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CHRIST IS RISEN!

*Christ is Risen From The Dead, Trampling
Down Death By Death and To Those In The
Tomb Bestowing Life!*

INDEED HE IS RISEN!

May 5, 2019

Volume IV

2nd Sunday of Pascha: St Thomas Sunday

9:20 – Paschal Canon; 9:30 – Divine Liturgy Tone 1

Liturgical Color: **White**

Epistle: Acts 5:12–20; Gospel: John 20:19–31

Breaking of the Artos / Additional Collection for our Community Outreach / Semi-Annual meeting

SERVICES, SAINTS, AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 6 – 9:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast of St. George

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

Monday	Holy Glorious Great-martyr and Wonderworker George (303)	Acts 3:19-26	John 2:1-11
Tuesday	St. Alexis Toth, priest of Wilkes Barre, PA (1909)	Acts 4:1-10	John 3:16-21
* Wednesday	Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark (63)	Acts 4:13-22	John 5:17-24
Thursday	St. Stephen, bishop of Perm (1396)	Acts 4:23-31	John 5:24-30
* Friday	Hieromartyr Symeon the Kinsman of the Lord (107)	Acts 5:1-11	John 5:30-6:2
Saturday	Apostles Jason of the Seventy (1st. c.)	Acts 5:21-33	John 6:14-27

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

No Kneeling in Prayer for 50 Days – Replace “O Heavenly King” with the Paschal Tropar

May 12 – 3rd Sunday of Pascha: Sun. of the Myrrhbearing Women; Joseph of Arimathea & Nicodemus

9:20 – Paschal Canon; 9:30 – Divine Liturgy Tone 2

Liturgical Color: **White**

Epistle: Acts 6:1–7; Gospel: Mark 15:43–16:8

Mother's Day / Additional Collection for our Capital Improvement Fund / Panachida

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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



Sunday, May 19 – YOUTH Sunday / Cemetery Grave Blessings following our coffee social

Wednesday, May 22 – 9:30 Divine Liturgy on the Feast of Mid Pentecost

Sunday, May 26 – Additional Collection for our Community Outreach

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PARISH BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Clergy Convocation – Fr Dave will be at Camp Nazareth from Tuesday to Friday, **May 7-10**. For hospital calls, please contact **Fr. Tom Soroka** from our sister OCA parish at **412-299-3942** or frthomas@OrthodoxPittsburgh.org. Please call the **camp** with any emergencies (**724-662-4840**).

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Calling All Graduates – if you will be graduating from High School, a University, or a Trade School this year, please contact Father ASAP.



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Cemetery Grave Blessings – We will bless graves this year on **Sunday, May 19th**. We will celebrate a Panachida at Church and head to the cemetery after the coffee social to bless the graves.

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This Bulletin Is Offered:

In Honor of
Apryle Horbal's
Birthday.

May God Grant Her
Many Years!

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Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials were offered last week by Tim Martin; Viola Peifer; Melanie Shuster; Lawrence Martin; Kathy Schrmack; Jim Potoski; Mary Jane Hudak; Joanne Nelson; Patty Watson; 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**

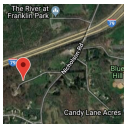
Paschal Greeting

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

Christ is risen!

(responded with: Indeed He is risen!)

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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 responded 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)*

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Family Day (June 2nd) Raffle Tickets have arrived. **We Are Looking For Someone To Handle Selling These – Please See Father ASAP If You Are Able.** 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. Support our camp: buy *(at least)* one. +++ The Family Day flyer is hanging in the church hall with details for the day!

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ORTHODOXY AROUND DA 'BURGH & OUR DIOCESE

Upcoming Orthodox Food Festivals:

- **May 5-11** – St Nicholas (419 S Dithridge St., Pittsburgh) *Greek*
- **May 11** – St Vladimir (73 S 18th St., Pittsburgh, PA 15203) *Ukrainian*

