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# ALL CHURCH SERVICES AND PLANNED EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!

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Христос Воскрес! Boiстину Воскрес! Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Please join us for Resurrection Matins followed by Divine Liturgy starting at 8:30 a.m.

### EASTER SUNDAY! RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR!

EASTER REFRAIN: Christ is risen from the dead, by death He conquered death, and to those in the graves He granted life.



**THIRD ANTIPHON:** Let God arise and His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from His presence.

**TROPAR:** Christ is risen from the dead, by death he conquered death and to those in the graves he granted life.

As smoke vanishes, let them vanish, as wax melts from the presence of fire. **Christ is risen from the dead...** 

So let sinners perish from the presence of God, but let the righteous rejoice. Christ is risen from the dead...

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and forever and ever, Amen.

**LITTLE ENTRANCE:** In assemblies bless God, the Lord, you who spring from Israel. **Christ is risen from the dead ...** 

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen!

**KONDAK (Tone 8):** Though You went down to the grave, Immortal Lord, You destroyed the power of Hades and rose victorious, Christ our God. You Who said "Rejoice" to the myrrh-bearing women, give peace to Your apostles and offer resurrection to the fallen.

INSTEAD OF "Holy God..." All you who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ! Alleluia!

**PROKIMEN (Tone 8):** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. **VERSE:** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love is everlasting.

#### **EPISTLE**: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 1:1-8

In my first account, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up to heaven, having first instructed the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit. In the time after his suffering he showed them in many convincing ways that he was alive, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking to them about the reign of God. On one occasion when he met with them he told them not to leave Jerusalem: "Wait, rather, for the fulfillment of my Father's promise, of which you have heard me speak. John Baptized with water, but within a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." While they were with him they asked, "Lord, are you going to restore the rule to Israel now?" His answer was: "The exact time it is not yours to know. The Father has reserved that to himself. You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes down on you; then you are to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, yes, even to the ends of the earth."

**ALLELUIA VERSES:** Rise, take pity on Zion.

The Lord has looked down on earth from heaven.

#### GOSPEL: St. John 1:1-17

In the beginning was the Word; and the Word was in God's presence, and the Word was God.

He was present to God in the beginning, through him all things came into being, and apart from him nothing came to be.

Whatever came to be in him, found life, life for the light of men. The light shines on in darkness, a darkness that did not overcome it.

But only to testify to the light, for he himself was not the light. The real light which gives light to every man was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and through him the world was made, yet the world did not know who he was. To his own he came, yet his own did not accept him.

Any who did accept him he empowered to become children of God. These are they who believe in his name.

Begotten not by blood, nor by carnal desire, nor by man's willing it, but by God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we have been his glory; the glory of an only Son coming from the Father, filling with enduring love.

John testified to him by proclaiming: "This is he of whom I said, The one who comes after me ranks ahead of me, for he was before me."

Of his fullness we have all had a share – love following upon love. For while the law was given through Moses, this enduring love came through Jesus Christ.

**INSTEAD OF "It is truly right..."** The Angel greeted You O full of grace, O purest Virgin rejoice and again I say rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and has raised all who were dead. O mankind rejoice! Shine, O shine, O new Jerusalem for the glory of the Lord has surrounded you, be happy now and rejoice O Zion. And you pure Mother of God exalt and rejoice in the Resurrection of Him who was born of you!

**COMMUNION HYMN:** Receive the Body of Christ; partake of the source of immortality. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

#### BYZANTINE ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

O Lord, I believe and profess that you are truly Christ,

The Son of the living God, who came into the world

To save sinners of whom I am the first.

Although I cannot now be a partaker of your mystical supper,

O Son of God,

Come at least spiritually into my heart by your Divine Grace

For the healing of my soul and body.

For I will not reveal your mystery to your enemies.

Nor will I give you a kiss as did Judas,

But like the thief I profess to you.

Remember me, O Lord, when you come in your kingdom

Remember me, O Master, when you come in your kingdom

Remember me, O Holy One, when you come in your kingdom.

O Lord, I also believe and profess that this

Which I would receive, and which is now

Here present with us in Mystery

Is truly Your most precious Body, and your life-giving Blood.

May I one day partake of your mystical supper again for the remission of

All my sins and for life everlasting. Amen.

O God, be merciful to be a sinner.

O God, cleanse of my sins and have mercy on me.

O Lord, forgive me for I have sinned without number.

