

Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church



Liturgical Color: White

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INDEED HE IS RISEN!

Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of the Paralytic

Divine Liturgy SERVED BY PRIEST & CANTOR ONLY Tone 3

Epistle: 9:32-42; Gospel: John 5:1-15

Panachida for +Jack Scherer (40-day), +William Littlemeyer, Jr. (birthday remembrance), and for departed mothers

SERVICES, SAINTS, AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Our Cathedral's Online Schedule Of Services (www.acrod.org/organizations/cathedral/live/): Sunday 9 am Divine Liturgy

Wednesday 8 am Divine Liturgy on the Feast of Mid-Pentecost Saturday 6 pm Great Vespers

Monday	Apostles Jason and Sosipater of the Seventy	Acts 10: 1– 16	John 6: 56– 69
Tuesday	Venerable Memnon the Wonderworker of Corfu (2nd c.)	Acts 10: 21– 33	John 7: 1– 13
* Wednesday	The Holy Apostle James, Son of Zebedee	Acts 14: 6– 18	John 7: 14- 30
Thursday	Venerable Paphnutius, abbot of Borovsk (1477)	Acts 10: 34– 43	John 8: 12-20
* Friday	St. Athanasius the Great, archbishop of Alexandria (373)	Acts 10:44-11:10	John 8: 21– 30
Saturday	Martyr Timothy the Reader of Antinoe in Egypt (286)	Acts 12: 1– 11	John 8: 31– 42

^{*} Let us Imitate Christ and the Saints and Fast as they did!

No Kneeling in Prayer and Replace "O Heavenly King" with the Paschal Tropar (3 times)

May 17 – 5th Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Divine Liturgy Tone 4

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

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! +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++

This Bulletin Is Offered:

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for the health of all mothers: Many Years! and for the memory of all mothers that have fallen asleen: May their memory be eternal! Christ is risen!

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 9:32–42

The Healing of Aeneas

³² Now as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. 33 There he found a man named Aene'as, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. ³⁴ And Peter said to him, "Aene'as, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. ³⁵ And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

Peter in Lydda and Joppa

³⁶ Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without

delay." 39 So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. 40 But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. 41 And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. ⁴² And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Paschal Greeting

(used instead of 'hello', before 'good morning', etc.) Christ IS risen! (responded with: Indeed He IS risen!)

Gospel: John 5:1-15

Jesus Heals on the Sabbath

5 After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

² Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Beth-za'tha, which has five porticoes. ³ In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed. ⁵ One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" ⁷ The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." ⁸ Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." ⁹ And at once the

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man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked.

Now that day was the sabbath. ¹⁰ So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." ¹¹ But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" ¹² They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" ¹³ Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. ¹⁴ Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." ¹⁵ The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

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Anonymous Feelings of Gratitude:

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[Please share with Fr. Dave something that you are surprised that you became grateful for during our quarantine time. Anonymous inspirations will be shared in the bulletin.

(Please see the: Fear Zone → Learning Zone → Growing Zone: "Where am I during COVID-19?" in the Pascha Bulletin.)]

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

PARISH BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Having flu-like symptoms? PLEASE KEEP FR. DAVE POSTED OF ANY ILLNESSES SO TO BE ADDED TO OUR PRAYER LIST!

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Churches to Reopen Soon - Starting on May 15, Allegheny County will be in the reopening "yellow phase". The parish council had already begun discussing the idea of going alphabetically through our parishioner list until we reach the 25 person limit that our county will be under. Please keep an eye on your email (or for a phone call if you do not have email) for an update from our Metropolitan and to see when it is your opportunity to come and pray with our community at the church. Please continue to pray along with the cathedral services when it is not your week. Through God's strength and guidance we will get through this together!



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Instagram (SJB_Orthodox_Pittsburgh) –
Our Parish now has an Instagram page!
Father will post a picture before (or after)
each service at the church.