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Carpatho-Rusyn Society 25th Anniversary – Everyone is welcome to join us **Friday, May 17 & Saturday, May 18**. Some events are free while others have a cost, please see the flyer in the church hall. For reservations and information please visit www.c-rs.org or call 412-567-3077. Here are highlights for the weekend: **Friday May 17:** 6:30pm Slavjane Folk Ensemble; 7pm Concert By Harmonia Band. **Saturday May 18:** 8am **Rusin Slavonic Divine Liturgy** (At St. Michael's Orthodox Church, 146 Third Ave Rankin, Pa 15104); 9-11am **Meet And Greet With Prof. Paul Robert Magocsi**; 11am **Rusyn Bus Tour**; 11am **Wooden Churches Of The Carpatho-Rusyns**; 1pm **I Am Carpatho-Rusyn, I Lived In Five Different Countries And Never Moved**; 6pm **Awards Dinner And Dance Honoring Prof. Paul Robert Magocsi And Robert Hanich, M.D.**

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Designer Purse Bash – The 3rd Annual Purse Bash will be on **Saturday, May 18th** at St. Nicholas Church (903 Ann St., Homestead, PA 15120). Doors open at 4pm with the Buffet served at 4:30. Tickets are \$30 per person which include a full meal and 4 chances at the prizes. For more info, see the flyer in the Church Hall or contact Jessica Krchmar at 412-290-3526 or jessicakrchmar@gmail.com.

Our Stewardship Gifts To God

Stewardship/Dues:	\$ 1047
Candles/Eternal Lamp:	\$ 143
Envelopes:	\$ 3731
Pirohi Sales:	\$ 150
Community Outreach Matching:	\$ 338
Parish House Offering:	\$ 80

Total Collections: \$ 5489

Relocation Fund: \$ 1550

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 = \$ 10,791.57

***Expenses = \$ 8,760.47**

Net Income = \$ 2,031.10

**details listed on the church hall bulletin board*

Average at Sunday Divine Liturgies: 50

March Financial Report Correction: Please note that the report for March was in error and that we had a **Net Income** of \$565.78.

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Coffee Social Steward Schedule

May 12: **Open / "Pot Luck"**

May 19: **Open / "Pot Luck"**

May 26: **Open / "Pot Luck"**

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P Faith Night at PNC Park – this year will not actually be at night, but an afternoon game! **Saturday, June 22nd** at 4:05 (Pittsburgh Pirates vs. San Diego Padres). We will be organizing a group of tickets (and extending this offer to our Pittsburgh and Tri-State Deaneries as well.) Please contact Wendy Martellotti at martellotti11@verizon.net or 412-583-6254 to reserve your tickets. *(Please plan to pre-pay.) And Let's Go Bucs!*

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Diocesan Website: www.acrod.org
Camp Nazareth: www.campnazareth.org
FB: www.facebook.com/acroddiocese
Twitter: twitter.com/acrodnews
You Tube: youtube.com/acroddiocese

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Family Camp will be on **May 31 – June 2**. Here is the link to all the information.
<http://campnazareth.org/summercamp/news/family-camp-2019> Registration for this event is now open.

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Archangel Icons Studio presents Icon Workshops - Iconographer Michael Kapeluck will conduct 3 workshops (**June 10-15; July 22-27; or August 12-17, 2019**) which will be an intense 6 days where the student will create an icon using acrylic/gouache techniques. Learn basic color mixing, drawing and painting techniques. Be instructed in the history and theology of the icon. Receive personal instruction and demonstration for each stage of painting. Gain a deeper understanding of the mystical art of the icon and its place in the Church. For more information, contact Michael at kapeluck@verizon.net.
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LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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

Martyr Leonidas of Alexandria (202)

Commemorated on May 5 / April 22

He was the father of Origen, the great early Christian writer. For his constant faith in Christ, he was first deprived of all his property, then condemned to death. Origen wrote to his father in prison: "Father, do not worry about us, and do not flee from martyrdom on our account."



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

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

My favorite day of the entire year is Pascha. Like most Orthodox Christians that I know, just mentioning Pascha puts a big goofy grin on my face.

Now, don't get me wrong. When I was a Protestant Christian, I loved Easter, too. **The joy of the Resurrection is something that all Christians share and that shapes our entire lives.** I just always wanted Easter to last longer.

It seemed to me that Easter should be more than just a sunrise service and an egg hunt on one day of the year.

Then I became Orthodox.

And I realized that the Church, in its great wisdom, had always thought that the Resurrection was more than just a one day celebration. In fact, there is an entire 40 day Paschal season focused on the joy of Christ's victory over death.

