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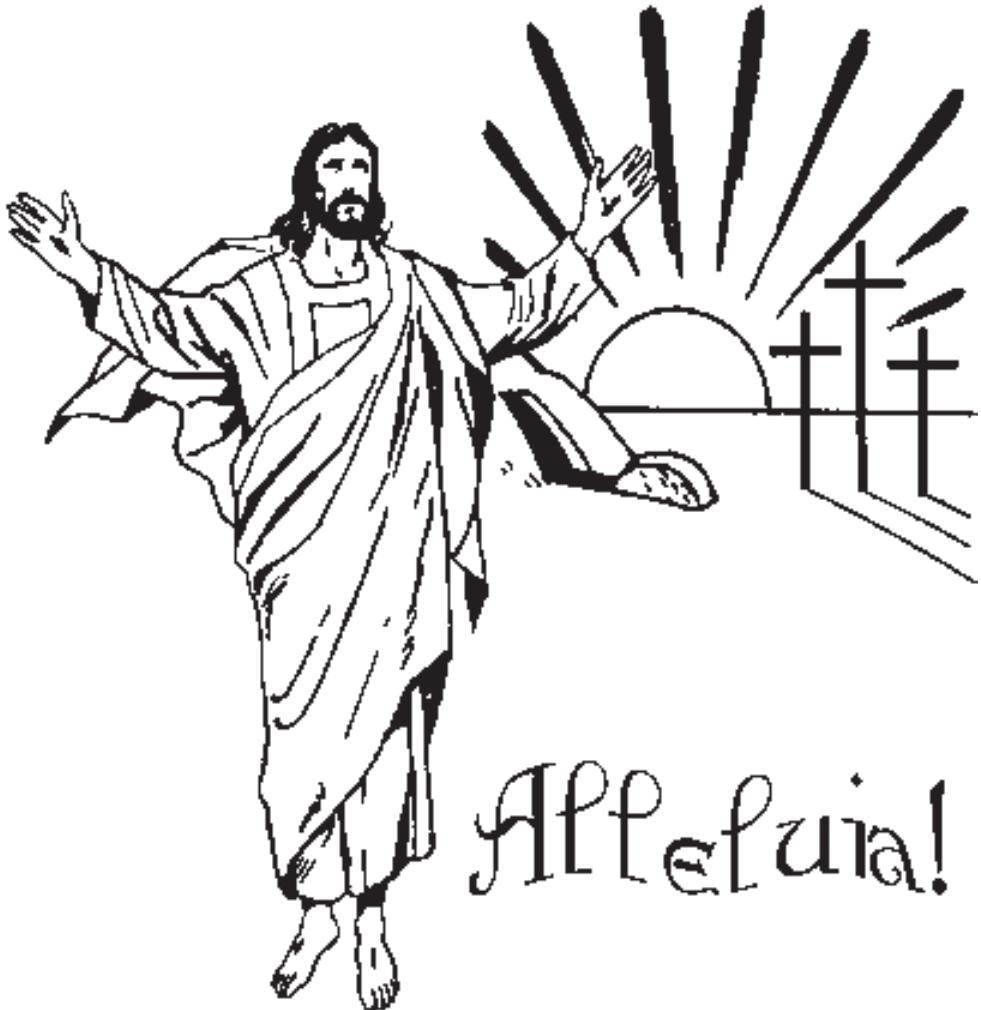
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He is Risen!



Alleluia!

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

"We bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, this day He has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus." The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ, a faith believed and lived as the central truth by the first Christian community; handed on as fundamental by Tradition; established by the documents of the New Testament; and preached as an essential part of the Paschal mystery along with the cross:

Christ is risen from the dead!

Dying, He conquered death;

To the dead, He has given life.

The mystery of Christ's resurrection is a real event, with manifestations that were historically verified, as the New Testament bears witness. In about A.D. 56 St. Paul could already write to the Corinthians: "I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve..." The Apostle speaks here of the living tradition of the Resurrection which he had learned after his conversion at the gates of Damascus.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, #638-639.

THE EASTER PRAISE OF CHRIST

From an Easter homily by Melito of Sardis, bishop

We should understand, beloved, that the paschal mystery is at once old and new, transitory and eternal, corruptible and incorruptible, mortal and immortal. In terms of the Law it is old, in terms of the Word it is new. In its figure it is passing, in its grace it is eternal. It is corruptible in the sacrifice of the lamb, incorruptible in the eternal life of the Lord. It is mortal in His burial in the earth, immortal in His resurrection from the dead.

