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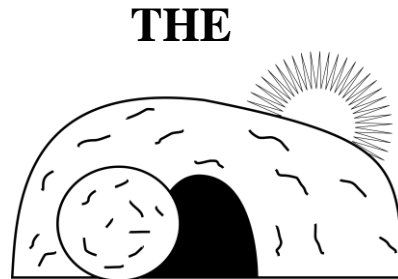
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THE RESURRECTION

*(The following are comments
on St. Matthew 28:1-10 by
Bishop J.C. Ryle.)*

The principal subject of these verses is the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. It is one of those truths which lie at the very foundation of Christianity, and has therefore received special attention in the four Gospels. All four Evangelists describe minutely how our Lord was crucified: all four relate, with no less clearness, that he rose again.

We need not wonder that so much importance is attached to our Lord's resurrection: it is the seal and headstone of the great work of redemption, which he came to do; it is the crowning proof that he has paid the debt which he undertook to pay on our behalf, won the battle which

he fought to deliver us from hell, and is accepted as our Surety and our Substitute by our Father in heaven. Had he never come forth from the prison of the grave, how could we ever have been sure that our ransom had been fully paid? (*I Cor. 15:17*). Had he never risen from his conflict with the last enemy, how could we have felt confident, that he has overcome death, and him that had the power of death, that is the devil? (*Heb. 2:14*). But thanks be unto God, we are not left in doubt: the Lord Jesus really 'rose again for our justification.' True Christians are 'begotten again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead;' they may boldly say with Paul, 'Who is he that condemneth: it is Christ that died, yea rather that is risen again' (*Rom. 4:25; I Pet. 1:3; Rom. 8:34*). We have reason to be very thankful that this wonderful truth of our religion is so clearly and fully proved. It is a striking circumstance, that of all the facts of our Lord's

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earthly ministry, none are so incontrovertibly established as the fact that he rose again. The wisdom of God, who knows the unbelief of human nature, has provided a great cloud of witnesses on the subject. Never was there a fact which the friends of God were so slow to believe, as the resurrection of Christ; never was there a fact which the enemies of God were so anxious to disprove: and yet, in spite of the unbelief of friends, and the enmity of foes, the fact was thoroughly established. Its evidences will always appear to a fair and impartial mind unanswerable: it would be impossible to prove anything in the world, if we refuse to believe that Jesus rose again.

Let us notice in these verses, *the glory and majesty with which Christ rose from the dead*. We are told that 'there was a great earthquake.' We are told that 'the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door of the sepulchre, and sat upon it.' We need not suppose that our

blessed Lord needed the help of any angel, when he came forth from the grave; we need not for a moment doubt that he rose again by his own power: but it pleased God, that his resurrection should be accompanied and followed by signs and wonders. It seemed good that the earth should shake, and a glorious angel appear, when the Son of God arose from the dead as a conqueror.

Let us not fail to see in the manner of our Lord's resurrection, a type and pledge of the resurrection of his believing people. The grave could not hold him beyond the appointed time, and it shall not be able to hold them; a glorious angel was a witness of his rising, and glorious angels shall be the messengers who shall gather believers when they rise again: he rose with a renewed body, and yet a body, real, true, and material, and so also shall his people have a glorious body, and be like their Head. 'When we see him we shall be like him' (*I John 3:2*).



Let us take comfort in this thought. Trial, sorrow, and persecution are often the portion of God's people; sickness, weakness, and pain often hurt and wear their poor earthly tabernacle: but their good time is yet to come. Let them wait patiently, and they shall have a glorious resurrection. When we die, and where we are buried, and what kind of a funeral we have, matters little: the great question to be asked is this, 'How shall we rise again?'

PARISH NEWS

LENT began on Ash Wednesday, March 1. On Wed. evenings thereafter in March, we gathered in the Parish Hall for a Soup Supper followed by the Lenten Service upstairs. We thank all those who prepared soup or brought salad and/or bread.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



One more Lent Service and Soup Supper on Wed., April 5, 2017. Please sign up and come. Supper 6:30 p.m. Service 7:30 p.m.

OFFERINGS during Lent + **Good Friday** are for the **Good Shepherd RE Church in Osijek** for their **Croatia Project, "Re-Evangelizing Europe"** by completing a museum for outreach.

Spring Cleaning



WORK DAY

April 8, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. We will be working inside the building. Future outside work days – May 6 & Oct. 28



HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY, April 9
(Children Singing in the service)

GOOD FRIDAY, April 14
Stations of the Cross 3:00
Good Friday Service 7:30

EASTER SUNDAY,
April 16, 2017
**Easter Egg Hunt and
Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.**
**Easter Holy Communion
Service at 10:30 a.m.**



YOUTH OUTING

April 30th after church. Please let Will or Beth Garrison know if you can attend.



BIBLE STUDY

for April will be Wednesdays the 12th and 26th at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Come one, come all! Inspiring study!



WAKE & FUNERAL for Stephen Horosinski

Sept. 23, 1925 – Mar. 31, 2017
Wake Thurs., Apr. 6, 3:00-9:00 pm
Funeral Friday, Apr. 7 at
Kosary Funeral Home
9837 S. Kedzie Ave.
Evergreen Park, IL
708-499-3223



LILIES FOR EASTER

Those wishing to purchase lilies in Honor or in Memory of loved ones, please fill out forms provided in Narthex and put in envelope with money, \$15 for each lily given by Palm Sunday.

MISSIONARIES OF THE MONTH

Please be in prayer for Rev. Rinzi Lama, President of the ACNA in Napel, and for the parishes there.


*Birthdays
of the Month of April*

Beth Garrison, Cheryl Novak, Amelia Sellers, Festus Olotu, Jesse Nwosu, Mark Levi, Gabriel Olajide, Gideon Olajide, Logan Sellers, Dr. Richard Oni