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The Glorious Resurrection of the Lord

Mark 16:1-8



When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been

rolled back; it was very large. On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. **He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him.** But go and tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.'" Then they went out and fled from the tomb, seized with trembling and bewilderment. They said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. This is the Truth. Peace be with you.

Mass Schedule

Saturday

4:00 pm

Sunday

8:30 am (Latin Rite)

10:30 am

Live Streaming on Facebook



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YouTube

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Sacraments

Baptism and Confirmation: Please contact the Priest ASAP after the birth of your child.

Reconciliation: Before or after Liturgy or by appointment.

Marriage: Couples must contact the Priest six months before the wedding.

**Meet Your
Pastoral Team**

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Weekly Collection

Sat 4:00pm \$674.00

Sun 8:30am \$346.00

Sun 10:30am \$1458.00

**Eparchial Charities
\$898.00**

THANK YOU!

Second Collections

Friday April 02

Holy Land Good Friday

April 04

Easter Pastor Offering

We cannot Thank you enough for your open-handedness and love for your Church. Your warmth and generosity are inspiring.



Liturgical Intentions

04/03 4:00pm	The Glorious Resurrection of our Lord
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4/10 4:00pm	<p>Birthday remembrance for Marco Paolo Thomas, requested by his family</p> <p>Memorial Liturgy for Berlin Kassis who passed away in Easton, PA, requested by Anthony and Helen Budway.</p>
4/11 8:30am 10:30am	<p>11th Anniversary Liturgy for Laya Yousif, requested by Semer Yousif and his family</p>
4/17 4:00pm	Memorial Liturgy for Najibe Aboud Saliba , requested by the Holy Rosary Sodality.
4/18 8:30am 10:30am	<p>25 Year Memorial Liturgy for Pasquale DigiovanGiacomo, requested by Peter Gazilli and his family.</p> <p>Memorial Liturgy for Najibe Aboud Saliba, requested by Beshara and Wafaa Tahan</p>
4/24 4:00pm	Memorial Liturgy for Hamid Costantine El Khoury , who passed away in Lebanon, requested by Anthony and Helen Budway.
4/25 8:30am 10:30am	One year Anniversary for Lejia Martinous , requested by David and Joanne Thomas
5/1 4:00pm	
5/2 8:30am 10:30am	
5/7 4:00pm	
5/8 8:30am 10:30am	

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Every First Saturday of the month 2:00 – 3:30pm

This year's **Raffle** for the **SAINT JOSEPH HAFLI** is awarding three monetary prizes: 1st prize is \$2,500, 2nd prize is \$1,500 and third prize \$1,000. **Your donation** for each raffle ticket of \$100 will be much appreciated. If you have not purchased your raffle ticket as of yet or you should need additional raffle tickets, please contact Anthony "Tuffy" Budway by email at budway99@verizon.net or the Church office at stgeorgeri1@gmail.com.

Please make **checks payable to Saint George Church**.

WEEKLY BULLETIN Would you like to receive **this bulletin** every week by email and in color? Please email your name, address, and phone number to stgeorgeri1@gmail.com and we will add you to our safe and discreet email list.

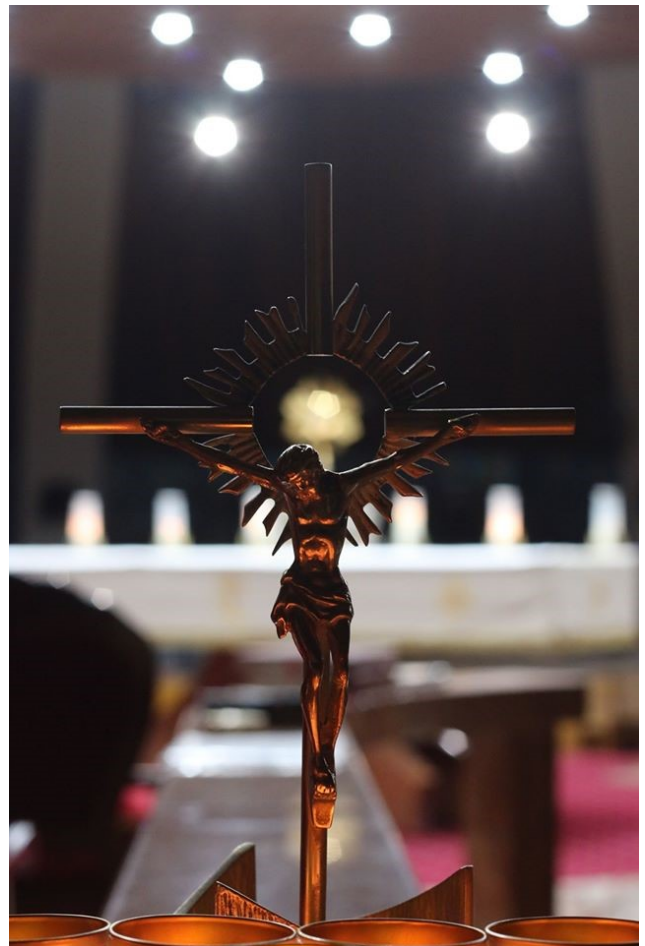
Due to the cancellation of the **Hafli**, the new deadline date to place an Ad is April 12th. The lack of attendance at weekly mass from covid 19 has decreased our budget collection substantially. Your donation towards the Ad Book will help defray the operating expenses of the church.

