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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 12, 2019

A Two Week Bulletin

Volume IV

3rd Sunday of Pascha

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing 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

SERVICES, SAINTS, AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 18 – 9:30am Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy at St. Sava's (901 Hartman St., McKeesport, PA)

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

Monday	The Holy Apostle James, Son of Zebedee	Acts 6:8-7:5, 47-60	John 4: 46– 54
Tuesday	Venerable Paphnutius, abbot of Borovsk (1477)	Acts 8: 5– 17	John 6: 27– 33
* Wednesday	St. Athanasius the Great, archbishop of Alexandria (373)	Acts 8: 18– 25	John 6: 35– 39
Thursday	Martyr Timothy the Reader of Antioch in Egypt (286)	Acts 8: 26– 39	John 6: 40– 44
* Friday	Virgin-martyr Pelagia of Tarsus in Asia Minor (287)	Acts 8:40–9:19	John 6: 48– 54
Saturday	Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos, "Inexhaustible Cup" (1878)	Acts 9: 19– 31	John 15:17-16:2

** 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)

May 19 – 4th Sunday of Pascha: The Sunday of the Paralytic

9:20 – Paschal Canon; 9:30 – Divine Liturgy Tone 3 Liturgical Color: **White**

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

YOUTH Sunday / Panachida / Cemetery Grave Blessings following Coffee Social

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

Monday	Holy Father and Confessor Alexis of Wilkes-Barre	Acts 10: 1– 16	John 6: 56– 69
Tuesday	Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian (98-117)	Acts 10: 21– 33	John 7: 1– 13
* Wednesday	Martyr Christopher of Lycia (249)	Acts 14: 6– 18	John 7: 14– 30
Thursday	Apostle Simon the Zealot (1st. c.)	Acts 10: 34– 43	John 8: 12– 20
* Friday	Holy Equals-to-the Apostles Methodius (885) & Cyril (869)	Acts 10:44-11:10	John 8: 21– 30
Saturday	St. Epiphanius, bishop of Cyprus (403)	Acts 12: 1– 11	John 8: 31– 42

May 26 – 5th Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

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

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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



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

Sunday, June 2 – 9:30am Divine Liturgy / 10:00 Liturgy at Camp Nazareth for Family Day

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*This Bulletin Is Offered:
For All Mothers,
May God Grant Them
Many Years!
And for All Deceased
Mothers, May Their
Memory Be Eternal!*

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PARISH BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials were offered last week by Eleanor Sanger; Viola Peifer; Tim Martin; Melanie Shuster; Mary Jane Hudak; Joanne Nelson; Rich Mirilovich; Cindy Pavidonis
***"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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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: **1st** to set-up everything and **2nd** 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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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.

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



62 Days Till Camp! – Early bird discount rates are available through May 15th. Information regarding registration is available at: www.CampNazareth.org. Please act **THIS WEEK** to receive the discount! **Please talk with Fr Dave before registering to get the online code that you will need.** Our ACRY is offering a partial 'Campership' for assistance and other assistance is also available. *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)

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Our Stewardship Gifts To God

Stewardship/Dues:	\$ 110
Candles/Eternal Lamp:	\$ 197
Envelopes:	\$ 426
Community Outreach (OCMC):	\$ 100
Total Collections:	\$ 883
Relocation Fund:	\$ 116

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

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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.

Coffee Social Steward Schedule

- May 19: **Open / "Pot Luck"**
- May 26: **Open / "Pot Luck"**
- June 2: **Open / "Pot Luck"**

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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!**

Paschal Greeting

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

Christ is risen!

(responded with: Indeed He is risen!)

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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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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ORTHODOXY AROUND DA 'BURGH & OUR DIOCESE

Carpatho-Rusyn Society 25th Anniversary – Everyone is welcome to join us **THIS 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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Pan-Orthodox Paschal Divine Liturgy – The Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of Greater Pittsburgh will gather together to celebrate Pascha with a Divine Liturgy **THIS Saturday, May 18th** at 9:30 AM at Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Church (901 Hartman Street, McKeesport, PA 15132) with Protobresbyter Stevo Rocknage presiding. There will be a luncheon afterwards. Please contact Father Stevo before Friday if you will be staying for the meal or if you have any questions (412-760-7911 / Frstevor@Aol.com). *This is the day that the Lord has made - let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

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Designer Purse Bash – The 3rd Annual Purse Bash will be **THIS 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.

