

# The Veil

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## Flowers for Holy Week and Pascha 2016

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Elizabeth and Todd Edmund Sweet in memory  
of Earl, Andrew, Elizabeth, Jeannette, Fred,  
Lulabelle, Constantine, and all of the departed  
members of the Sweet and Konon families

...and the loved ones of our parish community



## Hearing the Gospel in a Troparion by Jonathan Jacobson

While I have heard the words sung dozens of times, this past Lent, my eyes were opened to how the Troparion of the Resurrection (5<sup>th</sup> tone) summarizes the Good News about Jesus Christ.

**Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word.** Jesus invites us not only to "repent and believe" (Mark 1:15), but to "worship the Father in spirit and truth" (John 4:23). With the disciples who saw the risen Lord (Matthew 28:17), we also worship Him, since He taught that "all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father" (John 5:23).

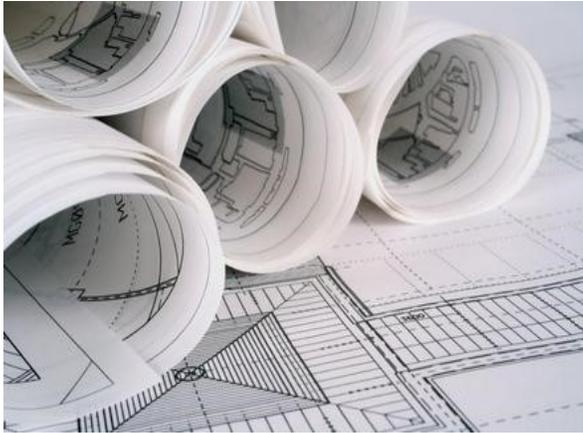
**...co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit.** Jesus said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM" (John 8:58). Christ existed before anything was created, and is the Lord through whom the Father made all things (John 1:1-18, 1 Corinthians 8:6).

**...born for our salvation from the Virgin.** Rejecting God and His love, we human beings "fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23) and become slaves to sin (John 8:34), the devil (2 Timothy 2:26), and death itself (Romans 6:16). But the Theotokos, the ever-virgin Mary, welcomed Jesus into her life so He could "save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).

**...for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh.** Jesus chose to give up His life so He could share true life with all of us: "I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world" (John 6:51).

**...to endure death.** Hebrews 12:2 says Jesus "for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross." Fr. George Calciu of blessed memory taught that "He came to fill human suffering with His presence." Hebrews 2:14-15 explains that, "as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."

**...and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.** Like the eyewitnesses who were willing to die for the risen Lord, we can learn to "not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead" (2 Corinthians 1:9). We can sing, "Come, all you faithful, let us venerate Christ's Holy Resurrection! For, behold, through the Cross joy has come into all the world."



## Archangel, Archbishop, Architect

By Deacon Nicholas Dujmovic

What these three words have in common--as well as others in church usage that begin with "arch"--is the concept of order. For the Greek *arche* refers to the proper ordering of something, specifically something higher, senior, or chief. So, an archangel is higher than a "mere" angel, an archbishop is a senior bishop, and an architect is an *arkhi-tekton*, a chief builder.

Our parish has engaged the consultative services of an architect to help us consider some options for our church building. There are three things we'd like to do--we are Trinitarians, after all--and all three involve the front entrance to our temple. We want to:

1. Provide a handicap-accessible restroom in the basement
2. Make the basement and the church narthex and nave accessible to those in wheelchairs
3. Take the opportunity, during the construction, to give our church a more Orthodox look

This is a fairly complex but exciting process. Measurements have been carefully taken, consultations are ongoing, and initial plans will soon be drafted. All in good order! Please direct questions to parish council members David Fernandez and Todd Sweet or to Father David or Deacon Nicholas. We want to hear from you!

