



# Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church



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**CHRIST IS RISEN!**  
*Christ is Risen From The Dead, Trampling  
Down Death By Death and To Those In The  
Tomb's Bestowing Life!*  
**INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

May 26, 2019

Volume IV

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

**St. George the Confessor of Constantinople, with his wife & children (ca. 842)**

9:20 – Paschal Canon; 9:30 – Divine Liturgy Tone 4 Liturgical Color: **White**

Epistle: Acts 11:19-26, 29-30; Gospel: John 4:5-42

*Additional Collection for our Community Outreach, Vision for Life*

### SERVICES, SAINTS, AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Wednesday, May 29** – 9:30am Akathist in times of Sorrow and Depression

*The opportunity for the Holy Mystery of Confession is available following every service.*

Monday	St. Isidore, fool-for-Christ, wonderworker of Rostov (1474)	Acts 12: 12– 17	John 8: 42– 51
Tuesday	St. Dymphna, martyr of Geel, Flanders (7th c.)	Acts 12: 25-13:12	John 8: 51– 59
* Wednesday	Translation of the relics (1545) of Venerable Ephraim	Acts 13: 13– 24	John 6: 5– 14
Thursday	St. Stephen, archbishop of Constantinople (893)	Acts 14: 20– 27	John 9: 39-10:9
* Friday	Martyrs Heraclius, Paulinus, Benedimus (250)	Acts 15: 5– 34	John 10: 17-28
Saturday	Venerable Cornelius, abbot of Komel (1537)	Acts 15: 35– 41	John 10: 27-38

*\* Let us Imitate Christ and the Saints and Fast as they did!*

*No Kneeling in Prayer for 50 Days – Replace “O Heavenly King” with “Christ is Risen” (3 times)*

**June 2** – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of the Blind Man

9:20 – Paschal Canon; 9:30 – Divine Liturgy Tone 5 Liturgical Color: **White**

Epistle: Acts 16: 16– 34; Gospel: John 9: 1– 38

*Family Day at Camp Nazareth (10am Divine Liturgy with fellowship, meal, and activities following)*

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### A Warm Welcome To Our Visitors!

**Christ is risen!** (responded with: *Indeed He is risen!*)

**Christos Voskrese!** (*Voistinu Voskrese!*)

**We are happy** that you have joined us today! **Please join us downstairs** for coffee and a bite to eat. It is our pleasure to have you in our presence this morning and we wish God's Blessings to all who visit with us today and hope you stop in again soon!

**If you have any questions** in regards to our worship or Orthodoxy, please see Father Dave and he will gladly answer any of your questions to the best of his ability. He looks forward to meeting you!

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### LOOKING AHEAD LOCALLY



**Thursday, June 6** – 9:30am Diving Liturgy for the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord

**Sunday, June 9** – additional collection for our Capital Improvement Fund

**Saturday, June 15** – 9:30am All Soul Saturday Divine Liturgy and Panachida (#5 and final for the year)

**Sunday, June 16** – Feast of Pentecost / YOUTH Sunday / Kneeling Prayers / Father's Day

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### PARISH BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS



*(Please have submissions for this section to Father by Wednesday.)*



**Family Day (June 2<sup>nd</sup>) Raffle Tickets** are available from **Fr Dave TODAY only (May 26<sup>th</sup>)**. This is the only diocesan-wide fundraiser for camp and it is a significant source of income for the Camp Nazareth program and our children. Raffle tickets are \$20 each with prizes exceeding \$20,000. Please support our camp: buy (*at least*) one.



**Faith “Night” at PNC Park** – will be on **Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:05** (Pgh Pirates vs. SD Padres). We will be organizing a group of tickets in **sections 130/132**. Tickets are **\$25 and you get a \$5 concessions voucher** with it. Please contact Wendy Martellotti at 412-583-6254 or [martellotti11@verizon.net](mailto:martellotti11@verizon.net) to reserve your tickets today. (*Please plan to pre-pay.*) And *Let's Go Bucs!*

**Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials** were offered last week by Tim Martin; Melanie Shuster; Lawrence Martin; Mary Jane Hudak; Joanne Nelson; Kathy Schrmack; Theresa Sharpless; Rich Mirilovich; Cindy Pavilonis.

