

Upcoming Services

EVERY WEEKEND

Saturday Vespers @ 6 pm - Sunday Matins @ 8:45 am, Liturgy @ 10 am

HOLY WEEK & PASCHA (Easter)

Palm Sunday - April 24

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Monday, April 25 through Friday, April 29

Services each evening at 7 p.m.

[Visit our website for additional services.]

Holy Saturday - April 30

11:30 p.m. Resurrection Services

GREAT & HOLY PASCHA - Sunday, May 1

CHRIST IS RISEN!

2:00 p.m. Agape Vespers

Upcoming Events

Lenten Retreat: March 26, 9 am - 7 pm

"Mary, Mysteries, & Mission" - Fr Chad Hatfield

Celtic Christianity: Saturday, April 16 - 7 pm

Presented by Fr Serafim of the Mull Monastery of All Celtic Saints

St Philip's Food Festival: Friday & Saturday, September 16 & 17

Taste & see an international Orthodox Christian community

Church tours - Children's Activities - Gift Bazaar - Iconography Display

Resources on the Web

www.St-Philip.net - St Philip Church website

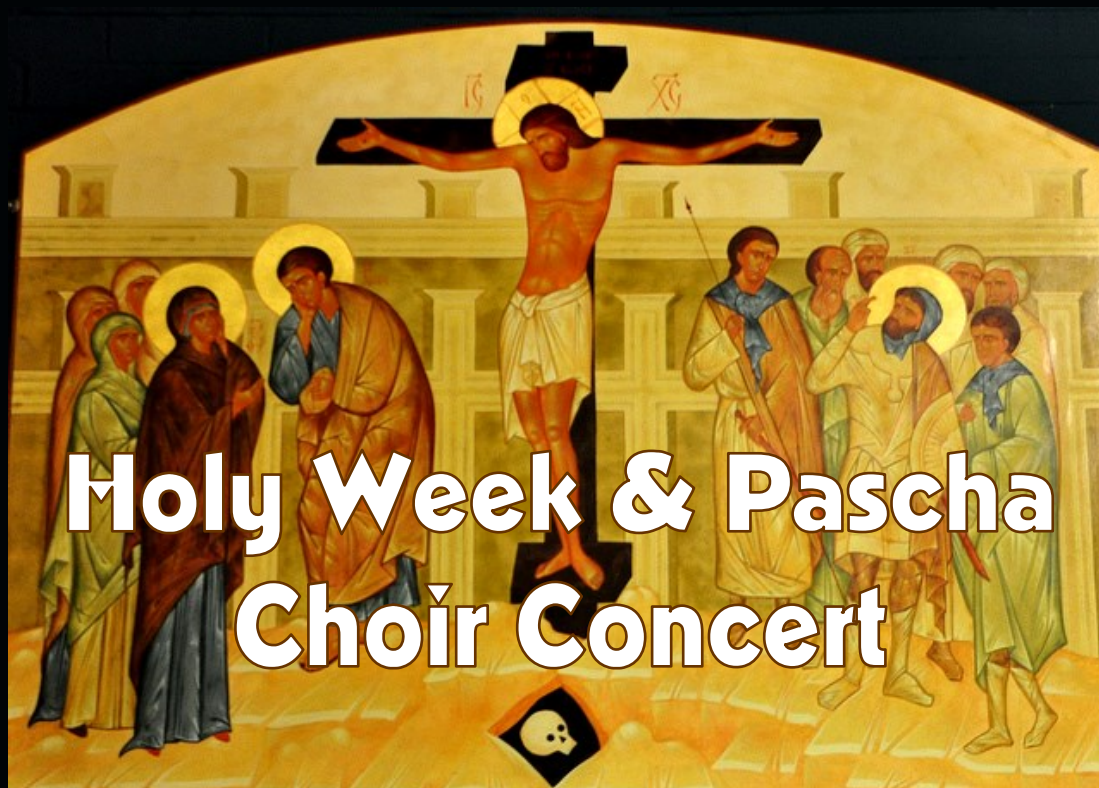
www.AncientFaith.com - Orthodox Christian music & talks streaming online

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Holy Week & Pascha Choir Concert

Sunday, March 20, 2 pm

**Celebrating the Passion & Resurrection
of Jesus Christ in Orthodox Christian
a cappella hymnody**

St Philip's Choir & Youth Choir

Please join us for refreshments after the concert.