### *Enjoy coffee? Love monasteries?...*

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## St. Juliana Fellowship Meeting

Please plan to attend the next St. Juliana meeting  
Sunday May 22, 2016, following Divine Liturgy  
Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. The rummage  
sale and ideas for fund raising will be discussed.

### BeeTreat!

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Click link to register



Join Orthodox Christians from the Maryland area for this retreat, which is open to all Orthodox youth (6th-12th grade), parents, youth workers (18 years and older), and young adults (ages 18-35)!

Date: **Saturday, May 28, 2016**

Time: **9:30am:** Youth (6th-12th grade), Parents, and Youth Workers (18 years and older)

**7pm:** Young Adult (ages 18-35)  
Orthodoxy On Tap

Location: Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation: 24 W Preston St, Baltimore, MD 21201

Cost: Free!

Questions: Contact Andreas Houpos @ [ahoupos@goannun.org](mailto:ahoupos@goannun.org)

Hosted by: Y2AM (The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries), the Metropolis of New Jersey Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, and the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation.



## God Grant You Many Years!

### May Birthdays

Alexis Masick  
Irene Liu  
Ivan Plis  
Jeff McCarty  
Kevin Robinson  
Lucian Rosca  
Nancy Koory  
Matt Stripling  
Megan McCarty  
Robert Yuskavage  
Scott Maximos (turns 2!)

### Names Days

May 5—Great Martyr Irene—  
Hazel Irene Lorentz

### Anniversaries

Jonathan Chaves and  
Anna Caravelli  
J.P. and Kami Cleary  
Joe and Roseanna Cox  
Nick and April Masick  
Thomas and Antionette  
Robertson



The **IOCC Kit Stuffing Extravaganza** is happening on May 7th. RSVP to let us know if you'll join us for lunch at 11:30 am (after Bright Saturday services) and stuff kits (12:00 - 2:30 pm). Feel free to invite your friends! We need both children and adults on May 7th. Bandages, soap, and toothbrushes are still needed. We really need more people to stuff kits, someone to make lunch, and someone to drive the kits to Maryland at their convenience.

You can place supplies in the box in the library and let us know what you're bringing on [Signup Genius](#). Or, checks can be made out to St. Mary Orthodox Church with "IOCC Kit Supplies" in the memo line.



## Joseph of Arimathea

Subdeacon Nicholas Jones

As we begin our Paschal celebration, let us remember Joseph's offering unto Christ, which is often overlooked, but is worth pondering. Joseph begged Pilate for the body of Jesus, wishing to prepare it for burial, and upon receiving it he placed it in a new tomb, hewn out of rock. This sacrifice seems small, and we just pass it by. But, what we are missing is a depth of love and selflessness unto which, I pray, we may hope to attain.

This tomb, given to Christ out of love, was Joseph's own tomb; the tomb he had prepared for his own death. And, yet, it is given away freely for a lifeless corpse claiming to be the Christ. How many times have I missed this upon hearing and reading this passage? Indeed, it is subtle, but let us consider it, for our own spiritual benefit.

The Master has died. Their Teacher is dead, He who gave them hope in eternal life and the coming Kingdom of God. The disciples followed Him, leaving everything, and gave their life to Him. Yet, all their promises are shattered on the life-giving Cross. They don't know where to go, or what to do. Most flee, eventually hiding from fear of the Jews. But, Joseph returns in courage, and humbles himself to ask Pilate for the body of Christ. Indeed, Joseph rose above his "incorrect" hopes in this messiah, and was still able to see the humanity remaining in this lifeless corpse.

He took this "imposter" and gave Him the burial he deserved as a man, giving Him the place prepared for himself. Now, Joseph forsakes his own life, to give it to Christ. How often do we spend as much time cultivating our own goals and houses and lives, making it just right, as Joseph did in preparing his tomb so he might die in dignity? Yet, will we give it up in a second to a stranger, to someone whom we thought we knew, but were wrong?

