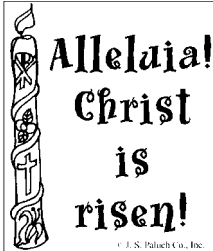


Easter Sunday

April 16, 2006

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.— *Psalm 118:17*



Al-Massih Qam — Haqan Qam Christ is Risen — He is really Risen

by *Father Labib Kobti*

When the first time the angels announced to the women that Christ was really risen, Matthew 28:1-8; Mark 16: 1-8; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-2, the women could not believe. The Angels would insist: "Remember what he said to you while he was still in Galelee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and rise on the third day" Luke 24:6-7

Still today some people doubt that Jesus was risen. St. Paul would say "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, your faith, because we testified against God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise..." 1 Cor 15:13

The resurrection of Christ made from the apostles the people who witnessed to death about a dead person who is no more dead but a risen lord. The Acts of the Apostles tells us how much they had suffered and then were put to death because they were saying and repeating every where to every one: Al-Massih Qam — Haq Qam, Christ is risen — He is really risen.

The Resurrection of Christ made them strong, unafraid persons, ready to give up their lives, ready to forgive if they are persecuted, ready to sing the joy of the triumph of Christ over the cross even if they are put to the most horrible death.

The Resurrection of Christ, this Christ who "Qam" (who is risen) filled all their energy with positive spirit of love, courage, hope and sacrifice. They know since then that they are called to love to the end and to offer the ultimate sacrifice if it is needed with great love and joy. Nothing can stop them from loving and continue to love to the end.

The Resurrection of Christ made them see that they are created to eternity, to infinity, to live for ever in Christ, to do all what they can to "let the kingdom of God come" everywhere "on Earth as it is in Heaven".

The Resurrection put end to death and made death only a step to eternity and real life in Christ.

What does the resurrection do to you?

- If it does not fill you with love and make you ready to give your life what can then?
- If it does not make from you a happy person, then nothing can make you happy.
- If it does not give you courage to forgive and forget the hurts nothing can then.
- If it does not help you to trust in Jesus as the Lord of your life, what can then?
- If it does not make you a witness of the new life in Christ, what can then?
- If it does not make you proud of your Christ, then what makes you proud?
- If it does not make you unafraid of death, then what makes you courageous?

Upcoming Parish Events

Mon. Apr 17
Bible Study & Prayer
Group, Chapel, 7:30
pm

Tue., Apr 18
Legion of Mary, 7
pm
Scanlan Hall

Fri., Apr 21
AACC Youth Group,
6:30 PM, Scanlan
Hall

Prince of Peace,
8:30 PM, Scanlan
Hall

READINGS FOR THE WEEK, SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday, Apr 16 **Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord;** Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4
Monday: **Monday in the Octave of Easter, Income Tax Day;** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: **Tuesday in the Octave of Easter;** Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: **Wednesday in the Octave of Easter;** Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: **Thursday in the Octave of Easter;** Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
Friday: **Friday in the Octave of Easter;** Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: **Saturday in the Octave of Easter; Earth Day;** Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday : **Second Sunday of Easter; Divine Mercy Sunday;** Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Full Plate Program: Thanks for your support of this program. Pls. bring your donations of canned foods and dry goods & place them in the green bins at the church entrance. Menu items: 1 bag of rice, 2 cans of vegetables, 1 canned ham (or other canned meat, 1 plastic bottle of cooking oil. No glass items. Thanks.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Easter Egg Hunt today after the 10:00 AM at the Bufano Peace Statue across the street. Parents, please go with your children.