***"I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*** - John 8:12

**The Eternal Lamp** was offered last week by Tim Martin, for health of John Ensen – *May God grant him many years*; and by John Gaydos, Jr., in Memory of Mother, Catherine. *May Her Memory Be Eternal!*

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**Family Day** will be on **Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>** at Camp Nazareth (339 Pew Road, Mercer, PA )



**48 Days Till Camp!** – *Have you registered your kids yet!?* Please talk with Fr Dave before registering to get the online code that you will need. Information regarding registration is available at: [www.CampNazareth.org](http://www.CampNazareth.org). Our ACRY is offering a partial 'Campership' for assistance and additional assistance is also available if needed. *If you have never been to Camp Nazareth, you do not know what you are missing!* Our Deanery Camping week is **July 14-20** with the theme "Being Believing". Please talk to Fr Dave if you have any questions.

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**Science & Nature Week** will be **August 4-10** at Camp Nazareth (339 Pew Road, Mercer, PA). Registration is available online.

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**Garden Blessings** – How's your garden coming along? Time to get it blessed! *(The format of the blessing is similar to our annual house blessing.)* Please contact Fr. Dave if you are interested.

**Coffee Social Steward Schedule**

June 2: **Open / "Pot Luck"**  
 June 9: **Open / "Pot Luck"**  
 June 16: **Open / "Pot Luck"**

*The Divine Liturgy concludes at the final blessing, but the liturgy continues downstairs as we gather in love and fellowship with our parish family and visiting neighbors. (Everyone is also encouraged to help clean up after.) Thank you to all those who support and keep this critical ministry alive in our parish!*

**Paschal Greeting**

*(used instead of 'hello', before 'good morning', etc.)*

**Christ is risen!**

*(responded with: Indeed He is risen!)*

**Our Stewardship Gifts To God**

Stewardship/Dues:	\$ 90
Candles/Eternal Lamp:	\$ 166
Envelopes:	\$ 1256
In Memory of Jane Barrett by the <i>Transplant Friends Forever</i> , Pittsburgh Team	\$ 75
Parish House Offering:	\$ 150
<b>Total Collections:</b>	<b>\$ 1737</b>
<b>Capital Improvement Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 80</b>
<b>Relocation Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 550</b>

**\*\*\* Semi-Annual Meeting Highlights –**

- **garage sale** Chairperson Needed – Please contact a member of the church council or Father if you would be willing to chair our annual garage sale this year. The idea was discussed to create two teams: **1<sup>st</sup>** to set-up everything and **2<sup>nd</sup>** to run the event. This will lessen the load on people. *(To see the interest level of this, sign up sheets have been placed in the church hall.)* We are looking at having the event in September. The idea is also being kicked around to have it on back-to-back Saturdays *instead of* back-to-back days.
- recently an emergency furnace replacement occurred at the **parish house** at ~\$2,800.
- This **proposal** was extensively discussed and unanimously approved last week:  
*"The Church Council, in good faith, shall have the authority to negotiate the terms and purchase price, on any property. The final decision is contingent on parishioners' approval at a Special Meeting by the majority of those in attendance."*

**THANK YOU** to everyone who stayed for the meeting! For those that were not there, you were missed!

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**Relocation Update** – ALL are invited to take a drive and look at the recent property that the Relocation Committee has discussed and looked at:

**1520 Shipley Lane, Franklin Park, Pa 15143**

The 17 acres is zoned as Residential-1 and a *Place of Worship* is "contingent". The owners said that they "would entertain an offer with a zoning contingency on it. In that case, the Church would be able to break the deal if the zoning application was denied."

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Please continue to talk with the Relocation Committee or Father with any thoughts or concerns about our next steps in our journey together. *(Committee includes: Sharon P, Larry M, Carol L, John K, John Righetti, Lynn M, Matt P, Peggy Rusnak, Rich M, Sharon D, Tim M, & Todd Tusick)*

**Visit Our Diocese On-Line**

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 Camp Nazareth: [www.campnazareth.org](http://www.campnazareth.org)  
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**ORTHODOXY AROUND DA 'BURGH & OUR DIOCESE**

**Upcoming Orthodox Food Festivals:**

- **June 3-8** – All Saints (601 West McMurray Rd., Canonsburg) *Greek*
- **June 10-15** – Koimissis (2111 Davidson St., Aliquippa) *Greek*
- **June 11-14** – Holy Cross (123 Gilkeson Rd., Pittsburgh) *Greek*

Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the church hall for times and more information or visit [holytrinitypgh.org/pittsburgh-greek-festivals-guide](http://holytrinitypgh.org/pittsburgh-greek-festivals-guide)

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## LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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### The Holy Confessor George

Commemorated on May 26/13

The Holy Confessor George suffered for the veneration of holy icons at Constantinople in the first half of the IX Century. The emperor Theophilos demanded that Saint George renounce the veneration of holy icons, but the brave confessor refused the order, and declared to the impious emperor, that in venerating holy icons, we give worship to their eternal Primal-Image [i.e. Christ the Logos]. For his disobedience, the emperor gave orders to take away and seize the property of Saint George,

and with a rope about his neck to drag him through the streets of Constantinople and then cast him into prison. After this, Saint George was sent off into exile, together with his wife Irene and their children. Having suffered in exile much affliction, the holy Confessor George died.

