

The Immaculate Heart



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Is
Risen*

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An Easter Homily

We should understand, beloved, that the paschal mystery is at once old and new, transitory and eternal, corruptible and incorruptible, mortal and immortal. In terms of the Law it is old, in terms of the Word it is new. In its figure it is passing, in its grace it is eternal. It is corruptible in sacrifice of the lamb, incorruptible in the eternal life of the Lord. It is mortal in his burial in the earth, immortal in his resurrection from the dead.....

The Lord, though he was God, became human. He suffered for the sake of those who suffer, he was bound for those in bonds, condemned for the guilty, buried for those who lie in the grave; but he rose from the dead, and cried aloud: "Who will contend with me? Confront me." I have freed the condemned, brought the

dead back to life, raise the dead from their graves. Who has anything to say against me? I, he said, am the Christ; I have destroyed death, triumphed over the enemy, trampled hell underfoot, bound the strong one, and taken humanity up to the heights of heaven: I am the Christ.

Come then, all you nations, receive forgiveness for the sins that defile you. I am your forgiveness. I am the Passover that brings salvation. I am the lamb who was immolated for you. I am your ransom, your life, your resurrection, your light, I am your salvation and your king. I will bring you to the heights of heaven. With my own right hand I will raise you up, and I will show you the eternal Father.

Excerpts from a reading from the Easter Homily of Melito, Bishop of Sardis (c. 190)



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Ron Lemke was the organist for the presentation of *The Crucifixion* held on March 21 at the Benedictine Abbey in Benet Lake, WI. The meditation was on the Sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer by John Stainer. This musical presentation was a production by the chorus of the Festival Arts of Antioch, IL. Many of the members of the “Friends Choir” also joined in the presentation. Those in attendance were very moved by this rendition of the Stations of the Cross.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, SOM will hold its next meeting on May 1 beginning with praying the Most Holy Rosary and Morning Prayer, including a May Crowning ceremony of Our Lady. All members are encouraged to attend the May meeting.

Fr. Richard Crist, Ward Chaplain notified the members at the March meeting that he was retiring from the chaplain’s position effective that

date. We wish to thank Father for his assistance these past few years and wish him well in his retirement.

The ward will continue to meet on the first Saturday of the month at our present location, Holy Cross Chapel.

Remember during the Easter Season the *Regina Coeli* is customarily said in place of the *Angelus*

Prayers and Intercessions for the Month

Guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit for the Church.

Guidance for the United States and its elected and appointed officials.

Help for those facing challenging economic times.

Guidance, direction and support: Kurt Behrel, Fr. Richard Higginbotham and Fr. Rex Perry.

That peace in this world may soon come to those areas of natural disasters, conflict and war.

Safety for our men and women serving in the military forces around

the world and our police, firefighter and first responders here at home.

For those preparing for admittance into the Church during this Easter Season.

Health and recovery of Marilyn Bakalaraki, Jack Beyer, Ethel Cairns, Fr. Richard Higginbotham, Ron Lemke, John Mittlesteadt, Fr. Rex Perry, Leonard Rumpsa, Arlene Siegel, Dawn Margaret & Fr. Joel Webb.

Faithfully departed SOM members: Lois Anderson, Marian Axelrod, Bruce Flood, Bertha Escabi, Glen-Ann Jicha, Kathryn McElroy, June Nickerson, Edna Keller, Fr. Wayne Olmstead, Ken

Peck, Mildred Shadick, Stanley F. Watson and Ruth Wredan.

☩ May the souls the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord’s resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

Ward Information—Who, What, Where & When

MEETINGS	MEETING LOCATION	ACTING SECRETARY—TREASURER
First Saturday of the Month 9:00 A.M. Rosary Morning Prayer Coffee/Study Hour Angelus	Holy Cross Chapel 500 Park Ave. Unit 102 Lake Villa, IL. 60046 Ph: 847-543-7371	Linda Brissey P.O. Box 6088 Lindenhurst, IL. 60046 Email: chaseco@AOL.com
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