The Law indeed is old, but the Word is new. The type is transitory, but grace is eternal. The lamb was corruptible, but the Lord is incorruptible. He was slain as a lamb; He rose again as God. *He was led like a sheep to the slaughter*, yet He was not a sheep. He was silent as a lamb, yet He was not a lamb. The type has passed away; the reality has come. The lamb gives place to God, the sheep gives place to a man, and the man is Christ, who fills the whole of creation. The sacrifice of the lamb, the celebration of the Passover, and the prescriptions of the Law have been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Under the old Law, and still more under the new dispensation, everything pointed toward Him. Both the Law and the Word came forth from Zion and Jerusalem, but now the Law has given place to the Word, the old to the new. The commandment has become

grace, the type a reality. The lamb has become a Son, the sheep a man, and man, God.

The Lord, though He was God, became man. He suffered for the sake of those who suffer, He was bound for those in bonds, condemned for the guilty, buried for those who lie in the grave; but He rose from the dead, and cried aloud: *Who will contend with Me? Let him confront Me.* I have freed the condemned, brought the dead back to life, raised men from their graves. Who has anything to say against Me? I, He said, Am the Christ; I have destroyed death, triumphed over the enemy, trampled hell underfoot, bound the strong one, and taken men up to the heights of heaven: I Am the Christ.

Come, then, all you nations of men, receive forgiveness for the sins that defile you. I Am your forgiveness. I Am the Passover that brings salvation. I am the lamb who was immolated for you. I am your ransom, your life, your resurrection, your light, I am your salvation and your king. I will bring you to the heights of heaven. With my own right hand I will raise you up, and I will show you the eternal Father.

REGINA CAELI

V. Queen of heaven, rejoice! Alleluia.

R. For He Whom you did merit to bear. Alleluia.

V. Has risen, as He said. Alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God. Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.

R. For the Lord is truly risen. Alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, Who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant, we beseech You, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life, through the same Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

(This prayer replaces the Angelus during Easter time)

PLEASE NOTE that on Monday, April 5th, Holy Mass will be offered at 9:00 a.m. and that the Parish office is closed for the day.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA & CHAPLET will be prayed after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in English during weekdays and in Italian after the Wednesday 7 p.m. Mass.

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION on Sunday, April 11th at 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. (Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, time for reflection, Chaplet) followed by veneration of the relic of St. Faustina. Bring religious items to be blessed.

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VOCATIONS SEEDS The Lord is risen, it is true! Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters. If you feel God is calling you to a Church vocation, please call Fr. Hansoo at 416-968-0997.

WE WELCOME into our church community at the Easter Vigil Cecile Chang, Alma de Lemos, Tae Hoon Kin, Cheng Feng Lin, Nicole McClymont, Andrea Pipher, Brittney Pipher, Michael Ruggirello, Gregory Stapells, Duke Bourcier, Janet Clement, Jenny Clement, Valerie Connor, Francesca Lanzilotta, Natalie Lanzilotta, Laurie Mustom, Jason Stoodley. May they continue to receive God's grace and blessings on their faith journey.

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP: Come and join us pray the 4 mysteries of the Rosary on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN PRAYER BOOKS (Liturgy of the Hours) are available in the Parish Office. Please call to receive your copy. Cost: \$40.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is having an info session for those who would like to sign-up for membership on March 31st at 7:00 p.m. at the Church Hall. Snacks will be served. Please call Peter at 905-773-7299 or Roland at 905-780-8354 for reservation.

COMMUNION PARISH LADIES LUNCHEON, SUNDAY, APRIL 18TH HOSTED BY THE CWL Please join us for the 11:00 a.m. Mass, then immediately following for lunch at the Premier Ballroom & Convention Centre, 9010 Leslie Street, Richmond Hill (just north of Hwy 7) which includes a garden salad & rolls, penne alla vodka, chicken parmesan, pastries with coffee/tea. Guest speaker is Mary Bastedo. Please bring your mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts or friends. Tickets are \$25.00 each and can be purchased at the church office or by calling Maura Moore at 905-737-9182.

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SHRINE OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT, OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS MONASTERY, EWTN PILGRIMAGE on June 16th to 20th (5 days/4 nights) with Fr. Andrea Biaggi. Cost: \$385/pilgrim. \$50 deposit due upon registration. Deadline to register: April 15, 2010. For info, please contact Boots at 416-832-1608.