Welcome to the Newly-Baptized! Callum Ryder Brozell who was baptized and initiated into the Orthodox faith yesterday. May God give strength to him as he begins his Christian life and bless him, his parents, God-Parents, and families! Many Years!

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Calling All Graduates – Please notify Fr. Dave of your graduation information by May 31.

High School Students: your High School, any academic and/or athletic awards, and where you will attend in the Fall with your intended major in college (or undecided at this time)

Trade School, College, Graduate and Post-Graduate Students: where you went, your field of study, and degree you will earn.

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Happy Mother's Day to all the grandmothers, mothers, Godmothers and spiritual mothers out there! Most of all, let us praise our great and holy mother, the Theotokos, who through Christ is truly our mother and the Mother of the Church!

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Prayer request - additional prayers are requested for Anna Mae Gogal. This past week she was diagnosed with cancer. She is currently in a rehab facility. May God give her strength and guide her care!

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MANY MORE DETAILS TO COME ON THE FOLLOWING:

- VIRTUAL Altar Boy Retreat will be June 28 July 1
- VIRTUAL Young Women's Encounter will be June 28 July 1
- 82 Days Till VIRTUAL Camp! Our Deanery Camping week is July 14-20.
- VIRTUAL Science & Nature Week will be Aug. 9-15

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"You must strive to have peace in your homes. Peace starts with each one of us. When we have peace in us, we spread it around to others. You can see for yourself that there are very few humble and meek souls on the earth — but you can also see that they are truly blessed."

 Elder Thaddeus(Strabulovich) of Vitovnica, from "Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives"

> Paschal Greeting in Georgian: Kriste ahzdkhah! (Chezdmaridet!)

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Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials were offered last week by Joanne Nelson; Tim Martin; Shuster Family; 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

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Candles in Church - During this time of COVID-19, if you wish for Father to light your weekly candles, please text, email, or call him with your intentions (for the living, departed, or other specific) by Saturday evening. Your candle donation should be mailed to Tim Martin.

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Praying with online services from your domesticchurch - Sunday Liturgies at St. John's will be celebrated BUT WITH ONLY THE PRIEST AND CANTOR IN ATTENDANCE. This comes from the Protocol from our Metropolitan. We will pray for our parish and the world. PLEASE watch services online! Here are the words of Fr. Matthew Dutko concerning watching services online:

- "Wake up at the normal time that you always do on a Sunday. If you have kids, wake them up. Shower, get dressed in your Sunday finest and gather together in front of a computer screen.
- Light a candle and burn some incense [if you do not have any, contact Fr. Dave who can recommend online sites to order from]. When the Liturgy begins, pray and sing as you always do.
- Even though you will be in your home-church, don't let the distractions of being in your own home get in the way. For that hour or so, you will be with your parish family in prayer. I know it's not the same, but we will still be praying to our Lord, all together, all at the same time; just like we always do.'

+++ +++ +++ Cathedral Live-Broadcast - Our diocese is blessed with the opportunity to watch our Cathedral's Divine Liturgy every Sunday at 9am (and other services). The best scenario is to attend the Divine Liturgy and receive the Eucharist, but with these current limitations, please take the time Sunday morning, Wednesday evening, and throughout the week to pray with our brothers and sisters via the live broadcast on the web. www.acrod.org/organizations/cathedral/live/

> Paschal Greeting in Greek: Khristós anésti! (Alithós anésti!)

Our Stewardship Gifts To God

Stewardship: n Candles/Eternal Lamp: 28 Envelopes/Stewardship: \$ 1085 Community Outreach: 63 \$ **Total Collections:** \$ 1176 **Capital Improvement Fund:** \$ 5 **Relocation Fund:** \$ 100

Give Generously: "For they gave according to their means... and beyond their means, of their own free will." 2 Cor 8:3

April Financial Report:

Donation Income = \$8765.20 *Expenses = \$ 4281.89

Net Income = \$ 4483.31

*details listed on the church hall bulletin board Average at Sunday Divine Liturgies: 2

Weekly Offerings to God - During this time, we request that all weekly donations be mailed to:

Tim Martin

2225 McAleer Road

Sewickley, PA 15143

For our parish to continue it's ministries, outreach, and general bill paying, we need your generosity to continue.

