

The Church of St. Peter

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Parish Newsletter # 15

The Easter Sermon of St. John Chrysostom

Is there anyone who is a devout lover of God? Let them enjoy this beautiful bright festival! Is there anyone who is a grateful servant? Let them rejoice and enter into the joy of their Lord!

Are there any weary with fasting? Let them now receive their wages! If any have toiled from the first hour, let them receive their due reward; If any have come after the third hour, let him with gratitude join in the Feast! And he that arrived after the sixth hour, let him not doubt; for he too shall sustain no loss. And if any delayed until the ninth hour, let him not hesitate; but let him come too. And he who arrived only at the eleventh hour, let him not be afraid by reason of his delay.

For the Lord is gracious and receives the last even as the first. He gives rest to him that comes at the eleventh hour, as well as to him that toiled from the first. To this one He gives, and upon another He bestows. He accepts the works as He greets the endeavor. The deed He honors and the intention He commends.

Let us all enter into the joy of the Lord! First and last alike receive your reward; rich and poor, rejoice together! Sober and slothful, celebrate the day!

You that have kept the fast, and you that have not, rejoice today for the Table is richly laden! Feast royally on it, the calf is a fatted one. Let no one go away hungry. Partake, all, of the cup of faith. Enjoy all the riches of His goodness!

Let no one grieve at his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again; for forgiveness has risen from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Death of our Savior has set us free. He has destroyed it by enduring it.

He destroyed Hades when He descended into it. He put it into an uproar even as it tasted of His flesh. Isaias foretold this when he said, "You, O Hell, have been troubled by encountering Him below."

Hell was in an uproar because it was done away with.

It was in an uproar because it is mocked. It was in an uproar, for it is destroyed. It is in an uproar, for it is annihilated. It is in an uproar, for it is now made captive. Hell took a body, and discovered God. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it did not see. O death, where is thy sting? O Hades, where is thy victory? Christ is Risen, and you, O death, are annihilated! Christ is Risen, and the evil ones are cast down! Christ is Risen, and the angels rejoice! Christ is Risen, and life is liberated! Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead; for Christ having risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen!

I thank you for attending our Holy Week services, and I pray that you have been drawn closer to our Lord through them. I also am very grateful to our altar guild, our altar servers and the many others who came out multiple times this week to set up, clean, and take down for the many services and Masses. Wishing you a glorious and holy Easter Season!

Fr. Geordan

This Month at St. Peter's

<u>April 20th</u>, Wednesday in Easter Week. Low Mass at 10 AM. Evening Prayer at 6:30 PM.

<u>April 22nd</u>, Friday. Bible Study on Samuel, David, and Saul at 11AM. Low Mass at Noon. Counsel and Confession from 2-4PM.

<u>April 23rd</u>, Saturday. Parish Game Night at 6PM.

April 24th, The First Sunday after Easter. 1928 BCP Mass at 8:30 AM. Book Study at 9:30 AM. Sung Mass with Incense at 10:30 AM.

<u>April 27th</u>, Wednesday. Low Mass at 10AM. Evening Prayer at 6:30 PM. St. Peter Canisius.

<u>April 29th</u>, Friday. Bible Study on Samuel, Saul, and David at 11AM. Low Mass at Noon. St. Peter Martyr. Counsel and Confession from 2-4PM.

May 1st, Sunday. Sts. Philip and James. 1928 BCP Mass at 8:30 AM. Book Study at 9:30 AM. Sung Mass with Incense at 10:30 AM.

<u>May 4th</u>, Wednesday. Low Mass at 10AM. Patronage of St. Joseph. Evening Prayer at 6:30 PM.

May 6th, Friday. Bible Study on Samuel, Saul, and David at 11AM. Low Mass at Noon. Counsel and Confession from 2-4PM.

May 8th, Sunday. The Third Sunday after Easter. 1928 BCP Mass at 8:30 AM. Book Study at 9:30 AM. Sung Mass with Incense at 10:30 AM.

<u>May 11th</u>, Wednesday. Low Mass at 10AM. Evening Prayer at 6:30 PM.

May 13th, Friday. Bible Study on Samuel, Saul, and David at 11AM. Low Mass at Noon. Counsel and Confession from 2-4PM.

May 15th, The 4th Sunday after Easter. 1928 BCP Mass at 8:30 AM. Book Study at 9:30 AM. Sung Mass with Incense at 10:30 AM.

<u>May 18th</u>, Wednesday. Mass at 10AM. Evening Prayer at 6:30 PM.

Our Parish Prayer List

For our Parish, for its growth in sanctity, ministry, size, and financially.

For the Unity of Christ's Church

For ArchBp. Mark and Paul our Bp. & Bps. +Juan, + Chad, +Anthony, + Ryan, + Terry. Frs. Geordan+, Micah+, Jim+, Sam+, Joshua+, David, Alex, For all Religious: St. Dcns. Benedict's Abbey, For all in Authority; Joseph President, and Gregg Governor. For all servicemen and women: Kyle, T.J., Andrew, Jacob, Preston, McKayla, Christoff, Kyle, Andy For all Children born and unborn & for their mothers: Joanna, Sara, Andrew, Jacob. For those in sickness or in need: For peace in Ukraine, John, Karina, Mary, Reigna, Janie, Sudie, Michelle, Cable, Ali, Susan, Ben, Noelle, Judy, Christin, Madison, James, Beatrice, Peggy, Joe, Pat, Mary, Cherman, Olga, John, Rhetta, Verna, Elden, Nema, Randy, Marissa, Natalie, Evelyn, Joey, Ross, Cahterine, Chad, Linda, Ann, Sarah, Rachel, Brooke, Phyllis, Carosn, Sara, Jon, Jack, Alex, Kathie, David+, Shawn+, Ray+, Robert+, Michael+, +David. <u>*RIP*</u>: Rose, Lacy, Tim, Dorian, Dolores, Aldie, Dorothy, Amy, Emily, Colton, Angie, Ray, Mark, Katherine, J.C., Grace, Gregory, Amber, Gene, Virginia, Jimbo, Dean, Kelly.

Announcements:

On Saturday, April 23rd, at 6PM there will be a Parish Game Night in the Parish Hall. Bring a friend and bring a board game!

On Saturday, May 14th we will offer the Holy Rosary at Noon. Craft Guild will also meet from 1-3 PM. If you are interested in crafts, please come and join us!

On Sundays at 9:30 AM we have a book study on C.S. Lewis's <u>The Screwtape Letters</u>. We read and discuss the book during class, so there is no homework!

Join us Fridays in the Parish Hall at 11 AM for a Bible Study on Samuel, Saul, and David.

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