**A freewill offering will be received,
benefiting Crossroads Pregnancy Care, Quakertown.**

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHANT

Singing *a cappella* is characteristic of Orthodox Christian hymnography. This tradition is rooted in the Orthodox Church's understanding of man. Genesis 1:26-31 and 2:19-20 present man both as created from the dust of the earth and as after the image and likeness of God. To man also has been entrusted the stewardship of the earth. Therefore patristic tradition sees in man a microcosm of the universe, encompassing both the spiritual and material aspects of creation.

When man worships God, his worship is two-fold, both spiritual and physical. In this act, man joins the angels and all spiritual creation in the never-ending liturgy of eternal worship since he too is a spiritual being. As partaker and steward of physical creation, man worships on behalf of the physical universe, joining the cosmos in the proclamation of the glory of God (Psalm 19:1-4). What then is a better instrument for God's worship than the voice of the one who represents all creation? For this reason the Orthodox Church worships God using the human voice as its sole musical instrument.

Orthodox Christian hymnography possesses many rich national traditions of the Middle East and Eastern Europe: Byzantine-Greek, Byzantine-Arab, Russian, Romanian, Georgian, Serbian, Bulgarian, Carpatho-Russian, and so forth. Our language of worship is English.

OUR CHOIR

St. Philip's Church Choir, under the direction of Kh. Elizabeth Bushelli, consists of singers who dedicate a great deal of time and effort to beautifying the services of the church. They take seriously the words of the psalmist who said, "I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live." Bishop BASIL of our Mid-America Diocese has said, "Church singing is not a hobby. It is not something one does for personal fulfillment. It is first and foremost a duty, a duty of those to whom God has given musical talents. Angels were created to serve and to praise, and you have been given voices for that same purpose."

Our thanks to the following choir members for singing today:

Soprano: Kh. Elizabeth Bushelli (director), Natalia Mamardashvili, Emily Case, Karen Burke, Vera Acker

Alto: Kristi Moore, Jennifer Howanetz, Mary Kompass, Terry Kaminsky, Kristen Chocheli

Tenor: Catalin Tinjala, Joe Kyriakos, Serge Kaminsky

Bass: Larry Tennant, Nicholas Morelli, Greg Howanetz, Julian Bushelli

Arabic Chanter: Amjad Khalil

*Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God:
For it is pleasant, and praise is beautiful.*

Psalm 147:1

Hymns of Holy Week & Pascha

Holy Week / Passion

Lazarus Saturday Troparion - Byzantine (Tone 1, Karam)

Rejoice, O Bethany

Alleluia

Behold the Bridegroom

Verily, I behold thy chamber

Verily, this present day (sung in Arabic)

Of Thy mystical supper - Russian (Obikhod tone 6)

The Wise Thief - Abrahamian

Today he is suspended - Kazan

Lamentations

Do not lament me, O Mother - Russian

The Noble Joseph - Bulgarian

The Great Moses - Byzantine (Tone 6)

Joseph with Nicodemus - Pskov melody (H Benigsen)

Pascha / Resurrection

Arise O God - Russian (Turchaninov)

Pascha Kontakion - Byzantine (Tone 8, harmonized; Karam)

The Angel Cried - Russian (Belakirev)

This is the day of Resurrection - (sung in Arabic)

Christ is risen - (Sung first in English with Greek, Russian, Arabic, Ukrainian, Serbian, Georgian, and Romanian melodies; then in Greek, Arabic, Russian, and Romanian.)

Following the Concert:

- Presentation on the ministry of Crossroads Pregnancy Care: Robert Wheelless, Exec. Dir.
- Collection for Crossroads; Recessional (**Let my prayer arise & O Taste and See**)
- Refreshments in the Great Room - All Welcome!