+++++++ **Bulletin Sponsor** – Please contact Fr Dave to sponsor a bulletin In Honor of (anniversary, birthday, etc.) or In Memory of someone. An additional stewardship offering to the Church is requested.

"20 seconds" of Prayer – Following the CDC recommendations, as you wash your hands, instead of singing your ABCs, pray! It takes roughly 20-seconds to pray The Lord's Prayer, sing pray Hail Mary (twice), sing You are truly deserving, or say the Jesus Prayer (5 times).

+++++ +++ Weekly Bulletin Email - If you would like to receive

the bulletin in an email at the beginning of each week, please email Father Dave at: fr.sleepless@gmail.com +++ +++ +++

🜣 LOOKING AHEAD LOCALLY 🤝

₱ Please Continue to Pray (and wash your hands) ♣ Thur., May 28 – Feast of the Ascension of our Lord

Wed. June 3 – 7pm – Mystery of Holy Unction

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ORTHODOXY AROUND DA 'BURGH & OUR DIOCESE

Assembly of Bishops USA Announces **COVID-19 Resource Center for Orthodox** Christians - The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the USA announces a resource center for clergy and faithful during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Resource Center includes updated news from the various jurisdictions as well as practical guidelines and resources for families, ministry leaders, parish leadership, and everyone. The Center can be accessed at www.assemblyofbishops.org/covid19 and will be updated regularly with new materials and expanded selections.

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Pysanky in June! Ss. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Carnegie has rescheduled their ' Annual Ukrainian Easter Egg Sale to Saturday, June 6 from 11am to 4pm. Pysanky, folk arts, food, basket raffles, food, door prizes and, of course, more food! It is not too early to put this on your calendar!

> Paschal Greeting in Romanian: Hristos a înviat! (Adevărat a înviat!)

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SPF50 (Scripture, Prayer, Family): A Diocese Family Ministry - The second Issue of SPF50 is available NOW!! It is a

digital edition. If you didn't start with us on March 1, consider joining now. Make a commitment to reading Scripture and Praying together with your family. Visit the Diocesan Website at acrod.org and look for the SPF50 section or go directly to the SPF50 web page at www.acrod.org/ministries/acrod-family/spf50 to find out more about SPF50 and how to help your family read Scripture and Pray together at home. Don't forget to fill out the Commitment Card which is available in the SPF50 Section of the Diocesan Website, and return the card to your priest.

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"The inexpressible and unaccountable melancholy that oppresses you and prevents you from enjoying anything may be a test, intended to prove the firmness of your decision and the purity of your love of God." - Elder Macarius of Optina

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LIVES OF THE SAINTS

Source: www.orthodoxpittsburgh.com/parish-calendar/orthodox-calendar © 1996-2001 by translator Fr. S. Janos

The Holy Disciple and PriestMartyr Simeon, Disciple Simeon. During the reign of emperor Trajan

Kinsman of the Lord, (98-117) it was reported to the Roman governor

Commemorated on May 10/April 27

The Holy Disciple and PriestMartyr Simeon, Kinsman of the Lord, was the son of Cleopas, younger brother of Saint Joseph the Betrothed. In his adolescent years he beheld the miracles of the Lord Jesus Christ, believed in Him and became one of the 70 Disciples. Saint Simeon preached the teachings of Christ, exhorted the truths of holy faith and denounced idol-worship. After the killing of the holy Apostle James, the first bishop of Jerusalem (+ 63, Comm. 23 October) – in his place the Christians chose the holy

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8-117) it was reported to the Roman governor Atticus that Saint Simeon was descended from the lineage of King David (the Romans exterminated all the descendants of King David) and was confessing the Christian faith. The pagans seized hold of Saint Simeon, who at that time was already an hundred year old man, and after lengthy torture they crucified him on a cross.

