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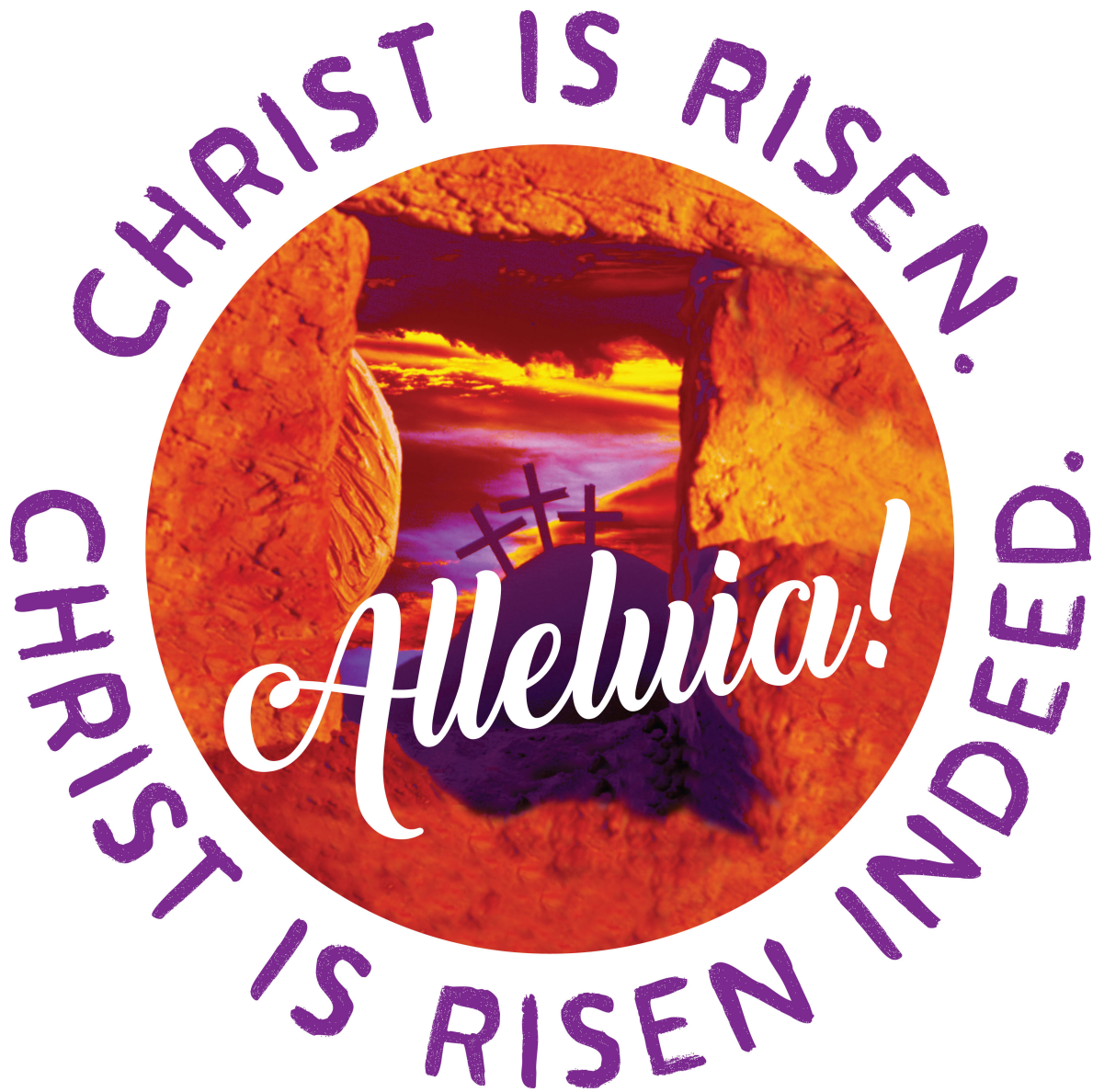
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Announcements

SPECIAL DATES

- Palm Sunday, April 2,
- Good Friday, April 7
- Easter, April 9

NEW MINISTRIES

A new **Bereavement Ministry** has been formed, led by Sister Francine Jones, to provide assistance to our members during a family loss. We would like to extend an open invitation for service. We encourage our young adults to get involved in this ministry, as well. If you desire to be a part of this outreach ministry, please sign up across from the Courtesy Desk.