We have the proof of the resurrection, and we still do not have the courage or strength to leave that which we have prepared for ourselves and give it instead to Christ. But,

Joseph gave his *own* tomb, not a small tomb he had prepared for someone else. His life no longer mattered, because a human being whom he loved needed a place to lay his head.

How true are the words spoken by our Lord, "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." And, Joseph has indeed fulfilled these words. Not all of us will be called to be martyred for Christ, but all of us are called to lay down our life for our friends, which is all of humanity.

We all have an inherent dignity in us, which today is cheapened by everything around us. Through the world, we are no longer called to the dignity of humanity, but are rather reduced to machines that make money, living to establish a legacy. We search the internet looking for interesting things, rather than cultivating the interesting parts of our own soul.

Joseph showed dignity unto Him who restored dignity to all of humanity. Christ showed us the original Image after which we ourselves were fashioned, so that we might know what our goal and aim was. And, Joseph, forsaking his own hopes and dreams, forsaking his own despair, and his own life, saw in Christ the Image to which we are called.

May we, too, prepare a place in ourselves fitting for Christ, sealing Him inside the new, clean, and purified sepulcher of our heart, so that He may descend into the lowest regions of our own soul. Christ frees our captured humanity, to restore it to its ancient dignity.

May He break the seal of our heart, allowing it to overflow with the light and joy of His resurrection, filling our lives with the peace He bestows upon His disciples. That by preparing a place for our inner-selves, and giving it over to Christ, we may inherit the place prepared for us in the Kingdom of Heaven from before the foundations of the world, to be enthroned with Him in majesty on high. To Him be glory unto the ages of ages. Amen.



# May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12am - 2am Pascal Matins and Liturgy</li> <li>• Pascha!</li> <li>• 2am - 4am Agape meal</li> <li>• 1pm - 2pm Agape Vespers</li> <li>• 2pm - 5pm Lamb Roast/Egg Hunt</li> </ul>	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10am - 11:40am Bright Liturgy with Chrismation</li> <li>• 7pm - 7:30pm Bright Vespers</li> </ul>	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7am - 8am Bright Liturgy</li> <li>• 7pm - 7:30pm Bright Vespers</li> </ul>	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7am - 8am Bright Liturgy</li> <li>• 7pm - 7:30pm Bright Vespers</li> </ul>	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7am - 8am Bright Liturgy</li> <li>• 7pm - 7:30pm Bright Vespers</li> </ul>	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10am - 11am Bright Liturgy</li> <li>• 12pm - 1pm Book Study</li> <li>• 7pm - 7:30pm Bright Vespers</li> </ul>	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10am - 11am Bright Liturgy</li> <li>• 5pm - 6pm Vespers</li> </ul>
8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Thomas Sunday</li> <li>• 9am - 10am Choir Practice/Matins</li> <li>• 10am - 11:45am Divine Liturgy</li> <li>• 12:30pm - 2:30pm Blessing of Graves (by request)</li> </ul>	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Office Closed</li> <li>• 7pm - 8pm Byzantine Chant Class</li> <li>• 7:30pm - 8:30pm NAMI: Family Support</li> </ul>	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Office Closed</li> </ul>	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Office Closed</li> </ul>	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Office Closed</li> </ul>	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Office Closed</li> </ul>	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5pm - 6pm Vespers</li> </ul>
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22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healing the Paralytic</li> <li>• 9am - 10am Choir Practice/Matins</li> <li>• 10am - 11:45am Divine Liturgy</li> <li>• 12pm - 12:30pm St. Juliana Fellowship</li> </ul>	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7pm - 8pm Byzantine Chant Class</li> </ul>	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7pm - 9pm Parish Council</li> </ul>	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mid-Pentecost</li> <li>• 7am - 8am Divine Liturgy</li> <li>• 7pm - 7:30pm Daily Vespers</li> <li>• 7:30pm - 8:30pm Adult Education</li> </ul>	26	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12pm - 1pm Book Study</li> </ul>	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5pm - 6pm Vespers</li> </ul>

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