Sunday, April 8th: GREAT & HOLY PASCHA
  12:00A.M.– Divine Liturgy followed by Agape Breakfast
  6:00 P.M.– Agape Vespers
Monday, April 9th~ Saturday April 14th: “New or Bright Week”
CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!
Tuesday, April 10th: 7:00P.M.– Parish Council Meeting
Saturday, April 14th: 6:00 P.M.- Arabic Liturgy (*please note date change*)
Sunday, April 15th: Second Sunday of Pascha (St. Thomas)
  One Year Memorial for Kay Matook
  Outreach Committee Meeting during Coffee Hour
  Outreach Committee ‘Soup Kitchen’ 12:00-12:30pm
Sunday, April 22nd: Third Sunday of Pascha (Myrrh-bearers)
  One Year Memorial Service for Wajeha Chamoun
Saturday, April 28th: St. Mary’s Got Talent Show at the Parish Center
  **Cancelled– will be rescheduled at a later date**
Sunday, April 29th: Fourth Sunday of Pascha (Paralytic)
Saturday, May 5th: 6:00 P.M.- Arabic Liturgy
Sunday, May 6th: Fifth Sunday of Pascha (Samaritan Woman)
Tuesday, May 8th: 7:00P.M.– Parish Council Meeting
Sunday, May 13th: Sixth Sunday of Pascha (Blindman)
  Mother’s Day
Sunday, May 20th: Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council
  Outreach Committee ‘Soup Kitchen’ 12:00-12:30pm
Sunday, May 27th: Holy Pentecost
Monday, May 28th: Memorial Day
Saturday, June 2nd: 6:00 P.M.- Arabic Liturgy
Sunday, June 3rd: First Sunday after Pentecost
  Church School Graduation & Luncheon
Sunday, June 10th: Second Sunday after Pentecost
  Outreach Committee Meeting during Coffee Hour
Tuesday, June 12th: 7:00P.M.– Parish Council Meeting
Sunday, June 17th: Third Sunday after Pentecost

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We welcome our Visitors & Guests: Please take a moment to fill out a Visitor Card.

Receiving Communion: Only those Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves may approach the chalice for Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after the Liturgy.

Enter in Quietness, Rest in Prayer, Worship in Reverence, Depart in Peace to Serve

Music:

Today is the day of salvation for the world ... Christ is risen from the dead: arise with him. Christ returns to himself: you also must return to him. Christ has come forth from the tomb: free yourselves from the fetters of evil. The gates of hell are open and the power of death is destroyed. The old Adam is superseded, the new perfected. In Christ a new creation is coming to birth: renew yourselves.

GREGORY NAZIANZEN Oration 45, For Easter, 1 (PG 36,624)
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The Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ
The Paschal Homily of our Father among the Saints, John Chrysostom

If anyone be devout and a lover of God, let him enjoy this beautiful and radiant Feast of Feasts! If anyone is a wise servant, let him rejoice and enter into the joy of his Lord! If anyone has heaped up his works of faith, let him today receive his just reward! If anyone has come at the third hour, with thanksgiving let him keep the Feast! If anyone has arrived at the sixth hour, let him have no misgivings for he shall suffer no loss! If anyone has delayed until the ninth hour, let him draw near without hesitation! If anyone has arrived even at the eleventh hour, let him not fear on account of his delay. For the Lord is gracious and receives the last even as the first. He gives rest to him who comes at the eleventh hour, just as to him who has laboured from the first. He has mercy upon the last, and cares for the first; to the one He gives, and to the other. He is also gracious. He both honors the work and praises the intention. ENTER, ALL OF YOU, INTO THE JOY OF OUR LORD!

Whether you are first or last, receive your reward! O rich and poor, one with another, dance for joy! O you ascetics and you negligent, celebrate this Day! You that have fasted and you that have neglected the fast, rejoice today! The table is richly laden; feast royally, all of you! Let all partake of the Feast of Faith. Let all receive the riches of goodness. Let no lament his poverty, for the Universal Kingdom has been revealed! Let no one mourn for his sins, for Forgiveness has dawned from the Tomb! Let no one fear Death, for our Saviour’s death has set us free! He that was taken by Death has annihilated it! He descended into Hades and took Hades captive! He embittered Hades when it tasted His Flesh! Anticipating this, the Prophet Isaiah exclaimed, “Hades took a body and met God face to face! Hades took Earth and encountered Heaven! Hades took what is saw, but crumbled before what it had not seen! “O death, where is they sting?” O Hades, where is thy victory?” CHRIST IS RISEN, and you are overthrown! CHRIST IS RISEN, and the demons are fallen! CHRIST IS RISEN, and the Angels rejoice! CHRIST IS RISEN, and Life reigns! CHRIST IS RISEN, and not one dead remains in the tombs! For Christ being raised from the dead has become the first-fruits of them that slept! To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages!
Amen.

Great and Holy PASCHA
المسيح قام، حقًا قام.

HYPAKOE OF PASCHA: Tone 4
They who were with Mary came before the dawn, found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher, and heard the angels say unto them: Why seek ye Him as man with the dead, Who dwells in light eternal? Behold the grave wrappings; make haste and declare to the world that the Lord is risen, and hath caused death to die; for He is the Son of God, the Savior of mankind.

KONTAKION OF PASCHA: Tone 8
O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.

THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN
As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (THRICÉ)
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Have put on Christ. Alleluia.
Dynamis!
As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Amen.
The Epistle
Acts 1:1-8
Prokeimenon: This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever.
The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, O Theophilos, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

So when they had come together, they asked him, Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

The Gospel
John 1:1-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

In Loving Memory of:
Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur
Ameen and Nayfey Sabath
Petros and Afife Betor
Helen Betor
Fred Sabath
Fred "Fritz"ie and Jimmy Sabath
Offered by: Edward & Lillian Betor
Khalil Al-Amir
Offered by: Radwan Al-Amir & Family

Offer of Gratitude
Fr. Elie and the St. Mary Parish Council would like to offer thanks and gratitude to all the faithful who participated, assisted and supported the Church during the Lenten Season, Holy Week and Pascha. May God bless those who gave of their time, energy, resources and love, to celebrate and to offer sacrifices during this special time and make possible our witness to the Resurrection-The Feast of Feasts.

Arabic Liturgy
Arabic Liturgy will be offered on Saturday, April 14th at 6:00 P.M. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. **Please note date change for April**

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