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BABY STEPS TO BIBLICAL LITERACY - MINOR PROPHETS

A Message from Fr Noah

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Every year, early in the afternoon on Holy Saturday, a miraculous Holy Fire is sent from heaven to the Church of the Resurrection (which contains the Holy Sepulchre, the chapel built over the new tomb where Christ was buried) to light the candles of the Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem. This yearly occurrence is meticulously monitored by the Israeli police, just as it had been under Islamic rule for nearly a millennium before. The Paschal Flame descends from heaven as a sign of the truth of Christ's resurrection and the Orthodox Church's faithfulness to God's revelation. For the first 10 or 15 minutes, the flame "burns without burning" and those pilgrims who are there put their hands and faces into it and only feel gentle warmth. Do not let anyone tell you that Orthodox celebrate Pascha on the wrong date and that we should switch to the Western Church's date. Truly, God is with us in a special way!!!!


Your Servant in Christ,

+ Fr. Noah

PS - For more information about this glorious yearly miracle, see hollyfire.org/eng or check out the very thoroughly researched book, *The Paschal Fire in Jerusalem*, by Bishop Auxentios, from our library.

OUR SYMPATHY IN CHRIST

is offered to the family of **Willis Dietrich**, a friend of St Philip's for many years, upon his passing in early March. He is buried in St Philip's Cemetery.

AND to the **Gozur family** upon the passing of Sharon's mother, **Helen Holmes**, on March 19.  Services were held in Ohio.

ALSO, **Bill Bovino**, a founder of our parish and a pillar of our choir for many years who went on to help establish our daughter parish and an excellent choral culture there, reposed on March 27. Services were held in Paoli on April 1.

MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL!

Mark Your Calendar:

HOLY WEEK & PASCHA

Sunday, April 5

7:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins

Monday, April 6

10:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins

Tuesday, April 7

10:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins

Wednesday, April 8

10:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Holy Unction

Thursday, April 9

4:00 p.m. Vespertal Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Twelve Gospels Matins

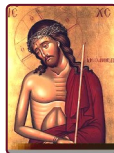
Holy Friday

Friday, April 10

10:00 a.m. Royal Hours

4:00 p.m. Vespers of Burial

7:00 p.m. Lamentations Matins



Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 11

10:00 a.m. Vespertal Liturgy

11:30 p.m. Nocturn, Paschal Matins, and Resurrection Liturgy

GREAT & HOLY PASCHA

Sunday, April 12

CHRIST IS RISEN!

2:00 p.m. Agape Vespers

Bright Week

Services every day!

Including Divine Liturgy

Monday & Friday at 10 a.m.

International Spring Festival

at North Penn H.S.

Saturday, April 18, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

We will have an information table; see Larry or Louise Shaheen, Irene Forssen, or Celia-Marie Khouri to help.

Bible Study - The Letter of James

Five Saturdays, May 2 - June 6, 5 pm

Presented by Fred Kompass



CHRIST IS RISEN : INDEED HE IS RISEN!

GREEK:	CHRISTOS ANESTI : ALITHOS ANESTI!
ARABIC:	AL-MASEEH QAM : HAQAN QAM!
SLAVONIC:	CHRISTOS VOSKRESE : VO ISTINU VOSKRESE!
ALBANIAN :	KRISHTI UNGJALL : VERTET UNGJALL!
ROMANIAN:	CHRISTOS A- INVIAT : ADEVERAT K- INVIAT!
GERMAN:	CHRISTUS IST AUFERSTANDEN : ER IST IN WAHRHEIT AUFERSTANDEN!
ITALIAN:	CRISTO E RISORTO : E VERAMENTE RISORTO!
INDIAN:	YESU UAR THU : YESU UAR THU!
GE'EZ:	KRESTOS TENESSA IMUTAN : KRESTOS TENESSA IMUTAN!
GEORGIAN:	CRISTE AHS-D-GA : CHESH MAR EET AD!
FRENCH:	LE CHRIST EST RESSUSCITÉ : VRAIMENT IL EST RESSUSCITÉ!
SPANISH:	CRISTO HA RESUCITADO : EN VERDAD, HA RESUCITADO!

Practice before the Paschal Services!

GLORY TO HIS THIRD DAY RESURRECTION:

LET US ADORE HIS THIRD DAY RESURRECTION!

We live from Pascha to Pascha! April 12, 2015 - May 1, 2016

NEWS ~ N ~ NOTES

PHOTO DIRECTORY

Thanks to the many who labored for and participated in this project to knit our parish family together! Especially Barbara, Colin, and Vera. The directory will be distributed soon after we receive them.