With Ecclesiastical Approbation, Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix

**Instead of:** "Blessed is He who comes ...", "We have seen the true light ...", "May our mouths be filled ...", "Blessed be the name of the Lord ...", "Glory be to the Father ...", we sing, "**Christ is risen ...**"

#### **Weekly Scripture Readings:**

Easter (Bright) Monday, April 13 – [Acts of the Apostles 1:12-17 21-26; John 1:18-28]

Easter (Bright) Tuesday, April 14 – [Acts of the Apostles: 2-14-21; Luke 24:12-35]

Easter (Bright) Wednesday, April 15 – Apostle Aristarchus [Acts of the Apostles: 2:22-36; John 1:35-51]

Thursday, April 16 – Martyr Agapia [Actos of the Apostles: 2:38-43; John 3:1-15]

Friday, April 17 – Venerable Simeon [Acts of the Apostles: 3:1-8; John 2:12-33]

Saturday, April 18 – Venerable John [Acts of the Apostles 3:11-16; John 3:22-33]

Sunday, April 19 – Sunday of St. Thomas [Acts of the Apostles 5:12-20; John 20:19-31]

**NOTICE:** Our parish expenses continue, even though there are no church services except via live streaming. Therefore, it would be very much appreciated if you could continue your support of this parish. There are a few options available to you: drop off your envelope at 54 McMurchy Avenue, mail in your cheque to 55 McMurchy Avenue, Regina, S4R 3G3, or now you can also do an e-transfer to stathandeposit@sasktel.net.

**PRIEST's EASTER GIFT** is a gift of love and a tax receipt **cannot** be issued. If issuing a cheque, please make it payable to Fr. Vasyl Tymishak.

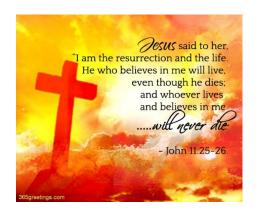
Donations Received Last Week: 11 PAGs - \$1,775; 5 Sunday envelopes - \$920.



**THE HIDDEN RESURRECTION:** The resurrection of Jesus was a hidden event. Jesus didn't rise from the grave to baggle his opponents, to make a victory statement, or to prove to those who crucified Him that He was right after all. Jesus rose as a sign to those who loved him and followed him that God's divine love is stronger than death. To the women and men who committed themselves to Him, He revealed that His mission had been fulfilled. To those who shared in His ministry, He gave the sacred task to call all people into the new life with him. The world didn't take notice. Only those whom He called by name, with whom He broke bread, and to whom He spoke words of peace were aware of what happened. Still, it was this hidden event that freed humanity from the shackles of death.

**BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST!** Today and for six weeks to come we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. Although we cannot do this physically and with each other, we extend our Easter greetings to each of you. We keep you all in our thoughts and prayers and sincerely hope you have been able to take advantage of the live streaming of our services. We ask that God, our Lord and Saviour, protect and guide us during this pandemic. With His love and guidance we will again be able to worship together soon. Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Fr. Vasyl Tymishak and St. Athanasius Parish Council



"Let every pious and God-loving soul enjoy this splendid and luminous feast; let every faithful servant enter joyfully into his Master's joy! Let the one who has borne the burden of fasting now receive his pay, and the one who has toiled since the first hour, let him obtain his due reward! ... If there is one who waited until the ninth hour, let him come unhesitatingly ... For the Lord is generous and receives the last even as the first; he gives rest to the worker of the last hour even as to the one of the first. He has pity on the last, and services the first; he rewards the first, and gives freely to the last. He receives the fruits of labor, and accepts good intentions; he honors the deed, and praises the effort.

And so, enter into your Master's joy: you the first and you the last will receive the bounty. Come together, you rich and you poor; abstinent or indulgent, honor this day. You who have kept the fast and you who have not, be joyful now: the table is laden, take of it all of you without any scruple. There is enough of the fatted calf for all: let no one go away hungry. All of you, come and taste the banquet of faith; all of you enjoy the abundance of mercy ...

O death, where is your sting? Abyss, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are cast down; Christ is risen, and the demons are crushed; Christ is risen, and the angels sing for joy; Christ is risen, and life has overcome; Christ is risen, and the tomb in emptied of the dead: for Christ the Resurrection has become the first-fruits of the dead. To Him be glory and power forever. Amen."

Easter Sermon of Saint John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople



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DIVINE LITURGY: Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Service in English; TEMPORARILY by live streaming

**MEMBERSHIP AT ST. ATHANASIUS PARISH** is recognized by <u>participating</u> in the Sunday Divine Liturgy and by fulfilling your baptismal responsibility in <u>contributing</u> to our Church Community activities by using your time, talents and treasures. Regular financial donations by use of Sunday envelopes is necessary for our parish to grow and prosper.

Please contact Fr. Vasyl if you know of any parishioner who is sick and wants to be visited.

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