

# CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## BULLETIN OF APRIL 22, 2012

### Welcome Visitors

We warmly welcome all those who are visiting us today. It is good to have you all with us!

### Egg Hunt – Postponed to Next Week

Due to the rainy weekend, the egg hunt is postponed to next Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a basket with a handle for your children and two dozen candy filled eggs per family.



### The Paschal Greeting

During the forty days of Pascha, Orthodox Christians greet one another with the words, "Christ is Risen!" They likewise respond with the words, "Indeed He is Risen!" And to show that the Good News of the Resurrection is for all of mankind, we often exclaim the Paschal Greeting in many different languages. Paschal Greeting in some of the more popular languages can be found at the back of the church.

### Last Sunday's Bulletin

If you haven't yet picked up last Sunday's bulletin, it is available at the candle-stand, or on our website, orthodoxdelmarva.org.

### Photos From Holy Week and Pascha

Are now available on our website: orthodoxdelmarva.org  
 Many thanks to the photographers! Check them out!



### The Parish Council

will meet very briefly today for literally 2 minutes. All invited.

### Many Thanks to All!

Through Great Lent and Holy Week there were many things which needed to be done (cleaning, singing, serving, decorating, cooking, etc). Your labors, time, and offerings did not go unnoticed but instead are greatly appreciated! May the Risen Lord bless you!

### The Saturday Evening Class

is being postponed until the church moves to the new property. The Vespers will be held as usual at 6:00pm. Thank you for your understanding.

### Renovation Update

The doors and windows are installed. We've also added a choir loft. Electrical work this week. If you are interested, please talk to Fr. John or come on by to see! Target moving date, early-mid May!

### SUNDAY, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>

#### Thomas Sunday

8:40a.m. Hours  
 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy  
 Coffee Hour

### TUESDAY, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>

#### The Day of Joy

9:00a.m. Paschal Memorial

### SATURDAY, APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>

5:00p.m. No Class  
 6:00p.m. Great Vespers

### SUNDAY, APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>

#### Holy Myrrh-Bearing Women

8:40a.m. Hours  
 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy  
 Coffee Hour  
 Egg Hunt



### READER SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, Apr. 29<sup>th</sup>

Gabriela Jones

#### Sunday, May. 6<sup>th</sup>

Constantine Mitsopoulos



**Prayer List:** Fr. Michael Mihalick, Fr. Alexander Atty, Fr. Christian, Mat. Dunia, Kelly Elizabeth & Ana Lucia, Bill Parrish, Hayley, Tyler Pelesh, Jerrie Rife (newly departed), Wallace & Michelle, Ryan & Kayla, Maleah Morse, Victoria Kokkinos, Karen Nichols, Denise Royal, Simeon, Scott & Maryann, Garrett Cuppels, Jane Koshutko, Nicholas & Linda, Nina Gordon, Mirela & Chris, Troy Duker, Mary Miranda, Bruce, Stella, Lilly Barnett, Amy F., Nedelina, Henrietta Stack, Archimandrite Pachomy, Michelle Patapios.

OPERATING THRU 3/31/12			APRIL OPERATING			RENOVATION TO PARISH CENTER		
Income	Expense	Net	Income	Goal	Difference	Income + Loan	Goal	Expense
13,601	17,027	-3,427	7,719	4,858	2,861	43,646 + 30K	80,000	71,251

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## THE TESTIMONY THAT CHRIST ROSE FROM THE DEAD

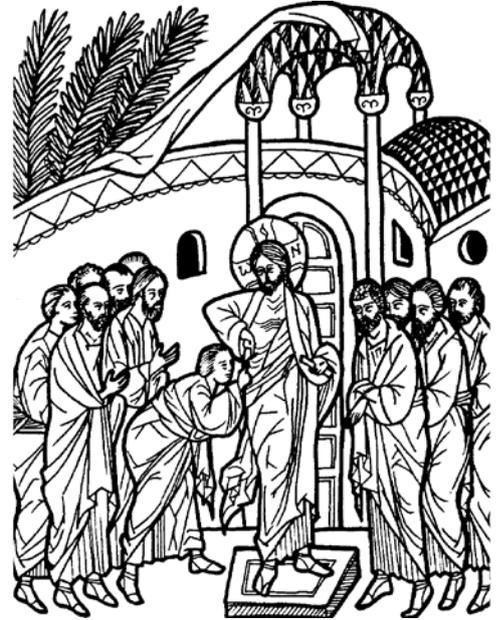
*From Mystagogy: johnsanidopoulos.com*

It may come as a surprise that one of the most reliable testified events in the ancient world is the resurrection of Christ, recorded in writing within a generation after the event (see 1 Corinthians 15) and fully testified within two generations while the majority of the witnesses were still alive. To understand how rare this is in the ancient world, one need only look at such a historical figure as Alexander the Great, whose earliest biography was not written until about 400 years after his death, after the earliest written testimony for Jesus.

### Twelve Resurrection Appearances in the New Testament

There are twelve indisputable resurrection appearances recorded in the New Testament which spanned a time period of forty days following the event of the resurrection. They are to the following people:

- ❖ Mary Magdalene (Mk. 16:9-11; Jn. 20:11-18)
- ❖ The Myrrh-bearing women (Mt. 28:9-10)
- ❖ Two disciples on way to Emmaus (Mk. 16:12-13; Lk. 24:13-32)
- ❖ Peter (Lk. 24:34; 1 Cor. 15:4)
- ❖ Ten disciples (Lk. 24:36-43; Jn. 20:19-25)
- ❖ Eleven disciples (Mk. 16:14; Jn. 26-29)
- ❖ Seven disciples (Jn. 21: 1-23)
- ❖ Eleven disciples on the mountain (Mt. 28:16-20)
- ❖ Over five hundred disciples (1 Cor. 15:6)
- ❖ James, the brother of our Lord (1 Cor. 15:7)
- ❖ Disciples in Bethany at Ascension (Lk. 24:50-53; Acts. 1:2-12)
- ❖ Paul (1 Cor. 15:8)



We should mention that Acts 1:3 records that the Lord appeared many times over a forty day period following His resurrection from the dead, so the appearances are not limited to only twelve.

