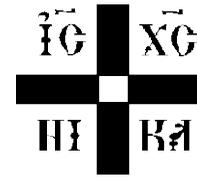


Week Schedule

Saturday	Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m. <u>CANCELLED</u> Confessions following Vespers
Sunday	Reading of Hours, 9:40 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.

The Church commemorates St John on this day because of the annual pilgrimage to his grave. When St John was more than one hundred years old, he took seven of his disciples and went to a spot outside the city of Ephesus. There he told them to dig a grave in the form of a cross. Then he climbed into the grave and told his disciples to cover him with earth. Later, the grave was opened and the saint's body was not there. Each year on May 8 a red dust would arise from the grave which the faithful collected in order to be healed of their illnesses. St John's main Feast is on September 26.



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calls.

Troparion (Tone 2)

When You descended to death, O Life
Immortal, You destroyed hell with the
splendor of Your Godhead. And when
from the depths You raised the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory
to You!”

Troparion (Tone 2)

The noble Joseph, when he had taken
down Your most pure Body from the
Tree, wrapped it in fine linen and
anointed it with spices, and placed it
in a new tomb. But You rose on the
third day, O Lord, //granting the world
great mercy.

Kontakion (Tone 2)

You commanded the Myrrhbearers to
rejoice, O Christ God. By Your Resur-
rection, You stopped the lamentation
of Eve, the first mother. You com-
manded them to preach to Your Apos-
tles://The Savior is risen from the
tomb.

May 08, 2011

**3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 2. Holy
Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian
(98-117 A.D.).**

Prayers for The Faithful and De- parted

Barbara Andrews, Hilda Berezniak,
Daniel Herbert, Simon Herbert, Leonard
Macalush, McCartney family. **May God
Grant Them Many Years!**

Julia Brasko, John Pellack. **May Their
Memories Be Eternal!**

Epistle Reading

Acts 6:1-7

Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word. And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Gospel Reading

Mark 15:43-16:8

Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses observed where He was laid. Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away-for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples-and Peter-that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Welcome to our Visitors!

A warm welcome to all our visitors and guests who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for our Fellowship Hour in the Church Hall . **Please note: Only those Orthodox Christians that have properly prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, and confession of sins should approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Telephone Number

Our church's telephone number is 215-468-3535. If there is inclement weather, do please call the number and wait for the answering machine. If church is canceled, it will be announced on the machine.

Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council will meet next Sunday, May 15, during the coffee hour. Any parishioner is welcome to attend the meeting.

Choir Retreat

On June 4, Janine Legg will host a choir retreat for our and our neighboring parishes' choir members. Please do consult the poster flier for more information.

Choir Rehearsal

Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m., the choir will meet to prepare for the day's singing, especially with regard to the day's troparia and kontakia. If you plan on singing on Sunday, please do attend these brief rehearsals.

Parish Statistics for May 01, 2011

Attendance: 29

Income: \$1088.24

Expenses: \$2095.86

Deficit: \$1007.62