*We welcome and congratulate those who were **Baptized and Confirmed** during our Easter celebrations:

*Jeff MacIlraith
Azadeh Motahari
Nigel Bowser*

We also welcome for **full reception into the church and for Confirmation:**

Samuel Yelland & Abigail Lambert and congratulate the **Confirmandi:**

*Eric Young
Elizabeth Hurtado
Alesia Santiago*

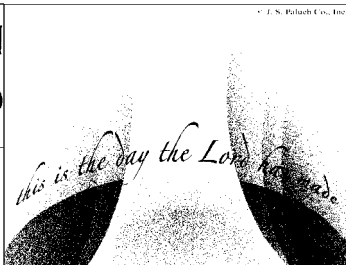
We welcome the following who were **Baptized** during our Easter celebrations:

Diala, Nadine, Nidal & Sally Nasser

*We also rejoice and celebrate with the following who will receive the **Eucharist for the first time** on Sunday, the 23rd:

*Elias Arrunategui
Joe & Kiki Faafiu
Gabriel Garcia Jue
Eddie Muaddi
Jasmin Perkins
Deija Rothenberg
Fue & Soni Tualalelei
Denzel Edelweiss Vaovasa
Antonio Wheatley
Ricky Torres
Nathaniel Woodside
Nadine, Nidal & Sally Nasser
Angelica & Crystalyne Malbas*

*Everyone is cordially invited to the **San Francisco Great Earthquake of 1906 Centennial Commemoration Mass at St. Emydius on April 18, 2006, 5:00 AM.** Potluck Breakfast at Father O'Reilly Center follows. St. Emydius is at 255 Jules Street.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Our tradition has a way of honoring age-old customs, and is patient with how practices unfold in different places. The name of today's feast illustrates this well. English is a Germanic language, and our word "Easter," or German "Oester," points back to the pagan goddess Eoestre, the star of the vernal equinox feast. The Greek title "Pasch" reaches back in a more helpful manner to the Hebrew "Pesach," or "Passover." "Paschal Triduum" may be slow to replace "Easter" in our vocabulary, but it is clearer about the mystery we celebrate today, the culmination of three days laden with mystery and meaning.

You can hear the older term, and the resistance to English influence, in the Irish "Casca" and Scottish "Pask." Romance languages stay close to the deep paschal tradition, with the French "Pâques," Spanish "Pascua" and Italian "Pasqua." Memories of our pagan past with "Oester" will not soon fade away: even Japanese Christians are under her spell, for today's feast is called "I-suta." Swahili, a young language, takes the more traditional route with "Pasaka." Each language yields a rich insight into the feast. Spanish includes a sense that today is a "big Sunday" by adding the designation "Pascua" to the greatest feasts, such as "Pascua de la Natividad" (Christmas). Once Christ is risen, every step of life's journey is illuminated by the light of the Pasch!
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THE RETURN OF EASTER

The return of Easter should be to the Christian life the call of a trumpet. It is the news of a great victory. It is the solution of a great perplexity. It is the assurance of a great triumph.—Frederick Temple

MASS INTENTIONS

April 16 — April 22, 2006

- 04/16 Sun 10:00 am People of the Parish
8:00 pm Helen Sanchez (b'day)
- 04/17 Mon 8:30 am Arthur & Dina Padlan†
- 04/18 Tue 5:30 pm Vincent duc Luu†
- 04/19 Wed 8:30 am Eva Aguas (b'day)
- 04/20 Thur
- 04/21 Fri 8:30 am Joan Carew†
- 04/22 Sat 8:30 am Wilfrido Macias†
5:00 pm Carmelo Mazza†

Please call the office to schedule. Participating in the mass you offer is preferred.



All the sick people in our parish especially Napoleon Oribello, Brian D'Arcy, George Crawford, Restituto de Guzman, Michael Karney, Majida Totah,

& Dino Rulloda, for those who are terminally ill, for those fighting addiction and those with mental illness. We also pray for all the deceased members of our parish.

Pls. give us names of the sick in your family, and your beloved departed; names will be changed as needed.

Thank you for your contributions. Please remember us in your prayers.

This bulletin is sent in early. Total amount of 04/09 offertory will be announced next week.

Your tithing offertory (04/02):
\$1,211



Actual Construction Money in Bank **\$116,459**

Please continue to support our Construction fund. We need to repair the Skylight, upgrade the lights in the church and upgrade Carroll Hall.

Thank you!