Over the past few years, my husband and I have found some simple ways that we can bring this Paschal joy into our family life—helping our children participate in this season of the Church.

7 Ways to Celebrate the Resurrection
(For More Than Just a Day!)

1. Say and Sing "Christ is Risen"

On Pascha and over the entire Paschal period (until the Feast of the Ascension 40 days later), Orthodox Christians greet each other with "Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!" Teach your children this greeting and say it frequently to one another. In our house we always end each prayer (in the mornings, at mealtimes, and in the evenings) by joyfully shouting it. **You can teach your children how to say "Christ is risen" and**



respond in various languages as a way of showing how diverse the Church is.

Families can also sing the tropar "Christ is risen" frequently. Sing it when waking the children up in the morning, after every prayer, in the car, and before bed. Fill your entire house with the joy of the Resurrection as you sing:

"Christ is risen from the dead Trampling down death by death, And to those in the tombs Bestowing life!"

To hear some beautiful versions of this hymn, check out [this site](#) or [this one](#).

2. Learn "The Angel Cried"

Another fantastic hymn to teach the children during the Paschal season is "The Angel Cried." We sing this hymn during our Evening Prayers each night for the 40 days following Pascha (and in the car and other random times because they love it so much!), and I am always amazed at how quickly the children pick it up. Even my two-year-old was singing along after a few days.

"The angel cried to the Lady Full of Grace: Rejoice, O Pure Virgin! Again I say: Rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb. With Himself He has raised all the dead! Rejoice, all you people! Shine, Shine! O New Jerusalem! The Glory of the Lord has shone on you. Exalt now and be glad, O Zion. Be radiant, O Pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of Your Son!"

You can listen to the hymn [here](#).

3. Read the Resurrection Gospels

Read and reread the Resurrection Gospels often during the 40 day Paschal season. In the past we have read one Gospel each night during Bright Week (the week immediately after Pascha), and by the end of the week the children

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK WITH:

- Full Article and links found at:*

http://www.orthodoxmotherhood.com/ways-celebrate-resurrection/?fbclid=IwAR0W_ALnSZ0ZzZ4vUuuuotjlC_YO0ZMFc2ajmsPgCK0D8BiSqyAWsmTExl-c



The Forgotten Most Important Stewards of the Orthodox Church:

Holy Scripture teaches us: **“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6)**. So, what are some of the keys to training up our youth and emerging adults and what information and resources are available?

You can also find some helpful information, resources and presentations on this topic at www.stewardshipcalling.com under the Internet Radio Tab (<http://stewardshipcalling.com/internet-radio/>) by scrolling down to the May 1, 2019 program notes.

Bill Marianes

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"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

The Apostles Heal Many

¹⁷ But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sad'ducees, and filled with jealousy ¹⁸ they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. ¹⁹ But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, ²⁰ "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

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Khristós Anésti!
(*Alithós Anésti!*)

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger

in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.”

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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... 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, Abbot Tryphon ...*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:* 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,* Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) ...*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): *your name here* – Saint ____ (*Please contact Fr Dave with your Patron Saint*)

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Birthday Prayers for... Apryle Horbal (5/6), Fr Thomas Soroka (5/6), Ethan Gogal (5/7), Ella Ann Kovats (5/9), Dr Phillip Labas (5/10) ...*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 & Patrick ...*through the prayers of Sts. Adrian & Natalia and all Holy Martyrs.*

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Anniversary Prayers for... Father’s Godparents, Dick & Andrea Babbie (5/7), Father’s Best Man, Joe & Sarah Lavra (5/7) ...*May God fill them with His grace that they may continue to live in unity with Him!*

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For Expectant Mothers... Pañi Eleni, Faith, Hayley, Lauren ...*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... +John “Bratso” Wuchenich (3/15), +Rose Mary Radick (3/19), +William Littlemeyer, Jr. (3/28), +Leona Haynes (4/13), 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:

5th Ode from Resurrection Matins

Let us arise in the early dawn and instead of myrrh bring a hymn to the Master;
and we shall see Christ the Sun of righteousness, Who causes life to dawn for all.
Christ is risen from the dead!

The Purpose of This Book

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

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