Paschal Greeting in Italian: Cristo è risorto! (È veramente risorto!)

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"You don't excuse others but you excuse yourself? Then, tomorrow Christ will not excuse you. Your heart can become hard as a rock in an instant if you are not careful, and it can equally quickly become tender. You must acquire a maternal heart. You see, a mother will forgive all things, and sometimes will pretend not to see certain mischief. Be patient with others and excuse them; tolerate others so that Christ will tolerate you." +Saint Paisios of Mount Athos

LIVING ORTHODOXY

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Let us have a little more patience

Metropolitan Athinagoras of Belgium sent a draft with a list of what needs to be done for the churches to reopen, following a meeting between the representatives of all recognized religions in Belgium with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Justice.

As the Metropolitan pointed out, "the minister is ready to support our cause, but he informed us that he has no right to decide for himself. A specific process must be followed for the demand for the reopening of religious worship places."

Addressing the clergy, Metropolitan Athinagoras emphasized that "I assure you, as your shepherd, that I am the first to want the reopening of our parishes. As Orthodox Christians, as well as believers in other denominations and religions, we have respected and will continue to respect the government's directives. That is why, while waiting for the resumption of the divine worship, I encourage you to continue to use the necessary means to keep the life of our Christians alive." ...

After emphasizing that he was the first to suffer, he pointed out that his responsibility was to give instructions and to observe the government's measures, as had been recommended by the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

"I am afraid that not everyone can understand how difficult it is for a bishop to tell these priests not to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, which is at the center of our life, the essence of our Christian faith, and without which we feel deprived of the most important thing: communion with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ," said the Metropolitan.

Finally, he urged the faithful to have a little more patience, and with the help of the Theotokos "we will overcome the last difficult stage of this pandemic, confident that God will strengthen us in hope and love, in faith and in strength."

Paschal Greeting in Spanish: ¡Cristo ha resucitado! (¡En verdad ha resucitado!)

"In any circumstances": Being Content in a Mysterious Time

written April 28, 2020 by Nicole M Roccas https://blogs.ancientfaith.com/timeeternal/in-anycircumstances-being-content-in-a-mysterious-time/

Christ is risen!

A passage of Scripture that has often come to mind the past week or so is St. Paul's exhortation on contentment. Thanking the Philippians for remembering his needs—perhaps through sending supplies or monetary contributions—St. Paul points out that even in times when his earthly needs haven't been met, he knows how to be satisfied:

I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress. (Phil. 4:11-13)

St. Paul is saying that he has acquired the ability to stay calm and fulfilled in whatever situation he happens to find himself in.

St. John Chrysostom, in his Homily 15 on Philippians, points out that this is no easy task. Learning contentment, he writes, "is an object of discipline, and exercise, and care, for it is not easy to attain, but very difficult, and a new thing."

The passage from St. Paul concludes with a famous proclamation ("I can do all things through Christ who

strengthens me"), which is often treated as a mantra to "psych ourselves up" before some concerted action. About to take a difficult test? Run a long-distance race? Say goodbye to a dying parent? Cook a meal when you don't feel like it and all the restaurants are closed because of COVID-19? Don't worry: you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you!

But in the context, this proclamation is less a rallying cry and more a reminder that the hardest act of all is to learn contentment-harder than running a marathon or even losing a parent-and we can only acquire this virtue through the strength of Christ within us.

As I reflect on these verses about contentment, I hear echoes of the well-known "time for everything" passage in Ecclesiastes:

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

- a time to be born, and a time to die;
- a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
- a time to kill, and a time to heal;
- a time to break down, and a time to build up;
- a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
- a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
- a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing. . .

