

# CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## BULLETIN OF MAY 12, 2013

### A Warm Welcome!

We warmly welcome all of our visitors! It's good to have you with us!

### Egg Hunt

Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, during the coffee hour. Each family is requested to bring baskets for their children and two dozen filled plastic eggs.



### 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!"



### 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!

### SUNDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>

#### Thomas Sunday

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

### TUESDAY, MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>

#### "Day of Joy"

9:00a.m. Memorial

### SATURDAY, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>

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

### SUNDAY, MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>

#### Holy Myrrh-Bearing Women

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

### 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](http://orthodoxdelmarva.org).

### Photos From Holy Week and Pascha

Are now available on our website: [orthodoxdelmarva.org](http://orthodoxdelmarva.org)  
 Many thanks to the photographers! Check them out!

### Prayer for Graduates

will be offered on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, at the end of the Liturgy. Please be sure to let Fr. John know if anyone in your family is graduating this year. Thank you!

### Contemplate the Risen Lord

- ❖ How during the 40 days after the Resurrection He showed Himself to the disciples, confirming them in the Faith;
- ❖ How His Resurrection brought great joy to those who loved Him, but unspeakable bitterness to those who hated Him;
- ❖ How His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming, in glory and power, will evoke different feelings among different people – either joy or bitterness.
- ❖ How by His Resurrection, He destroyed the fear of death in the faithful, confirming their hope in everlasting life.



### READER SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

Jodi McElwee

#### Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

Richard England



**Living:** Fr. Alexander Atty, Fr. Christian, Mat. Dunia, Hayley, Tyler Pelesh, Wallace & Michelle, John Trax, Maleah Morsey, Victoria Kokkinos, Karen Nichols, Denise Royal, Jane Koshutko, Nina Gordon, Mirela & Chris, Bruce Eckerd, Stella, Ari, Nedelina, Liliana, Irene Clenney, Katie Hawley, Alice Peters, Jenny Barbarita, George & Ellen. **Departed:** Fr. Michael Mihalick, Kathryn, Avramia.

CASH FLOWS THROUGH 2/28/13					CASH FLOWS IN MAY 2013					FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT		
OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	ASSETS & LIABILITIES – 5/12		
Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Checking	Overdue	Due 2/2014
8,403	7,750	5,220	5,660	+213	2,462	2,578	2,075	2,960	-1,001	+368	0	-19,333

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## THE TESTIMONY THAT CHRIST ROSE FROM THE DEAD

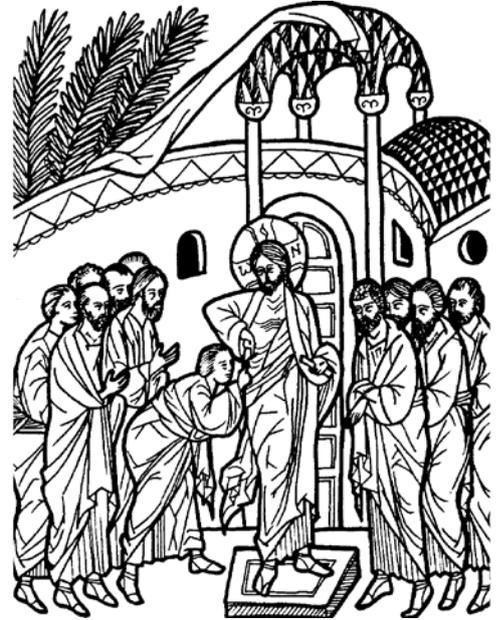
*From Mystagogy: johnsanidopoulos.com*

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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## A PUZZLING SCRIPTURAL VERSE

*'He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver.'*

(Malachi 3:3)

This verse puzzled some women in a Bible study and they wondered what this statement meant about the character and nature of God. One of the women offered to find out the process of refining silver and get back to the group at their next Bible Study.

That week, the woman called a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him at work. She didn't mention anything about the reason for her interest beyond her curiosity about the process of refining Silver.

As she watched the silversmith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest as to burn away all the impurities. The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot; then she thought again about the verse that says: 'He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver.' She asked the silver-smith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time. The man answered that yes, he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver was left a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed. The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, 'How do you know when the silver is fully refined?' He smiled at her and answered, 'Oh, that's easy -- when I see my image in it.'

If today you are feeling the heat of the fire, remember that God has his eye on you and will keep watching you until He sees His image in you.

### Birthdays:

- 5/1 Logan Morsey
- 5/9 Gabriel Morsey
- 5/12 Caleb McFarland
- 5/21 Kelly Hageman
- 5/26 Dominic Morsey  
Elisabeth Parsells
- 5/29 Irene Clenney
- 5/30 Michael McFarland

### Anniversaries:

- 5/12 Donna Anderson
- 5/21 Darrell & Deborah Wilson

### Namesdays:

- 5/5 *St. Irene the Great Martyr*  
Irene Clenney  
Alma Linda Hageman
- 5/5 *St. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre*  
Christopher Morsey
- 5/8 *St. Emilia*  
Mat. Emily Parsells  
Jodi McElwee
- 5/21 *Ss. Constantine & Helen*  
Constantine Cook  
Constantine Mitsopolous  
Ellen Kaloroumakis  
Lena Labai

## FOR CONSIDERATION

*By St. Nikolai Velimirovich*

Abba John the Dwarf asked his monks: "Who or what sold Joseph into slavery?" One of them answered: "His brethren." To this the staretz said: "Not his brothers, but his humility." Joseph could have revealed that he was their brother, and thus opposed the sale. But he kept silent. By humility, then, was he sold, and this same humility later made him ruler of Egypt. We guard ourselves too carefully from the outward difficulties encountered in giving ourselves over to the will of God, and so we lose the good fruits that are reaped in difficult circumstances endured with humility.



During a period of unrest in Constantinople in the time of Emperor Constantine, some embittered men knocked the nose and ears off the statue of the Emperor of the city. Some hurried to the Emperor and, as though with great disgust, informed him of how rebels had done this thing, asking the Emperor to punish the miscreants with the harshest punishments. But this great Emperor touched his nose and ears, and then said to the petitioners: "I can feel my nose and ears whole and untouched." The petitioners were shamed and removed themselves. With such kingly greatness of soul must we endure insults from others.



**CAUTION: SENSE OF HUMOR NEEDED!**

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