GIVING UPDATES

MONTHLY OUTREACH COLLECTION: Thanks to all for your generosity to the needy of our community! For **April**, we are collecting **cleaning products**.

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD COLLECTION: We continue to collect non-perishables of all kinds for the food pantries as well.

NEWSPAPERS: Salfid Rescue Kennel, our neighbor on Clearview Road, is always in need of old newspapers. Look for the box in the narthex.



USED CLOTHING DROP-OFF SHED: Have you seen the shed in the rear parking lot? You can drop off used clothing & stuffed animals (no rags or household goods) to be sent to the needy locally and throughout the world.

MAY GOD BLESS ALL OUR FAITHFUL GIVERS!

Wisdom

Practical Spiritual Life

A fresh, warm wound is easier to heal than those that are old, neglected and festering and that need extensive treatment, surgery, bandaging and cauterization. Long neglect can render many of them incurable. However, all things are possible with God (cf Matt 19:26).
St. John Climacus

When the devil looks at a man who sincerely desires not to sin, he is not so unintelligent as to suggest to him (as he would to a hardened sinner) that he go and commit fornication or go and steal. He knows we do not want that and he does not set out to tell us something we do not want to hear; but he finds out that little bit of self-will or self-righteousness and through that, with the appearance of well doing, he will do us harm.

St. Dorotheos of Gaza, Discourses and Sayings

Looking Ahead

Mark your calendars now and look for more information soon.

March for Marriage

Saturday, April 25

Leaving from St Philip's at 8 am

Myrrh-Streaming Icon Bus trip

Wednesday, May 13

Archdiocese Evangelism Presentation

Saturday, May 16, after Vespers

Honoring Fr Boniface & Kh Joyce

Tuesday, May 19

Parish Life Conference

July 1-5 - Hauppauge, NY

www.stjohnorthodoxchurch.com

Archdiocese Convention

July 20-26 - Boston, MA

www.acboston2015.com



Vacation Church School

August 3-7

International Food Festival

September 18-19

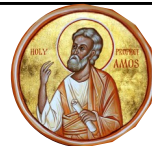
Did You Know?

- **Julia Morelli** and her piano trio (violin, cello, and piano), Trio Amaranth, will perform at Saint Luke's UCC in Lansdale (125 W Main St.) on May 3 at 3 pm.
- Did you know that St. Philip's supports the **Willard Preacher at PSU**? Gary Cattell is an Orthodox Christian who preaches the Gospel to students on campus and engages them with questions on life's meaning and relevant moral issues. For more information visit thewillardpreacher.com What can you do to be an "Everyday Evangelist"?
- There is **online streaming** of many of the **services of Holy Transfiguration Monastery** in Ellwood City. The site is www.OrthodoxMonasteryEllwoodCity.org - click on Online Chapel. Archived recordings of previous services are also available.

Baby Steps to Biblical Literacy:

Old Testament Minor Prophets

The twelve books for the twelve "minor prophets" – called "minor" because their books are shorter – are an easy entrance to the writings of the great prophets. They were active as mouth pieces of God to call the people of God to repentance in the



Ask Abouna

Previous Question: What is new in our archdiocese?



Answer: Glory to God! Our Archdiocese is a strong presence of the Orthodox Christian life connecting the ancient Christian center of Antioch with contemporary North America. We have a new archbishop, Metropolitan JOSEPH, who is working very hard through the transition period to build upon the monumental work our beloved Metropolitan PHILIP. There are some exciting initiatives to reach the American "unchurched" with the gospel. There is encouragement to participate in the March for Marriage in Washington, DC on April 25th.

His Eminence also wants to deepen the roots of our spiritual life by further establishing monasteries as well keeping us connected with the Mother Church in Lebanon and Syria.

Metropolitan JOSEPH is also very strict on following the canons for church discipline and the rubrics of the church services. Many years, Master!

Please visit antiochian.org to keep up to date with everything going on!

New Question: Tell me a little about the newly-Canonized Saint Paisios?

Challenge for 2015:

Build Up the Body of Christ (Ephesians 4)

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! - *Psalm 133:1*

Are you in unity with your family and your church family?

midst of the decline Jewish Kingdoms as well as the rebuilding of Jerusalem. They address issues of breaking the covenant with images from their own life and times.

I also suggest looking up a Bible Time Line chart. We have some on the "free literature table" in the great room or try the one at this link: <http://tinyurl.com/ozkbz5m>.