He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. (Ecc. 3: 1-5, 11)

It's almost as though St. Paul is saying that he has not only learned to be content in whatever situation he is in, but whatever time he is in as well-whether in a season of want or plenty, of persecution or prosperity, sickness or health. That, through disciplining himself for contentment, these times-all of them-become beautiful.

To see oneself as content with a particular time or season is in some ways more difficult than simply being content with the situation itself. It confronts us with the real possibility that the situation is not momentary but may endure longer than our perceived ability to tolerate it.

Making things all the more vexing is that it's often difficult to discern what time or season we are actually in.

Take our current "time," for example: the COVID-19 pandemic. Most of us have been living under some form of shelter-at-home policy for some 5-7 weeks at this point. I think, at the beginning of this season, it was a little clearer to sense what kind of time we were in. We were in a time of pandemic, of sickness, of crisis; a time of wilderness that meaningfully coincided with the wilderness of Great Lent; it was not a time to embrace, but a time to "refrain from embracing," to borrow the phrase from Ecclesiastes. There was a clarity, a kind of intense focus.

As the weeks have gone on, as Lent has blossomed into Pascha, as the economy has bottomed out, as some locales have fared better than others with regard to the surge of illness, as some US states have begun +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++

"re-open" (some of them against recommendations of health officials), that clarity has become blurred around the edges. What time is it? Hard to say.

We are clearly not (yet) in a time of triumph or a return-to-normalcy (or even a return-to-new-normalcy), yet neither are we in as dire a time as we were a month or two ago, before any social distancing measures were in place. We are suspended in some middle time between all the other, more distinct times.

The ability to accept ambiguity without forcing it into an either-or category is said to be a sign of sanity.

Yet our minds eschew the grayness of unknown, preferring instead to carve it up into distinct blocks of black-and-white certainty, whether by despairing, avoiding, blaming, judging, assuming, or simply massaging our own self-delusion into an artifice of confidence that suits our beliefs of what reality should be like.

It is tempting to take this mysterious, middle time, and pixelate it into focal points of either judgment, blindness, apathy, or despair. It is tempting to blame models or people or ethnicities or doctors or policy makers; to throw our hands up in the air and say "screw it, this is getting too complicated"; to pretend things are fine and insist things just go back to normal; to preemptively despair over an economy or a constitution or a way of life that has supposedly been flushed down the toilet; to regard the time before as "good" and the time now as "bad"; to eschew any lessons we may be able to learn right now, as individuals or as a society; or to otherwise assume the worst in others, in leaders, in their motivations, in the liberals, in the conservatives, in our circumstances, in God, in ourselves, in the Church-anything to force some certainty onto whatever the heck is even going on right now.

But there is a cost to certainty, especially the kind of certainty that is wrought from our own hands as mortal human beings.

Perhaps this nebulous, hard-to-define time is precisely where we can begin treading that difficult path toward contentment.

I do not know how long my area will be out of commission, I do not know what the absolute best way to move forward from this pandemic is, I do not know what the fatality rate of COVID-19 is down to the tenth or hundredth decimal place, I do not know what the ultimate effect of this will be on people's lives and livelihoods, I do not know how it will feel to re-enter public spaces with others. I do not know what the next 3, 4, 6, 12, 18 months will bring.

There is so much I do not know. Can I be content with the not knowing? I don't even know the answer to that! Can I be content for no other reason-for no other promise, past, present, or future-other than the gift of Christ's suffering and resurrection? Can I step into the not-knowing as a willing, satisfied participant?

Probably not, at least not alone. But I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me. +++ +++ +++

> Paschal Greeting in Arabic: El Messieh kahm! (Hakken kahm!)