S. Pasqua di Resurrezione del Signore - 4 aprile 2010

“Ieri ero levato in croce con Cristo, oggi sono glorificato con lui; ieri morivo con lui, oggi rivivo; ieri venivo seppellito con lui, oggi risorgo. Offriamo dunque qualcosa a colui che per noi morì ed è risorto. Forse voi pensate a oro, argento... Offriamo invece noi stessi; questo è il possesso più prezioso per Iddio e il più degno di lui. Diamo all'immagine ciò che conviene all'immagine, riconosciamo la nostra dignità, onoriamo il modello, comprendiamo la forza del mistero e il motivo per cui Cristo è morto. Ciascuno dia tutto; tutto, a colui che diede tutto se stesso come prezzo del nostro riscatto. (Gregorio Nazianzeno, *Orazione Isulla Pasqua*).”

“O sole che oggi, * quale sposo dal talamo (cfr Sal 18,6), * sei sorto dalla tomba, * e l'ade hai spogliato * e la morte annientato, * manda a noi la luce, * per intercessione di colei che ti ha partorito: * luce che illumini le anime e i cuori; * luce che tutti conduca a camminare * sui sentieri dei tuoi comandamenti (cfr Sal 118,35 * e sulle vie della pace.

Rallegratevi, cieli, * risuonate, fondamenta della terra, * gridate di gioia, montagne (Is 44,23): * perché ecco, l'Emmanuel (Cfr Mt 1,23) * ha inchiodato alla croce i nostri peccati (Cfr Col 2,14); * Colui che dà la vita ha messo a morte la morte * risuscitando Adamo, * perché è amico degli uomini (*Liturgia bizantina*).

AVVISI

1. A tutti si fanno gli auguri più sentiti di una felicissima Pasqua di Resurrezione.
2. Da lunedì a sabato in albis: Novena della Misericordia Divina dopo la Messa delle 8.
3. Si programmano i seguenti pellegrinaggi: - 30 maggio, Midland; - 26 giugno: Fatima; - 24-27 luglio: Sant'Anna; - settembre: 5 nazioni; - 25-26 settembre: Santi Medici; - ottobre, Terra Santa; - 12 settembre: Teopoli. Per ulteriori informazioni, chiamate Ezia (905-884-3896) o Antonietta Miniaci (905-737-3210).

MASS INTENTIONS**April 4 – 10**

- SUN. 9:30 a.m.** For the Parishioners of St. Mary Immaculate Church
- MON. 9:00 a.m.** † Joseph Pustijanac
- TUE. 8:00 a.m.** † Wang Tung Lam
- WED. 8:00 a.m.** † Holy Souls in Purgatory
7:00 p.m. In Honour of St. Joseph
† Camillo Di Cesare
† Gabriel Magnotta
† Caterina Maria Boragina
† Holy Souls in Purgatory
Special Intention
Intentions of SMI priests
- THURS. 8:00 a.m.** Intentions of our Holy Father
- FRI. 8:00 a.m.** † Holy Souls in Purgatory
7:00 p.m. In honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
† Holy Souls in Purgatory
† Dec. Members of the Naughton Family
† Agnes Tripp
† Gabriel Magnotta
Special Intention
Intentions of SMI priests
Intentions of our Holy Father
- SAT. 9:00 a.m.** In honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
† Mary & Anthony Di Rocco
† Irma Leskowsky
Spec. Int. of Earl Fernandez
† Darwin Durocher
Spec. Int. of Domenica Ludiciani
Spec. Int. of Albina Comendador
Holy Souls in Purgatory
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REMEMBER OUR SICK

Calogero Alessi, Daniella Ballan, Henry Bisnath, Zalina Bisnath, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, David Canivet, Peter Christoff, Manuela Clement, Aldo Dell'erba, Steven Fiorini, Roberto Garcias, Godfrey Gosein, Gertiudes Henriques, Theresa Hogan, Margaret Kelly, Ioannis Kourkoulakos, John LeClaire, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Anthony Morse, Susan, Myola Nunes, Paul Melotte, Francis Maurice, Michael & Michelle Osborne, Esmey, Domenico Pileggi, Louis Pomeroy, Lana Ricci, Todd Santaguida, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Sandra Weinholdt, Kathleen Whealan, Ted Zygmunt.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR DEAD

Elvira Alfano, Maria del Carmen Garavito,
Lorenzo Gatta, Patricia Hatton,

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