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Jesus: Resurrection and Life by His Beatitude Gregorios III

Jesus promised resurrection to his disciples (John 6: 39-40) and also told them, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever." (John 6: 51) In Bethany, where he raised Lazarus from the dead, Christ said to Martha, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." (John 11: 25) All the miracles of Jesus are miracles of life, since he restores man to life, by opening ears and eyes, restoring strength to withered hands, enabling the lame and paralytics to walk with head held high, and recalling the dead to life.

Jesus is the Master of life and the guide of the progress of the children of the Resurrection, as he walked on the roads of the Holy Land, in Jerusalem, Galilee, Nazareth, beside the Lake of Tiberias and on the road to Emmaus with his disciples Luke and Cleopas... He continues to walk with the Church, with the sons and daughters of the Resurrection and the Church.

The children of the Resurrection are builders of Syria of the future. The children of our churches and institutions are builders of love and peace.

Resurrection behavior

The words of the well-known French Abbé Pierre (1912-2007), one of the first worker-priests, who are worthy to inspire children of the Resurrection, invite us to this:

"I shall continue to believe, even if everyone loses hope.

I'll continue to love, even if others distil hatred.

I'll continue to build, even if others destroy.

I'll continue to talk peace even in the midst of a war.

I'll continue to spread light, even in the midst of darkness.

I'll continue to sow, even if others trample the harvest.

And I will continue to shout, even if others are silent.

And I shall draw smiles on faces in tears.

And I'll bring relief, when we see the pain.

And I'll offer reasons for joy, where there is only sadness.

I will encourage the one who decided to stop to keep walking ...

And I'll stretch out my arms to those who feel exhausted."

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, ..." Mark 10:14

"To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them." St. Thomas Aquinas

Do not forget the hungry!

(Collection Basket in the Narthex)
Please bring Peanut butter, Soups, Jelly, breakfast cereals (not the ones with lots of sugar, please), Canned meats and vegetables, disposable diapers & detergent, etc. Put your donations in the Narthex.

APRIL 16, 2017

HOLY RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

ACTS 1:1-8

JOHN 1:1-17

FESTAL TONE

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS TRULY RISEN!

Thursday, April 20	10:30 am	Crafty Ladies Meeting
	7:30 pm	Children Internet Education
Sunday, April 23	9:00 am	Children Religious Education
	10:20 am	Doxology
	10:30 am	Divine Liturgy followed by the Social Hour Ladies Guild Meeting

Flowers' donations Intentions, (+) Ebrahim Al-Masri, (+) Nasri Ishak, (+) Anton Hattar, (+) Angie Vanderwey, (+) Deacon Tom Hook, (+) Adeb Khoury, (+) George Haddad

Today's Intention

- For the Health and Salvation of Jennifer Rimmer
- Repose of the Soul of Adeb Khoury by Nijoud Khoury
- Repose of the Soul of Angie Vanderwey by John & Evelyn Davis
- Repose of the Soul of George Haddad by Sami Haddad
- Repose of the Soul of Deacon Tom Hook by Kh. Simone

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: MAY OUR PRAYERS BRING HEALTH, HEALING AND HOPE TO THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE SICK, ESPECIALLY:

Pauline Hamra, Fadia Loegering, Munther Hattar, Dr. Farouk Habra, Alan Herro, Marianne Krouchian, John Davis, Rt. Rev. Charles Aboody, Jennifer Rimmer, Paul Davis, Jacques Rainis, Elizabeth Nahhas, Mk. Brendan and Mk. Basil.

(NAMES REMAIN ON THE PRAYER LIST FOR 6 WEEKS, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE OR EMAIL TO EXTEND.)

Your responsibility as a child of the Resurrection by His Beatitude Gregorios III

Noblesse oblige! The children of the Resurrection are witnesses of the Resurrection (Acts of the Apostles 1: 22). If you are the child of the Resurrection, it means that you are the child of hope, love, devotion, forgiveness, tolerance and giving without counting the cost!

Being a child of the Resurrection means being the child of life, not death. You accept and preserve life, in yourself and with others. You act as Jesus did, that all might have a better, more beautiful, worthy and elevated life and have it more abundantly. (cf. John 10: 10)

Being the child of the Resurrection means being available to serve, help and commit yourself to the welfare of your Church, parish, society and family. You will work hard for and build a better world. You share with others the good things of this earth. You arouse hope for life and happiness, and optimism in others.

"Christ is risen from the dead, and by his death He has trampled upon death, and his given life to those who were in the tombs."

Necessary Weekly offering \$ 2,174.00

Attendance: 102 Souls - Number of envelopes Mailed: 75 - Number of Envelopes Returned: 31

Tithing: 2,467.00 - Bulletin Ads: 0.00 - Building Fund: 0.00 - Feasts: 327.00 - Candles: 0.00

Coffee Collection: 39.00 - Stole Offerings: 12.00 - Memorial/Donations: 180.00 - Marked Fund: 136.00

Thanks for your gift of thanksgiving to the Lord!

WHILE SHOPPING, PLEASE REMEMBER THE POOR

Canned Fruits, Canned Roast Beef, Granola Bars, Jelly, Protein Bars, Tomato Paste, Tomato Sauce, Water Bottles, Spaghetti, Rice, Dry Foods, Canned Vegetables, etc.

For all your Gifts, please call St. John of the Desert Gifts at (602) 363-GIFT

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