcome our Orthodox brothers and sisters and hope that the two Orthodox parishes in the Princeton areas can do many things together in the future.

**Today we will receive pieces of the ‘Artos.’** *Artos* is the Greek word for (leavened) bread. It is the symbolic ‘Bread of Life’ that was blessed at the end of the Holy Liturgy on the night of Pascha. The Artos is then left in the Church before the Iconostasis for all of Bright Week and carried in any procession made during the course of that Week. On Bright Saturday a special prayer is said at the conclusion of the Liturgy, the Artos is broken and then prayerfully distributed to the people. The breaking and distribution of the Artos is often delayed until Thomas Sunday in parishes where the Liturgy is not served on Bright Saturday.

**Mother of God Church will have an Egg Hunt** for the children of both our parishes here at St Elizabeth’s during the coffee hour today. Please listen carefully to the instructions for the egg hunt given during the Announcements after Liturgy so all will go smoothly. *Each child is asked to provide his or her own receptacle (a basket, bag, or pail) to collect the plastic eggs.* When the eggs have all been found, we ask that the plastic eggs be emptied and the empty eggs returned to the organizers of the egg hunt so that they can be reused next year.

**Coffee Hour today for both parish communities** will be held downstairs in the church basement and outside on the church property. It will be a good opportunity for us to get to know one another.

**Fr David & Matushka Faith**, Fr Dcn Seraphim & Mat. Anna, and Fr Dcn Steven & Mat. Hanna would like to

### FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
Wednesday	22 April (9 April, o.s.)	Martyr Euphychius of Caesarea Fast: wine, & oil permitted
Friday	24 April (11 April, o.s.)	HM Antipas, Bp of Pergamum Fast: wine, & oil permitted

### NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

#### LAST TWO WEEKS

**Namedays** – 14th (St Mary of Egypt): Jennifer Mary Hotz.

**Birthdays** – 12th: Angelina Schidlovsky.

**Ordination Anniversaries** – 13th: Father David Straut (Holy Diaconate, 1986).

**Wedding Anniversaries** – 18th: Andrew & Carolyn O’Brien (2004).

#### THIS WEEK

**Birthdays** – 22nd: Katya Darenkov; 24th: Cliff Paul Brangwynne, Reader Gregory Maxey; 25th: Najib Ghandour, Carolyn O’Brien.

thank everyone at St Elizabeth's for the wonderful Cards and generous Gifts at Pascha and the Christian love demonstrated by them. This love has touched them greatly.

#### MANY THANKS:

- **To our two wonderful Deacons**, Fr Seraphim Komleski and Fr Steven Barker, who so beautify our services and were such a help to Fr David during Great Lent, Holy Week, Pascha, and Bright Week;
- **To Claudia Maxey and Jennifer Mary Hotz** who helped with the singing at every service in Great Lent, Holy Week, Pascha, and Bright Week;
- **To Reader Gregory Maxey** who directed our Choir on the Sundays and Holy Days of Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha;
- **To all of our other choir members** who faithfully rehearsed, attended, and sang at services, and to **our faithful Readers and Servers** who assisted at the services during Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha;
- **To Claudia Maxey who baked** and donated the Artos for Pascha again this year;
- **To those who made contributions for Flowers** to beautify the church, as well as to **those who decorated the church**, for Palm Sunday, Holy Friday, and Pascha;
- **To the servants of God who cleaned the church** during Great Lent and Holy Week;
- **To those who dyed fourteen dozen red eggs** and donated them to our parish at Pascha this year;
- **To Rdr Nicolas Schidlovsky** who once again put together and donated many beautiful Paschal luminaries to brighten the outside of the church on the night of Pascha;
- **To the servants of God** who did so much to set up our basement Hall for our Paschal Meal;
- **To those who made and brought Paschal Foods** for our Agape Meal after the Holy Liturgy on the night of Pascha, as well as to **those who stayed to clean up** after the Paschal Meal;
- **To those who donated sweets and filled eggs** for the children's egg hunt after Agape Vespers this year;
- **To Anna Straut and all who helped organize** the children's egg hunt on Pascha and enforced the rules;
- **To the Whitacre family** who again provided coffee, bagels, and muffins for the parish after Agape Vespers.



## **Orthopraxis During the Paschal Season**

**The introductory prayers** *Glory to Thee, our God. Glory to Thee!* and *O heavenly King...* are not said either in the liturgical services or in prayers at home from Holy Pascha until the Feast of Pentecost, according to the tradition of the Church, but are replaced by the triple repetition of the paschal troparion. In services during the Paschal Season that do not begin with *O heavenly King...* and the Trisagion Prayers, but instead with the *O come, let us worship and fall down before God our King...*, the paschal troparion is repeated three times instead of *O come, let us worship....*

**We do not kneel or make prostrations** either in services at church or during prayer at home during the Fifty Days between Pascha and Pentecost (as well as all the Sundays of the year). Following a tradition that comes down from the holy Apostles, Orthodox Christians have ever held that kneeling is incompatible with the joy of the Resurrection we experience during the Fifty Days and on all Sundays. Whenever we would ordinarily kneel or make a prostration during prayer on these days, we make a bow from the waist (*metania*) instead.

**The paschal greeting**, *Christ is risen!* and the response, *Truly, He is risen!*, are exchanged many times during the services of the Church from the Sunday of Pascha until the Leave-taking of the Feast, thirty nine days later. But this paschal greeting is not a mere liturgical formula. It is a greeting to be exchanged daily during the entire Paschal season between all believing Christians as a proclamation of our faith in the risen Lord!

**We sing the words of the paschal troparion** '*Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life!*' many times in the liturgical services for forty days from the Sunday of Pascha. Like the paschal greeting, the paschal troparion proclaims our faith in the triumph of Christ over death. Because of this, we should not only sing it in church, but also at home. Appropriate times to sing *Christ is risen...* are before meals throughout the Paschal Season and at the beginning of our morning and evening prayers from Thomas Sunday until the Leave-taking of Pascha.

**On Wednesdays and Fridays** from Thomas Sunday until Pentecost, the fast is mitigated due to the celebration of Pascha, wine and olive oil being permitted on these days.