### How many saw the resurrected Christ?

Over a period of forty days Christ rarely appeared to only one individual disciple. Usually many were present, and He gave ample evidence that His resurrection was in His physical body (they touched His wounds and saw Him eat). From the testimony in the New Testament, we know that well over five hundred people saw the risen Jesus, usually in groups, and there are no contradictions in the accounts nor recorded disputes about these appearances by those who saw Him.

### When did they see the resurrected Christ?

Interestingly, all the resurrection appearances occurred either during the day, afternoon or towards evening. Never is a resurrection appearance recorded at night, lest it be confused with a dream.

### Where was the risen Christ seen?

The risen Christ appeared in many different areas, both indoors and outdoors. He was seen:

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| ❖ Near His tomb            | ❖ Inside a home | ❖ Outdoors |
| ❖ On a well travelled road | ❖ A mountain    | ❖ Judea    |
| ❖ The seashore             | ❖ A city        | ❖ Galilee  |

### How did they see the risen Jesus?

The appearances of Christ were not passing visions, but they lasted over many hours to people of different backgrounds and occupations, where He would eat with those He appeared to and have conversations with them. None of them had previously believed that He would rise from dead, so initially the appearances confirmed the event and clarified teachings they may not have understood.

- ❖ The Apostle John writes in 1 Jn 1:1-4 that they heard, they saw, and they handled the risen Christ.
  - ❖ The Apostle Peter says in Acts 10:41 that they ate and drank with the risen Christ.
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### ON THE SAVING WORK OF CHRIST

He was wrapped in swaddling clothes, but when he rose from the tomb he laid aside the shroud ... He asks where Lazarus has been laid, for he is man; but he raises him to life, for he is God. He is sold, dirt cheap, for thirty pieces of silver, but he redeems the world, at great cost, with his own blood ... He was weak and wounded, but he cures all infirmity, and all weakness. He was nailed to the wood and lifted up, but he restores us by the tree of life ... He dies, but he brings to life, and by his own death destroys death. He is buried, but he rises again. He descends into hell, but rescues the imprisoned souls.

—St. Gregory the Theologian

### ST. VLADIMIR'S SEMINARY ANNOUNCES SUMMER 2012 PROGRAMS

YONKERS, NY [SVOTS/OCA]

St. Vladimir's Seminary recently announced its schedule of summer programs for 2012.

- Thursday, June 7–Saturday, June 9. Dr. Albert S. Rossi, Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology, and Priest David Mezynski, Associate Dean for Student Affairs, will present a pastoral counseling skills workshop, titled "Becoming a Healing Presence."
- Sunday, June 10–Wednesday, June 13. The Sixth Annual Diaconal Liturgical Practicum will be conducted by Archdeacon Kirill Sokolov, Director of the Orthodox Church in America's Diaconal Vocations Program, and Priest J. Sergius Halvorsen, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Homiletics and Rhetoric.
- Monday, June 18–Friday, June 22. Protodeacon Nazari Polataiko, master iconographer from the Saints Alipij and Andrew Rublev Icon Studio, will conduct a workshop on Russo-Byzantine iconography.
- Monday, June 25–Friday, June 29. A Master Class and Choral Workshop with famed Russian conductor Vladimir Gorbik, "Interpreting Orthodox Sacred Choral Music," will be held for choral conductors, choir directors, and singers. Audition is required.



### ABOUT THE TESTIMONY OF RELIABLE WITNESSES

*A Homily By St. Nikolai Velimirovich*

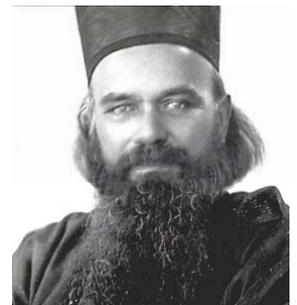
#### **"But we have been eyewitnesses of His mighty glory" – 2 Peter 1:16**

When the apostles speak about the glorious resurrection of the Lord, they speak in plurality. For each one of them gives his testimony and the testimony of other companions. Thus, the Apostle Peter writes: "We do not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty" (2 Peter 1:16).

Nathaniel did not want to believe only by hearing. That is why the Apostle Philip invited Nathaniel to "Come and see!" (St. John 1:46). Nathaniel came, saw and believed. So it was with the other apostles, until they approached Christ, until they heard, and until they saw, they did not want to believe. Cleverly devised myths did not attract the apostles. Their common sense sought visual facts and not myths.

O my brethren, our Faith is well established and proved. The trail of God is well blazoned in the world. No one has need to doubt. Christ's resurrection is well witnessed. No one need to despair. Doubt and despair are two worms that are born of sin. He who does not sin, clearly sees the blazoned trail of God in the world and clearly recognizes the resurrection of Christ.

O resurrected Lord, strengthen us by the power of Thy Holy Spirit so that we sin no more and that we do not become blinded to Thy trail in the world and to Thy glorious resurrection. To Thee be glory and thanks always. Amen.



**CAUTION: SENSE OF HUMOR NEEDED!**

From Steve the Builder's Blog, Pithless Thoughts, [pithlessthoughts.blogspot.com](http://pithlessthoughts.blogspot.com)