"Comfort for the Widow's Heart" is a new **Widows Ministry**, led by Sister Delia Williams. Please join us for our first gathering, which will be held here in the Fellowship Hall on April 29, 2023 from 11 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

This is an outreach ministry to support our Widows. If you are a widow and did not receive an invitation, please know you are indeed invited to attend.

Our guest speaker will be Sister Barbara Gentry-Pugh, a former member of Macedonia.

Please sign up at the courtesy desk or call Sister Delia Williams @ 313-443-1877 or Sister Sheila Allen @ 313-802-2846 to register.



Please plan to attend weekly at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. If you are unable to attend in person, don't forget to tune in via live stream.

The 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. will be devoted to Praise and Worship, Testimony and Fellowship. Come out and join us in uplifting our Savior. Refreshments will be served immediately following the Worship service. Don't forget to sign-up across from the courtesy desk so that we can have a count for the refreshments.

Prayer Meeting is held at 12 Noon and 6 pm on Wednesday's (excluding the 4th Wednesday)

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers serve one select Sunday per month during the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. If interested, please contact Sis. Maxine Gardner at 313-255-4643.



WEEKLY SERMONS

CDs and DVDs are available through the Audio Ministry. Visit www.mbcdet.com/media or via the **MBCDET app** to listen to archived sermons.

📖 March 5, 2023, 11:00 a.m.
“Put Your Rocks Down”
John 8:7,9
Pastor Terry Minor

📖 March 12, 2023, 11:00 a.m.
“Ain’t Too Proud To Beg”
Luke 18:1-8
Pastor Terry Minor

📖 March 19, 11:00 a.m.
“Do You Love God?”
Matthew 22:34
Pastor Terry Minor

📖 March 26, 2023, 11:00 a.m.
“From Loving To Serving”
John 13:1-15
Pastor Terry Minor



In the early years of the U.S. space program, a small but powerful rocket was supported by a metal framework. This “escape tower” was bolted to the capsule in which astronauts awaited takeoff. If disaster occurred, the escape tower was to carry the capsule up and away from the main rocket. A parachute would then float the astronauts safely to earth.

Jesus’ resurrection is more than a great escape. If he had merely eluded death, that would be akin to resuscitation. By God’s power, Jesus didn’t merely survive death but conquered it, once and for all. On Easter, Jesus returns to life not for his own sake but for the sake of all humanity. He reassures the disciples and us — “Peace be with you.”

Fit After 50

Submitted by Wendell Smitherman

Pumping iron can also pump up your brain power. That’s the upshot of a new study showing that boosting muscle strength enhances brain function in people with mild memory and thinking problems . The research included 100 people ages 55 to 86. All had mild cognitive impairment, a precursor to Alzheimer’s disease . The study volunteers who did weight training twice a week for six months showed significant improvements in mental function and memory. The benefits lasted for at least a year according to the study, published in the Journal of American Geriatrics Society.

Source: Health radar, January 2017

NATIONAL READING MONTH



(from left to right) Kai Edwards, Kenneth Cooksey III, Kennieyah Cooksey, London Moore, Christian Maxwell, Lauren Moore, Corey Maxwell. In the background, their teacher Sis. Maryann Windham

National Reading Month has been described as a time to encourage and celebrate a love of literature in schools and beyond.

National Reading Month is celebrated in March to honor Dr. Suess's birthday. In this month people, especially children, read a lot more in celebration and although some people may find the increased emphasis on reading to be boring, the increase in reading during this month has significant benefits that will continue to pay off in the future. Reading is one of the best habits to develop; it strengthens the mental muscles, helps to improve comprehension and analytical abilities, and increases imagination and boosts memory.

Nowadays, even though almost everyone can read, people hardly read and, unfortunately, we are losing our reading culture as a society. That is why we all need this National Reading Month which is a whole month to help us revive our reading habits.

Source: National Today—"History of National Reading Month".

What Is Orthodox Easter? Origin and Date for 2023

Submitted by Maxine Gardner

When is Orthodox Easter in 2023, and why is it a different date for Orthodox Christians?

[Christianity.com Editorial Staff](#)

The different date for Orthodox Easter comes from following the Julian calendar, which differs from the Gregorian calendar used by most western countries and Christian denominations. Consequently, Orthodox Easter often occurs a week later, closer to the March equinox.

Orthodox Easter in 2023

Easter for most western Christians will occur this year on **Sunday, April 9th, 2023**, according to the Gregorian calendar. Orthodox Easter will fall on **Sunday, April 16th, 2023**, according to the Julian calendar used by much of Eastern Orthodoxy.

