

**PASTOR'S THOUGHTS:***March 31 – April 1, 2018*

Our Easter celebrations begin with ancient rituals performed outside the Co-Cathedral Church on Easter Vigil that builds up to the “Exultet” or the Great Easter Proclamation once we get inside the church. The Great Easter Proclamation begins with:

*“Exult, them exult, the hosts of heaven, exult, let Angel ministers of God exult, let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King’s triumph!”*

On this most holy night of all, the Cantor will invite us to rejoice with all that we have as proclaim to all the world – Jesus Christ is risen! This invitation reminds us all not to “just be happy,” but to truly rejoice from the core of our beings because our Lord has risen from the dead to save us. The promise has been fulfilled and we have been restored to that dignity that was once ours (lost due to sin), has now been regained. The Exultet continues;

*“Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness.”*

The joy that we all should be experiencing this weekend is beyond comparison. This joy saturates our hearts and souls and spirits. It is a joy that could only come from the fulfillment of something so desired and expected, our most ardent longings (like falling in love, being married, having children, winning a competition, fulfilling a long-awaited tasks) – now accomplished. To rejoice on this night is to explode with so much joy, words and expressions being not sufficient to express our happiness.

*“Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice, arrayed with the lightning of His glory, let this holy building shake with joy, filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.”*

Our joy that stems from the knowledge and experience of the Risen Lord, emanating from within our souls that even makes buildings and temples, and all places of worship to shake and tremble. It is a contagious kind of joy that makes everyone feel so good about themselves and others, about their lives and

faith as well.

On this most holy night, we forget at least for a while, the Good Fridays of our lives (past and present); and basking in the glory of the Risen Lord, we celebrate our lives and faith as if there has never been any sorrows or pains, no frustration or disappointments, no fear and worries. For this experience and for a brief moment, we are invited to enjoy the **perfection** of the night and day won and offered to us by the Lord.

Because of this, we can truly REJOICE because of the Risen Christ. We can exult in happiness for what God has done to reclaim us. We can jump for joy for the good things to come. This weekend and hopefully for this entire Season of Easter, I pray that you will experience the joy of the Lord and welcome the peace that He brings into to our lives and faith. For no better way of celebrating His rising from the dead, no effective way of testifying to the resurrection, but to live our lives each day with happiness in peace that could only come from a living Lord. So, if we want to tell the whole world the Jesus is Risen from the dead, let us show to all people that we truly are alive in our faith and blessed in our lives. A happy Easter to one and all!

*Father Vic+*

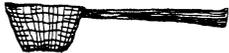


**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection  
of the Lord  
April 1, 2018**

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

**March 17th & 18th 2018**

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**Alleluia!  
Christ  
is  
risen!**

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**EASTER SUNDAY VIGIL**

The Mass of the Resurrection  
Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 8 PM

**EASTER SUNDAY MASSES**

Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>  
7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am  
**NO** 6 pm Mass!

**Save the Date...**



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