

## Lazarus Saturday

**On Lazarus Saturday, St. Michael's Orthodox Church hosts a breakfast for all Church School students following the Liturgy. Please check today's Sunday Bulletin for details and time.**

The Saturday before Holy Week is called Lazarus Saturday. We remember the story of when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-45). We look ahead to Holy Week, and we are reminded of the Resurrection of Christ and our resurrection in the world to come.



A man named Lazarus was sick. He was the brother of Martha and the Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil. The sisters sent to Jesus to tell Him that Lazarus was sick.

Then Jesus said to the Disciples, "Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up." Then His disciples said, "Lord, if he sleeps he will get well." However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead."

So when Jesus came, He found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Then Martha and Mary said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, our brother would not have died."

Jesus said to them, "Your brother will rise again. I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."

When Jesus came to the tomb where Lazarus was buried, He told the people to take away the stone from the tomb. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me."

And then He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" And Lazarus came out, wrapped in grave cloths. Jesus said to them, "Remove the cloths and let him go." Then many of the people who had come and had seen the things that Jesus did, believed in Him.