It is very difficult just to think about Mary's suffering as she stood beneath the cross, watching her son die. The pain must have felt like a knife cutting into her heart, just like Simeon had predicted the day Mary and Joseph presented baby Jesus in the temple. How could she have stood the pain, standing by helplessly, while her son suffered such a horrible death, watching his life slowly slipping away and there was nothing she could do?

There was nothing Jesus could do to ease her pain while she watched him die, but give her to John. He gave his mother to John, to love her, and take care of her for him, after he was gone. They needed each other. They would need each other to get through the days ahead of them. Mary needed John, but John also needed Mary.

We need Mary too, in our own moments of weakness. When we suffer over our own families. When life gets to be too much. Too difficult. Too hard to handle by ourselves. We are not always as strong as her. We are weaker than Mary. When our own faith falters and we are not so sure about our own lives anymore, we should try to remember what Jesus said in the last moments of his life on earth, to "Behold, your mother".

Mary is our mother now. She guides us back to her son. Everything we need to know about life, is found in the death of Jesus Christ on the cross.



The Resurrection of the Lord

Out of all the scriptures passages in the bible, the gospel reading today is the most beautiful and powerful words that have ever been written. They are also the most important words that have ever been recorded in all of human history. Today's gospel is the very foundation of Christianity as we know it. Everything we believe about Jesus Christ begins at this exact moment in time, in today's gospel.



Without Christ's resurrection from the dead, his life would have no meaning. Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead validated everything he said and did during his life, but most importantly, it was validation that he really is the son of God. No other human being has ever come back to life after being dead for three days.

Can you picture Mary Magdalene seeing the two angels, and then Jesus Christ risen from the dead? She didn't just see Jesus, she actually touched him. It was probably an impulsive act that she didn't even think about beforehand. At the sound of the Lord's voice she probably turned to answer him and spontaneously tried to hug him or touch him.

Mary Magdalene had been crying her eyes out over Jesus's death and missing body, but can you imagine her utter amazement and joy to see Jesus himself standing right in front of her? Perhaps Jesus had only been resurrected from the dead for a very short time when Mary saw him though, because Jesus told her not to hold on to him. However, remember when Jesus later on told Thomas to touch the wounds in his hands and side just so he could prove that he had a real body? Today's gospel reading is the first recorded moments of Jesus Christ's resurrection though and he didn't seem to feel entirely comfortable with his newly risen body.

What Jesus said next, assures us of our own salvation and eternal life one day too. Jesus told Mary to, "go to my brothers and tell them, I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene addressed Jesus as "Rabbouni" (teacher). But Jesus did not address his disciples in a formal manner. He called them his brothers, and that his Father was their Father too. Jesus seems to have dispensed with formalities and lovingly called his disciples his brothers. They were like a family to him.

Jesus did say once, that his brothers and sisters were those who did his Father's will. We are Jesus's brothers and sisters too, as long as we remain in His friendship. Everyone who reads this reflection today is part of our Catholic family too. The Holy Spirit binds us together as one family and it doesn't matter where you live. We are still your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Let us pray that our risen Lord may fill our hearts and minds with His eternal love and joy, and keep us close to His merciful heart always.