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ST JOHN'S MONTHLY COMMUNITY OUTREACH



This month, through the efforts of our Sr. ACRY, we will be collecting donations for **Vision for Life**. Visit www.visionforlifepgh.org to see the extensive work that this organization is doing to help bring down abortion numbers in Allegheny County. *Thank you in advance for your prayers and offerings this month!*

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LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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

Sts. Mary & Martha, sisters of St. Lazarus (1st c.)

Commemorated on the Sunday of Myrrh-Bearing Women

Mary and Martha, with their brother Lazarus, were especially devoted disciples of our Lord; their story up to the time of the Resurrection can be found in Luke 10 and John 11-12. Mary and Martha were among the Myrrh-bearing women. They, with their brother, reposed in Cyprus, where Lazarus became first Bishop of Kition after he was raised from death by Christ.

An ancient tradition holds that Lazarus was thirty years old when he was restored to life by

the Lord, and that he lived another thirty years. After he was raised from the dead, he never again laughed; but once, when he saw someone stealing a clay pot, he smiled and said, 'Clay stealing clay.' His name is a Greek version of *Eleazar*, meaning 'God has helped.'

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

7 Ways to Celebrate the Resurrection

(For More Than Just a Day!)

By Sarah Wright, an Orthodox Christian, a wife, a mother of three, a teacher, and a writer.

CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK...

1. Say and Sing "Christ is Risen"
2. Learn "The Angel Cried"
3. Read the Resurrection Gospels
4. Display the Resurrection Icon



Another simple yet powerful way to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord during the Paschal season is to prominently display the Resurrection icon in your home. Our family has one small bookshelf near our front door on

which we place an icon for feast days. Thus, each time we enter or leave our house, we can see and venerate the icon.

I find that I need this little reminder in my daily life. It can be so easy to get caught up in the business that comes with the mundane beauty of doing laundry, going to work, wiping little noses, and preparing dinner. **By making myself stop—even momentarily—before the icon of the Resurrection several times each day, the joy of Pascha is rekindled in my soul.**

The blog A Reader's Guide to Orthodox Icons has a great article about the power and victory of the Resurrection Icon that you may want to check out.

5. Feast with Good Food

Pascha is preceded by the season of Lent – an intense period of fasting, prayers, and almsgiving. **For nearly two months, Orthodox Christians have abstained from meat and dairy as we seek to cultivate a repentant heart and acquire the virtues of Christ.**

But, on Pascha we fill baskets to the brim with all of the foods we have been fasting from! Most churches have big celebrations after the Paschal Liturgy. **Meats, cheeses, wines, and more are shared as we remember that feasting is also part of the Christian life.**

This feasting can continue after Pascha. During Bright Week, there is no fasting. So, enjoy delicious dinners! Let each child pick out a favorite meal to eat. Bake a cake. Fire up the grill. Order a pizza. Go out for Chinese food. Whatever signals “feasting” to your family! And remember to say “Christ is Risen!” and sing the hymn before you eat.

6. Read Children’s Books

You can also add some books about the Resurrection and the joy of Pascha to your family reading time during the Paschal season. Here are a few that I recommend:

The Miracle of the Red Egg (by Elizabeth Crispina Johnson) Have you ever wondered why Orthodox Christians dye Easter eggs red? This charming children’s book shares the story behind the tradition. Children (and adults!) learn about

St. Mary Magdalene, a Roman emperor, and a miracle that shows the power of the resurrection.

Catherine’s Pascha (by Charlotte Riggle) This is a USA Best Books Award Finalist – an honor rarely bestowed upon an Orthodox book. This lovely book walks a child through Pascha—from baking on Saturday to the beautiful service and breaking the fast with church family.

Heaven Meets Earth: Celebrating Pascha and the Twelve Feasts (by John Kosmas Skinas) A beautiful book that explains each of the twelve great feasts of the Church – including Pascha. With icons, hymns, Scriptures, and quotes from the Fathers, and traditions explained, your family will use this resource for years to come. **[AND Available in our bookstore]**

7. Fill the House with Flowers

Finally, I personally find great joy whenever I see fresh flowers around the house. That’s why I was so excited by Charlotte Riggle’s post about filling her house with flowers during the Paschal season. What a great idea!

This year I am planning on picking up some inexpensive bouquets each week at the grocery store, Trader Joe’s, or the farmer’s market to brighten our home as we celebrate our risen Lord.