*Church Slavonic:*  
**Christos Voskrese!**  
*(Voistinu Voskrese!)*  
*If greeted in a language you are unfamiliar with,  
translate & respond in English (then learn the response)*

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## LIVING ORTHODOXY



### Jubilation

#### And the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

The jubilation of the Church is also the jubilation of the Divine Persons of the Holy Trinity at the accomplishment of our salvation. The resurrection of Christ, which brought on the defeat of the power of death, is the cause of joyful praise, because He is the cause of the death of death, and the destruction of Hades.

Christ's resurrection is the beginning of an eternal life. Because of Christ's resurrection, death no longer separates us from God, and we are no longer destined for the darkness of Hades, but rather brought into heavenly mansions, to dwell there eternally in the fullness of everything good.

Christ is risen! *Indeed He is risen!*

With love in Christ,

Abbot Tryphon



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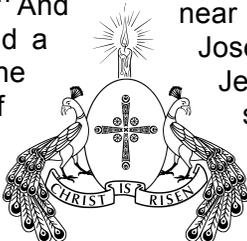
## SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

*"Of all the afflictions that burden the human race, there is not one, whether spiritual or bodily, that cannot be healed by the Holy Scriptures."* +Saint John Chrysostom

**Epistle:** Acts 11: 19– 26, 29– 30

### The Church in Antioch

<sup>19</sup> Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. <sup>20</sup> But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup> And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. <sup>22</sup> News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. <sup>23</sup> When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; <sup>24</sup> for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. <sup>25</sup> So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; <sup>26</sup> and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians.



<sup>29</sup> And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea; <sup>30</sup> and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

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**Gospel:** Mark 15:43–16:8

<sup>5</sup> So he came to a city of Samaritania, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup> There came a woman of Samaritania to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup> For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaritania?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where

do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking

with her?" <sup>28</sup> So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" <sup>30</sup> They went out of the city and were coming to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, "Has any one brought him food?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. <sup>36</sup> He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

*Greek:*  
**Khristós Anésti!**  
*(Alithós Anésti!)*

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## SPIRITUAL VITAMINS FOR THE WEEK

### SUNDAY

"A man asked a priest: "If God is everywhere, why do I go to Church?" The priest replied: "The whole atmosphere is filled with water; but when you want to drink you have to go to a fountain or a well."

### MONDAY

"If he fights sin and is wounded but continues the struggle, repents, asks forgiveness and help from God, then he is a holy soldier of Christ. In this battle with sin he acquires many spiritual treasures which he could not do otherwise." - Abbot Nikon Vorobiev

### TUESDAY

"But I say to you," the Lord says, "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, pray for those who persecute you." Why did he command these things? So that he might free you from hatred, sadness, anger and grudges, and might grant you the greatest possession of all, perfect love, which is impossible to possess except by the one who loves all equally in imitation of God."  
 +St. Maximus the Confessor

### WEDNESDAY

"If we ask something from God without making any sacrifice, it has no value. If I sit and say, 'God, please heal this person.' without making some sacrifice, it's as though I'm just uttering good words."  
 +St. Ephraim the Syrian

### THURSDAY

"Our life on earth is a perpetual struggle with our passions. As such, it is not understood by people of this world, who are given to serving their flesh and their earthly idols. Nonetheless, this inner struggle of a man with himself, with his moral deficiencies and weaknesses, with his evil thoughts, the passionate impulses of his soul, the wickedness of his heart, the lusts of his body, and the like— this struggle is every Christian's duty. It is the law of a Christian's life." – A. Calmet

### FRIDAY

"The peace and plenteousness of life in the heart after Communion is the greatest, the most inestimable gift of our Lord Jesus Christ, surpassing all the gifts relating to the body which are received at the same time." +Righteous John, Wonderworker of Kronstadt

