



St George the Great Martyr
Orthodox Church

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CHRIST IS RISEN! – INDEED HE IS RISEN!

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ARCHPASTORAL MESSAGE OF HIS BEATITUDE, METROPOLITAN TIKHON

Pascha 2018

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!

I greet all of you on this bright day, the radiant and holy day of Pascha, the day upon which the light of Christ has risen upon all mortal human beings. The light that now surrounds us in our Churches, in our Monasteries, and in all of creation, is greater than can be accounted for by physical candles, chandeliers, or the sun and the moon.

The light that presently shines is the light of the Lord's dramatic victory over hell, over corruption and over death itself. He had reminded His Disciples that whosoever lives and believes on me, shall never die and today, that promise is fulfilled in us, for Christ's victory has become our victory – we have entered fully into it.

The Holy Apostle Paul reminds us of this when he says: Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore, we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we should also walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall also be in the likeness of his resurrection (Romans 6:3-5).

As we share the joy of the Feast of Feasts in our communities, with our families, and even with strangers, let us all give thanks for the light in our hearts, for it is not a simple emotional response, but an experience of authentic life – life which pierces through the darkness of our earthly cares and passions.

And so, let us rejoice in the Lord with thanksgiving for His great victory, and let us cry out with the paschal hymn: Yesterday, O Christ, I was buried with Thee, and today I rise again with Thee, in Thy rising. Yesterday I was crucified with Thee, now glorify me, O Savior, in Thy Kingdom.

Christ is risen!

† TIKHON

Archbishop of Washington

Metropolitan of All America and Canada

Thank you! On behalf of myself, Matushka, and the entire Parish Council, I would like thank everyone who has worked so hard during the Lenten season and these last few weeks to make our Church and our liturgical services beautiful and pleasing to the Lord. Thank you to those who cooked, cleaned, served, sang, attended, brought flowers, adorned the Church, and prayed with us during this holy and venerable season. May the Joy of the Risen Lord continue to be in your hearts now and forever!

Blessing of Graves TODAY! St Thomas Sunday is one of the traditional days to celebrate the Paschal joy with our loved ones who have departed this life. Christ is the Lord of both the living and the dead. Come help us proclaim His Resurrection to those who await His coming. **Immediately after Liturgy today,** Father will be headed to our two local cemeteries to serve a Panakhida (Litiya, Trasagion) and bless graves.

1	Sunset Hills Memorial Park 24000 Waalew Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92307
2	Desert View Memorial Park 11500 Amargosa Rd, Victorville, CA 92392

Father and Matushka will be out of town from April 23 through May 4th attending a wedding in New Jersey and visiting with family. Please contact Dn George for any emergencies during that time.

Feast of Saint George Our altar feast is April 23rd. Since Father will be out of town that day, **we will celebrate our feast on Sunday April 22nd.** Everyone should make a special effort to attend Great Vespers on Saturday April 21st and Sunday April 22nd to pray to our heavenly patron.

Parish Council Meeting

We will be holding our monthly Parish Council Meeting this Friday, April 20th at 7pm.

Calendar of Events – April 15 – 22

Sun 4/15	ST THOMAS SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">9:30am – Divine Liturgy followed by Blessing of Graves at Cemeteries
Mon 4/16	
Tue 4/17	
Wed 4/18	
Thu 4/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">7:00pm Parish Council Meeting
Fri 4/20	
Sat 4/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">6:00pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Sun 4/22	SUNDAY OF THE MYHR-BEARERS CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST GEORGE <ul style="list-style-type: none">9:30am – Hours and Divine Liturgy

SAVE THE DATE:

April 21,22 – Celebration of the Feast of St George

Please keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers during the week.

For good health and healing: *James, Linda, Abram, Aida, Dragosh, Sonya, Denise, Joseph, Joseph, Souraya, Alice, Issa, Colette, Tony, Mario, John.*

For a new Job: *Mario, Jason, Marie, Janice.*