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*Our Vision: To know and love Christ,  
sharing His love with others*

## **The Archpastoral Message of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon on the Great and Holy Pascha 2017**

To the Venerable Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, Monastics, Distinguished Stewards, and the entire family of the Orthodox Church in America:

**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

The radiant day of the Resurrection of Christ has dawned and our Paschal celebrations have bathed us in the glorious light of renewal and regeneration. Today is a completely new day, a day which began when the divine brilliance pierced and dispelled the darkness of Hades and ended with the remarkable explosion which took place when Eternal Life crushed death and corruption.

On this new and bright day, our faith is renewed along with that of the Myrrhbearing Women standing by the open tomb; our hope is confirmed along with that of the Apostles on the road to Emmaus; and our love is strengthened along with that of the Mother of God who remained ever at the side of her Son. Even if we count ourselves among the numbers of those who previously denied or deserted the crucified Lord, such hesitation or shame cannot withstand the force of the new life of this day.

We know too well that there is no human being who lives and yet does not sin, and the consequences of the Fall are reflected in a world overshadowed by war, terrorism, and human misery. Nevertheless, this dark reality loses its hold on us today because we have tasted of the new drink from the fountain of incorruption which fills us with spiritual courage and divine hope.

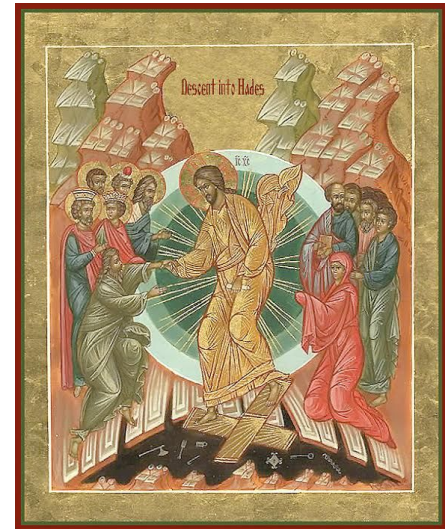
This courage and hope are not simply fleeting emotions of the moment but rather an experience of the life of the risen Lord Who fills our hearts with such joy that every day and every moment of our existence we can sing paschal hymns such as this:

*How divine! How beloved! How sweet is Thy voice, O Christ! For Thou hast faithfully promised to be with us To the end of the world. Having this as our anchor of hope, We the faithful rejoice.*

With my archpastoral blessing and love in the Risen Lord,

+ **TIKHON**

Archbishop of Washington Metropolitan of All America and Canada



**Slava Banquet and Fundraiser for St. Vladimir's Seminary - Fully-catered meal! Sun April 30**

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, North Canton  
5pm - Reception 6-8pm - Banquet Tickets are \$50  
Keynote speakers His Grace Irinej, Bishop of Eastern America (SOC) and the Very Rev. Chad Hatfield, President of SVS, Gracanica Folklore Group, Kosovo Male Choir, Romanian Violinists Cornell and Anna Zotta



Plans for the Dormition Fest are underway. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you are interested in being on the committee. We plan for a meeting on April 30.

**WELCOME VISITORS**

We are delighted to have visitors with us and we pray that you will be blessed in your time with us.

Holy Communion is treated with reverence, respect and preparation in the Orthodox Church.

Orthodox Christians prepare with confession, prayer, and fasting. Our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to participate with us in any other ways including venerating the icons, Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of Liturgy

**COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE**

APR. 16 **PASCHA**  
APR. 23 **RICHTER** , Miller , Huba , Vorkapich  
APR. 30 **GATES** , Powell , Condo  
MAY 7 **CROSTON** , Wescott , Archer , Fedorko  
MAY 14 MOTHER'S DAY  
MAY 21 **FRISCHKORN** , Romano , Blanchard , McClellan  
MAY 28 **HAYWOOD** , Mailat , Tapyrik , Nikishin  
JUNE 4 **MANOS** , Manos , Hoffman , Brandon  
JUNE 11 **BYRNES** , Powell , Mudrak  
**JUNE 18 - BISHOP PAUL VISIT**  
June 25 - **KISHA** , Kisha-Wise , Monahan , Condo

**UPCOMING**

**Sunday, April 16th**  
12:00 PM Paschal Vespers  
1:30 PM Easter Egg Hunt  
**Wednesday, April 19th**  
No Service  
**Saturday, April 22nd**  
5:00 Great Vespers  
**Sunday, April 23rd**  
9:10 Hours  
9:30 Divine Liturgy  
11:00 Coffee Hour  
11:30-12:15 Church School