**SATURDAY**

[On Love] "To the one who hungers for Christ it becomes food and for the one who thirsts, sweet drink. For he who is cold, clothing; and for the tired, rest. He who prays is answered and the mourner comforted. Amen." - Elder Arsenios Galanopoulos, the cave dweller

*Romanian:*  
**Hristos a înviat!**  
*(Adevărat a înviat!)*

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**PRAYER CORNER**

*Our Parish Prayer List for Special Intentions and Other Needs \**

**A Prayer For The Sick:** O Christ, You alone are prompt to defend us; quickly visit Your suffering servant *name*. Through the prayers of the Theotokos, deliver *him/her* from sickness and bitter pain. Heal *him/her* so that *he/she* may sing to You and always praise You for You alone love us. Amen.

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**For the Health of...** John, Patricia, John, Jake, Anna Mae, Eleanor D., Viola, Juliana, Fredrick, Kenneth, Michael, Roberta, Gary, Lino, Louis, June, Helen, Steven, Doug, Joanne, Lynn, Mary, Kathy N., Emily, Anthony, Eleanor ...*through the prayers of St. Nectarios the Wonderworker; St. Luke, the Surgeon; and St. Panteleimon, the Healer.*

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**For the Special Intentions of...** Metropolitan Gregory, Stephen, David, Anastasia, Nicholas, Cassandra, Alexander, Nancy, Andrea, Jason, Tyrone, Sarah, Ameer, Joshua, John, Kathryn, Rose, Charles, Justin *our seminarians:* Michael, Daniel, and Dylan *and our Church Council, Curators, and Relocation Committee:* Matthew, Lawrence, Timothy, Theresa, Rich, Gina, Robert, Donald, Jane, Margaret, Eleanor, Steven, Kenneth, Jillian, John, Wendy, John, Melanie, Michael, John, John, Todd *and for those who labor towards our Community Outreach, Vision for Life ...through the prayers of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker; St. John the Baptist; the Archangels Michael & Gabriel; and the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.*



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**Patronal Feast Days (Name's Day):** Triston Bowser - St. Dunstan (6/1)  
*(Please contact Fr Dave with your Patron Saint)*

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**Birthday Prayers for...** Sean Watson (5/26), Alexander Hanchulak (5/27), Fr Jonathan Tobias (5/27), Michael Horbal (5/28), Melanie Shuster (5/30), June Sefscik (6/1) ...*May God allow them to grow in peace and love all the days of their lives and may He grant them many and blessed years!*  
*Na Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!*

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**For our Catechumens & Inquirers...**

Dustin, Stephen, Peter, Anthony, Sheila, Anna Marie, Katie, Alexis, Sophie ...*through the prayers of St. Paul the Apostle, St. Mary Magdalene, and St. John Maximovitch.*

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**For those preparing for Marriage...** Andrew & Davina, Ashley & Derek ...*through the prayers of Sts. Adrian & Natalia and all Holy Martyrs.*

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**Anniversary Prayers for...** Jim & Kathy Schrmack (5/26/79), Anthony & Donna Horbal (5/27), Dustin & Caitlin Brozell (6/1), Adam & Jean Zak (6/2) ...*May God fill them with His grace that they may continue to live in unity with Him!*

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**For Pregnant Mothers...** Faith, Hayley, Alisha

...*through the prayers of St Anna, the mother of the Virgin Mary, and St Irene Chrysovalantou.*

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**For those serving in the Armed Forces & Civil Authorities...** Thomas R. Dzadovsky, Devin Meegan, and Trevor Meegan ...*through the prayers of St George, the Great-Martyr & Wonderworker.*

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**For the souls of the newly departed...** +Alexander Zerby (4/22) ...*May the Lord God grant them blessed repose where there is no pain sorrow or mourning. Eternal be their Memory!*

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\* This is to be used for the special intentions of our brothers and sisters and can be inserted as a prayer itself into our daily prayers. Please let Fr. Dave know if you would wish to make additions or subtractions (in the case of answered prayers) to our Parish List. The words of the Gospel are true: **it is good to pray for one another.** Let this be a place where we lay out our concerns and beg the help of our brothers & sisters in Christ. *This prayer list is NOT limited to Orthodox Christians.*

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**DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:**

**A Prayer For Our Departed Who Have Served**  
Remember, O Lord, all of the men and women of our Armed Forces who have offered their lives in defense of this great country and for our freedom. Grant them rest where the Light of Your Face shines and make their memory to be eternal and forever! Christ is risen!