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## CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

**ON THE MEND:** Please keep the following parishioners and others in your prayers for recovery from their illnesses and injuries: **Metropolitan Constantine**, Patriarch Pavle, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Peter Natishan, Father Gerald Olszewski, Father Jakiw Norton, Father Dragan Filipović, Father Elias Katras, Father Stevo Rocknage, **Father Paul Stoll**, Father Igor Soroka, Father Deacon Joseph Bulkanowa, Ollie Pendylshok, Walt & Evelyn Burlack, Joshua Agosto and his family, Harley Katarina Rahuba, Joe Karas, Mike and Hilda Holupka, Eva Malesnick, Helen Likar, Angela Wesolosky, Stella Peanoske, Joe Nezolyk, Nick Behun, Terry Reinhart, Bernie O'Masta, Grace Holupka, Virginia Bryan, Joseph Sliwinsky, Maria Balo, Linda Mechtly, Mary Mochnick, Mary Pekich, Mildred Manolovich, Evelyn Misko, Amy, Nigel Daniel, & Daniel Pocura, Jeanne Boehing, Alex Drobot, Rachelle, Jane Golofski, Doug Diller, Harry Krewsun, Sandy Gamble, Glen Lucas Burlack, Bernie Vangrin, Mary Alice Babcock, Dorie Kunkle, Andrea, & Melissa [Betty O'Masta's relatives], Mary Evelyn King, Stella Cherepko, Sam Wadrose, Khoruia Joanne Abdalah, Cameron [a boy in Matt's class], Faith—a 3-year-old girl with rheumatoid arthritis, Isabella Olivia Lindgren—a 10-month old with a brain tumor, Dillon, Ethel Thomas, Donna, Jeff, Nick Malec [Maxine's brother], Bill, Erin, Jimmy Fennel [6<sup>th</sup> Grader], Jim Markovich, Jeff Walewski [thyroid cancer], Carol [Lotinski] Rose, Michael Miller, Dave May, Peter Paul & Louise May Sprock, Grace & Owen Ostrasky, Claudia [Horvath] Gradicheck, Alberta, Margaret Mueller, Gary Zurasky, Michael Horvath, Tony Notaro, Patti Sinecki, David Genshi, Pete Special, Rita Very & family, Sue Segeleon, Mike Gallagher, Mildred Walters, Michael Miller, Betsy Mallison, Mike Pelchar [Liz's brother], Jim Logue—throat cancer, Michael, Amy, Luke Brunermer—broken arm, Liz Stumpf, Aubrie—3-month-old with Cystic Fibrosis, Kathy Ciranni, and Daria Masur. **ARNOLD: Stefania Lucci, Kay Tomson, Ann Ostaffy, Steve Sakal, Elisabeth Arasin, and Homer Paul Kline.** We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Martha Persico, who will celebrate on May 19!**

**Our church has received 2 donations in memory of Frank Pendylshok. Mr John Bohichik gave us a donation of \$30.00 and the Slickville American Legion sent us \$25.00. We also collected donations at our Lenten Ecumenical Service and sent the Westmoreland County Food Bank a check for \$200.00. Thank you all!**

Please remember ALL American servicemen and women in the Middle East in your prayers. May God watch over them and all American servicemen and women—and bring them all home safely!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR “BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION” AND CAMPBELL’S SOUP LABELS TO CHURCH. There is a shoebox in the basement for Alex’s Fourth Grade and Matt’s Second Grade collections. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP! *Alex and Matt*

**REMEMBER—PRAYERS ARE ALWAYS FREE!**

Communion Fasting: nothing to eat or drink after midnight, EXCEPT in cases where your doctor tells you to eat or drink something for medical reasons: medication, diabetes, etc. If you have a question, please call Father Bob.

***AT ANY TIME*—if there is an emergency, if you have questions, or if you just need to talk, please CALL FATHER BOB at [412] 279-5640.**

Schedule of Services

**Sunday, May 13                      DIVINE LITURGY                      10:30 AM**  
**SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN—HOLY APOSTLE JAMES; SAINT DONATUS-BISHOP OF EUROEA IN EPIRUS; UNCOVERING RELICS OF SAINT BASIL-BISHOP OF AMASEA; MARTYR MAXIMUS OF EPHESUS; UNCOVERING RELICS OF SAINT NICETAS-BISHOP OF NOVGOROD; TRANSLATION OF RELICS OF SAINT SABBA-ABBOT OF ZVENIHOROD MONASTERY; VENERABLE CLEMENT THE HYMNOGRAPHER—ABBOT OF THE STUDION; NEW MARTYR ARGYRA OF PRUSSA; SAINT IGNATIUS [BRIANCHANINOV]-BISHOP OF THE CAUCASUS & BLACK SEA**

*Tone 5*  
*Acts 16:16-34*  
*John 9:1-38*

***Litany in Blessed Memory of Frank Pendlyshok—40 days—Fr. Bob***  
***Parastas in Blessed Memory of Edward Pytlak—Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Dippolito***

**Thursday, May 17                      ASCENSION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST**

**Sunday, May 20                      DIVINE LITURGY                      10:30 AM**  
**HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL; COMMEMORATION OF THE SIGN OF THE CROSS OVER JERUSALEM; MARTYR ACACIUS THE CENTURION OF BYZANTIUM; VENERABLE JOHN OF ZADEN IN GEROGIA & 12 DISCIPLES—SHIO,**

**DAVID, ANTHONY, THADDEUS, STEPHEN, ISIDORE, MICHAEL, PYRRHUS, ZENO,  
JESSE, JOSEPH, & ABIBUS; REPOSE OF VENERABLE NILUS-ABBOT OF SORA**