Full Article and links found at:

http://www.orthodoxmotherhood.com/ways-celebrate-resurrection/?fbclid=IwAR0W_ALnSZ0ZzZ4vUuuuotjlcY00ZMfc2ajmsPqCK0D8BiSgyAWsmTExl-c

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STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET



The Forgotten Most Important Stewards of the Orthodox Church: Our Youth

If our youth and emerging adults do not understand and practice true Christian stewardship, we have sealed the regrettable fate of many of our churches. And yet, we have a relative dearth of resources or information available to teach true Christian stewardship to this most critical group of parishioners/stakeholders.

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?

The May 1, 2019 Stewardship Calling 1st Wednesday program on Ancient Faith Radio features some of the latest research and resources to assist with this most critical need. We also explore some effective strategies and information with my special guest, Steve Christoforou, GOA Director of Y2AM (the Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries).

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.

Thanks, and God bless, Bill Marianes

Please talk with members of the Church Council, Fr. Dave, or leave thoughts anonymously in an envelope on the desk in the vestibule as we continue to learn and grow in stewardship together.

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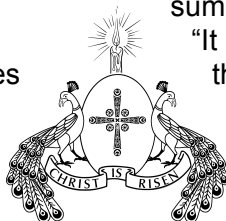
SUNDAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

“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 6:1–7

Seven Chosen to Serve

6 Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution.² And the twelve



summoned the body of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables.³ Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty.⁴ But we will devote ourselves to

prayer and to the ministry of the word.”⁵ And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmentas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch.⁶ These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them.

⁷ And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

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Gospel: Mark 15:43–16:8

⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus.⁴⁴ And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead.⁴⁵ And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph.⁴⁶ And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where he was laid.

The Resurrection of Jesus

16 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.² And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen.³ And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?”⁴ And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back—it was very large.⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed.⁶ And he said to them, “Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him.⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.”⁸ And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

Greek:

Khristós Anésti!
(Alithós Anésti!)

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Next Sunday’s Epistle: Acts 5:12–20

The Apostles Heal Many

¹² Now many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon’s

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SPIRITUAL VITAMINS FOR THE WEEK

“Prayers at home are an introduction, a preparation for prayers in Church. Thus he who is not accustomed to pray at home can seldom pray diligently in Church. Experience bears witness to this: anyone can observe it for himself.” +St. John of Kronstadt

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Portico.¹³ None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor.¹⁴ And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women,¹⁵ so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them.¹⁶ The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

The Apostles Are Persecuted

¹⁷ But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy¹⁸ 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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Next Sunday’s Gospel: John 20:19–31

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.”

Jesus and Thomas

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.”

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.

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"What must we do, that we may work the works of God?" And the Lord answered them: "This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him Whom He hath sent" (St. John 6:29). One good work is necessary to us for salvation: faith; but faith is faith, and by faith alone, may we enter into communion with God, with the aid of the sacraments which He has granted to us." - Bishop Ignatius Brianchaninov
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Romanian:
Hristos a înviat!
(Adevărat a înviat!)

"The most important thing in life is to always do good. If you can't do great deeds for people, at least try to do something small." +St. Luke the Surgeon

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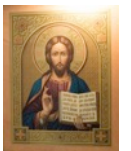
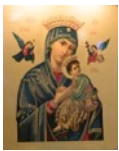
Our Parish Prayer List for Special Intentions and Other Needs *

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, Jake ...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): Robert Fall - St Robert, Abbot of Blois (5/8), Mark Tongel - St. Mark the Evangelist (5/8), Renee Mirilovich - Great-martyr Irene (5/18), Christopher Bowser - Martyr Christopher (5/22), Christopher Kubis - Martyr Christopher (5/22). *(Please contact Fr Dave with your Patron Saint)*

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Birthday Prayers for... Jillian Gaydos (5/14), Robert Mozes (5/16), Pañi Alexandra Urban (5/16), Patrick Wertz (5/19), Linda Gavulich (5/20), Kenneth Parks (5/22), Elias Mainolfi (5/24/14), Sean Watson (5/26)...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... Christopher & Melissa Dittmore (5/17), Fr Dave's Ordination to the Priesthood (5/17), Ernest & Claudia (Herbert) Pido (5/19), Fr Dave & Pañi Alexandra (5/25/14) ...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 "Brats" 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:

Special Hymn (Hypakoj) from Resurrection Matins

Before dawn Mary came with the women and found the stone rolled away from the tomb. And they heard from the angel: He abides in life everlasting. Why seek Him among the dead as if He were a man? Behold the burial shroud! Go and proclaim to the world: the Lord is risen and has conquered death. For He is the Son of God and He is the Saviour of mankind.