

St. Nicholas Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, May 5, 2019 – St. Thomas Sunday
Christ Is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen
Христосъ воскресе! Воистину воскресе!

Sunday, May 5 -10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by our Paschal Dinner
Wednesday, May 8 -9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy
Saturday, May 11 -4:30 - Confessions
-4:45 PM – 9th Hour
-5:00 PM - Vespers
Sunday, May 12 -9:40 AM – 3rd and 6th Hours
-10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy Followed by a Panikhida for our Departed Mothers

Please join us for our Paschal Dinner in the church hall after Liturgy today!

We are most grateful to all of our choir directors and singers, readers, and all who contributed to the beautiful services of Holy Week and Pascha this year as well as to those who assembled and took down the grave. Your service to Christ's Holy Church is well pleasing in His sight. Christ is Risen! God Bless you all!

Our deepest sympathies to Leonard Daniluk and his family on the death earlier this week of his uncle Theodore Grinko. May his Memory be Eternal!

Upcoming Events
Sunday, May 12 – Mother's Day
Saturday, May 18 – Pork Chop Dinner Preparation
Sunday, May 19 – Pork Chop Dinner Following Divine Liturgy

Let's Be Quiet. It Is Time to Listen to the Innermost

There are moments in life when silence is much better than any words.

The blessed silence.

God is waiting for our silence. It speaks louder than words. When we are silent, we begin to hear God.

God does not speak just to anyone, but to us, our soul, and that inner person, whom the Creator has honored with the eternal life.

Only in God can we find peace, only He can comfort us. Only He is able to find the right and important words.

God speaks to us in the language of love. Every day. We see its glimpses in the knowing look of a neighbor, in kind words, in tender care, in help that has come in time.

We hear its sound in the beauty of the nature surrounding us, in the sudden silence, that unexpectedly pierced the space, when, as if by a wave of someone's hand, all the noise disappears giving the solo part to our soul. Then one's soul starts crying.

God reveals to us the depth of His love through the unfathomable power of our humility.

God speaks to us in the language of sorrow, when we do not understand or hear another language. He runs after our groaning soul trying to save it.

While listening to ourselves, we do not hear God. It is the greatest human tragedy.

A person deprives themselves of the parting voice of God, His godly-wise guidance, His fatherly unceasing help and care. His love.

There is no life without Him. There is only a kingdom of death and darkness.

Let's be quiet. Then we would not say unnecessary rude words, repay evil for evil, judge, lie, or slander.

Patience is born in silence, without which it is impossible to achieve any virtue and fathom the truth.

Silence helps to deliberate, while driving off useless thoughts and setting one's mind and heart for spiritual contemplation.

Do not neglect the inner silence, it yields peace and tranquility. It reveals the innermost.

Metropolitan Anthony (Pakanich)

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