"[During illness] make the sign of the cross on yourself and kiss the icons of the Savior, the Mother

of God, and the saints often." - Metropolitan Gregory (Postnikov) of St. Petersburg

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PRAYER CORNER

Our Parish Prayer List for Special Intentions & Other Needs

A Prayer For The Sick: O Christ, You alone are prompt to defend us; quickly visit Your suffering servant name(s). Through the prayers of the Theotokos, deliver him/her/them from sickness and bitter pain. Heal

him/her/them so that he/she/they may sing to You and always praise You for You alone love us. Amen. ++++++++

For the Health of... Lynn, Fr. Michael Ellis, Candice, Fr. Michael Rustick, Ella, Lexi, John, Susan, John, Alexandra D., Paňi Marie, Sonja, Anna Mae, Eleanor D., Viola, Juliana, Fredrick, Kenneth, Michael, Roberta, Lino, June, for all those battling viruses ...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, Amee, Joshua, John, Kathryn, Rose, Charles, Justin our seminarians: Thomas, John, Daniel and Dylan and our Church Council, Curators, and Relocation Committee: Matthew, Lawrence, Timothy, Theresa, Rich, Gina, Robert, Jane, Anthony, Mary Jane, Steven, Kenneth, Jillian, John, Wendy, John, Margaret, John, John, Todd and for those who labor towards our Community Outreaches ...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):
(contact Fr. Dave with your Patron Saint)
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Birthday Prayers for... Dr Phillip Labas (5/10), Jillian Gaydos (5/14), Robert Mozes (5/16), Paňi Alexandra Urban (5/16) ... 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 Mnohaya I Blahaya L'ita!

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For our Catechumens & Inquirers...

Dustin, Stephen, Daniel, Susan
...through the prayers of St. Paul the
Apostle, St. Mary Magadalene, and St.
John Maximovitch.

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

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grace that they may continue to live in unity with Him! ++++++++ For Pregnant Mothers... Faith (June), Mallory Ann (July) ...through the prayers of St Anna, the mother of

the Virgin Mary, & St Irene Chrysovalantou.

the Priesthood (5/17/15) ... May God fill them with His

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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... +Darline
Labas (4/13), +Philip Fall (4/9), +Jack Scherer (4/1),
and those who have passed from the coronavirus
...May the Lord God grant them blessed repose
where there is no pain sorrow or mourning. May their
Memory in God be Eternal! Vičnaya Pamyat!

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* This is to be used for the special intentions of our brothers and sisters in Christ and can be inserted as a prayer itself into our daily prayers. Please let Fr. Dave know if you 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 only Orthodox Christians.

Paschal Greeting in Swahili:
Kristo amefufukka! (Kweli amefufukka!)



DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:



PASCHAL TROPAR

Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling down death by death and to those in the tombs, bestowing life!

Christos voskrese iz mertvych! Smertiju smert poprav, i suščim vo hrob'ich život darovav!

Christós anésti ek nekrón, thanáto thánaton patísas, ké tís en tís mnímasi, zoín charisámenos!

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A PRAYER TO THE MOTHER OF GOD DURING THIS TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS

With the Blessing of Metropolitan Gregory (ACROD) – 3-31-2020

O Most-Holy Ever-Virgin Mary, Theotokos: receive this heartfelt supplication from us, your unworthy servants. We run to you tearfully, O Sovereign Lady, as this dreadful illness spreads through the whole world. Listen to the much-afflicted sighs of your ailing people and grant healing of soul and body. As a loving Mother, cover your suffering children everywhere with your protecting veil. In times of despair, console the faint-hearted, strengthen the weak, and enlighten those with embittered hearts. Guide the minds and hands of our doctors and nurses, that they may serve as instruments of the all-powerful Physician, Christ our Savior.

You are the strong intercessor for our city, our country, and the whole world, O Queen of All.

Present our prayers before the throne of the King of Glory, your Son and our God, that He may be merciful towards us and grant His grace to those who honor you and bow before your holy icon with faith and love.

O joy of the sorrowful and consolation of the afflicted, stretch out your hands which are full of health and cures, so that having quickly received your wondrous help, we may glorify the Life-giving and Undivided Trinity: the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.