The Origin of Orthodox Easter

In 325 AD, the Council of Nicaea decided that Easter would be observed on the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the March equinox. While the Council of Nicaea set the Easter date for most churches worldwide, not all Christian churches observe Easter according to the Gregorian calendar. Many Orthodox churches still witness Easter in congruence with the Julian calendar.

Julian vs. Gregorian Calendar

The reason for the two different calendars actually came from a miscalculation of astronomy. The primary goal of creating the Gregorian calendar was to alter the time of Easter.

According to history.com, "In 1582, when Pope Gregory XIII introduced his Gregorian calendar, Europe adhered to the Julian calendar, first implemented by Julius Caesar in 46 B.C. Since the Roman emperor's system miscalculated the length of the solar year by 11 minutes, the calendar had since fallen out of sync with the seasons. This concerned Gregory because it meant that Easter, traditionally observed on March 21, fell further away from the spring equinox with each passing year."

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Symbols and Traditions of Orthodox Easter

Although the dates may differ for Orthodox Easter, the traditions and meaning are nearly identical to those of other denominations, being a remembrance of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

According to timeanddate.com, "One of the most common Christian symbols associated with Easter is the lamb. It is often depicted with a banner that bears a cross, and it is known as the Agnus Dei, meaning "Lamb of God" in Latin. The symbol's origin relates to the Jewish Passover.

In ancient times the Jews sacrificed a lamb in the course of the festival. The early Christians associated the sacrifice of the lamb with Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the cross. They connected the joyous Passover festival, which celebrates the liberation of Jewish people from years of bondage in Egypt, with the liberation from death represented by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In Greece, Easter Sunday is also a widely celebrated occasion. Lambs are roasted on a spit and the provision of wine is abundant. The roasted lamb is served in honor of Jesus Christ, who was sacrificed and rose again on Easter. Lamb is the most traditional Greek Easter food. Red-dyed eggs are cracked against each other and the person with the last remaining un-cracked egg will have good luck. Easter Sunday is a time of festivity and people eat, chat, or dance throughout the night."

Bible Verses about Easter

Acts 12:4 - *And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people.*

Romans 5:8 - *But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Romans 4:25 - *Who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.*

John 11:25-26 - *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"*

Romans 1:4 - *And was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord*

1 Corinthians 15:42-44 - *So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.*

1 Peter 1:3 - *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

John 3:16 - *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

Sources: Orthodox Easter Day - timeanddate.com

6 Things You May Not Know About the Gregorian Calendar - history.com



Superintendent of Sunday School: *Rev. Brady Bennett*
 Assistant Superintendent of Sunday School: *Bro. Henry Chestnut*
 Director of Christian Education: *Rev. Ronald Davis*

The Sunday School classes will be conducting lessons via Zoom for the time being.

Note: The Juniors Sunday School Class Zoom Information, Effective October 2, 2022, has changed, Please see below.

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Sister Mary Ann Windham	Juniors, Beginners & Primaries	Phone: 313-418-8830 Email: maryann.windham@yahoo.com

We invite you, your family, friends and neighbors to join our Sunday School Classes; you will be blessed! All classes are being held onsite and virtually with the exception of the Beginners and Primaries. They are online only.

CLASSES	ZOOM ID'S	PASSWORDS	CLASS TIMES
Adult Men and Women	927 219 5591	4Y06SC	9:30-10:30 AM (ET)
Adult Women	801 855 9447	646902	9:30-10:30 AM (ET)
Millennial Sunday School for Teens and Young Adults	314 202 2102	503816	9:30-10:30 AM (ET)
Juniors (10-12 yrs.)	755 2646 4085	3WCNis	9:30-10:30 AM (ET)
Primaries (7-9 yrs.)	830 6987 0617	primary	10:00-10:55 AM (ET)
Beginners (4-6 yrs.)	246 295 5225	5TykPq	10:00-10:40 AM (ET)

The list of lessons for APRIL includes the following:

DATE	LESSON	SCRIPTURE
April 2	Crucified for Sinners	Matthew 27:38-54
April 9	Risen from the Dead (Easter)	John 20:1-10, 19-20
April 16	Proofs of the Resurrection	Luke 24:36-53
April 23	The Bread of Life	John 6:22-35
April 30	The Light of the World	John 8:12-20; 12:44-46



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*Easter
Blessings*