*Tone 6*

Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

John 17:1-13

*Litany in Blessed Memory of Anna Sada—Helen Pytlak*

*Parastas in Blessed Memory of Mary Pendylshok—Ollie*

**Sunday, May 27**

**DIVINE LITURGY**

**10:30 AM**

**PENTECOST—TRINITY SUNDAY—DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT UPON THE  
APOSTLES—PARISH NAME'S DAY AND FEAST DAY; MARTYR ISIDORE OF CHIOS,  
MARTYR MAXIMUS; VENERABLE SERAPION-MONK OF EGYPT, VENERABLE  
NICETAS-BISHOP OF HOHOROD, SAINT LEONTIUS-PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM,  
BLESSED ISIDORE-FOOL-FOR-CHRIST, WONDERWORKER OF ROSTOV  
BLESSING OF CARS, TRUCKS, MOTORCYCLES AFTER LITURGY!**

*Tone 7*

Acts 2:1-11

John 7:37-52; 8:12

*Parastas in Blessed Memory of Steve & Tillie Kuzman—Debbie & John Pauncic*

## **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 13 MAY 2007**

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### **TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION—TONE 5**

Let the faithful praise and worship the Word,  
Coeternal with the Father and the Spirit;  
Born for our salvation from the Virgin;  
For He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,  
To endure death,  
And to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and  
unto ages of ages. Amen.

### **KONTAKION—TONE 4**

I come to Thee, O Christ  
Blind from birth in my spiritual eyes,  
And call to thee in repentance:

Thou art the most radiant Light of those in Darkness

**PROKEIMENON—TONE 8**

**READER:** Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

**PEOPLE: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!**

**READER:** In Judah, God is known; His name is great in Israel!

**PEOPLE: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!**

**READER:** Pray and make your vows.

**PEOPLE: before the Lord our God!**

**ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 8**

Look upon me and have mercy on me.  
Lead my steps according to Thy Word.

**The Hymn to the Theotokos (Replaces "It Is Truly Meet")**

**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 ye people!**

**Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem! The Glory of the Lord has shone on you! Exult now and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O Pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of your Son!**

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

Receive ye the Body of Christ! Taste ye the fountain of immortality!  
Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest!

**A Woman Who Knows Her Place**

Barbara Walters, of television's 20/20, did a story on gender roles in Kabul and Afghanistan several years before the Afghan conflict.

She noted that women customarily walked 5 paces behind their husbands. Recently, she returned to Kabul and observed that women still walk behind their husbands. From Ms. Walter's vantage point, despite the overthrow of the oppressive Taliban regime, the women now seem to walk even further behind their husbands and are happy to maintain the custom.

Ms. Walters approached one of the Afghani women and asked "Why do you now seem happy with the old custom that you once tried so desperately to change?"

The woman looked Ms. Walters in the eyes and without hesitation, said "*land mines!*"

A little girl stood near a small church from which she had been turned away because it was "too crowded."

"I can't go to Sunday School," she sobbed to the pastor as he walked by.

Seeing her shabby, unkempt appearance, the pastor guessed the reason and, taking her by the hand, took her inside and found a place for her in the Sunday school class. The child was so happy that they found room for her, and she went to bed that night thinking of the children who have no place to worship Jesus. Some two years later, this child lay dead in one of the poor tenement buildings. Her parents called for the kindhearted pastor who had befriended their daughter to handle the final arrangements.

As her poor little body was being moved, a worn and crumpled red purse was found which seemed to have been rummaged from some trash dump.

Inside was found 57 cents and a note, scribbled in childish handwriting, which read: "This is to help build the little church bigger so more children can go to Sunday School."

For two years she had saved for this offering of love

When the pastor tearfully read that note, he knew instantly what he would do. Carrying this note and the cracked, red pocketbook to the pulpit, he told the story of her unselfish love and devotion

He challenged his deacons to get busy and raise enough money for the larger building.

But the story does not end there...

A newspaper learned of the story and published it. It was read by a wealthy realtor who offered them a parcel of land worth many thousands.

When told that the church could not pay so much, he offered to sell it to the little church for 57 cents.

Church members made large donations. Checks came from far and wide.

Within five years the little girl's gift had increased to \$250,000.00--a huge sum for that time (near the turn of the century). Her unselfish love had paid large dividends.

When you are in the city of Philadelphia, look up Temple Baptist Church, with a seating capacity of 3,300. And be sure to visit Temple University, where thousands of students are educated.

Have a look, too, at the Good Samaritan Hospital and at a Sunday School building which houses hundreds of beautiful children, built so that no child in the area will ever need to be left outside during Sunday school time.

In one of the rooms of this building may be seen the picture of the sweet face of the little girl whose 57 cents, so sacrificially saved, made such remarkable history. Alongside of it is a portrait of her kind pastor, Dr. Russell H. Conwell, author of the book, "Acres of Diamonds".

This is a true story, which goes to show WHAT GOD CAN DO WITH 57 CENTS.

A man was being tailgated by a stressed out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly, the light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, finger printed, photographed, and placed in a holding cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' License plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper Sticker, And the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the

trunk, Naturally...I assumed you had stolen the car."

Priceless! —*via Pani Cindy Mycyk*

**SOMETHING NEW AND DIFFERENT FOR OUR PARISHIONERS!** After Divine Liturgy and the Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, our parish name's day and feast day, we will go outside and bless the cars, trucks, vans, and motorcycles that transport our parishioners. Please plan to bring your vehicles to church that Sunday for a special prayer and sprinkling with holy water!

**We will have a collection at the end of Divine Liturgy for the Wratcher family who was devastated recently by a fire, which caused the death of one of their family members. Please give as generously as you can to this local and very worthy cause. Thank you in advance for your kindness and love.**