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PASCHA—THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST! CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

REMINDER: NO KNEELING from Pascha to the Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost! Also, the week after Pascha is a FAST-FREE WEEK!

ON THE MEND: Please keep the following parishioners and others in your prayers for recovery from their illnesses and injuries: Metropolitan Constantine, Bishop Robert, Father Gerald Olszewski, Father Jakiw Norton, Father Dragan Filipović, Father Elias Katras, Father Stevo Rocknage, Father Paul Stoll, Father Igor Soroka, Father Michael Mihalick [MS], Father Joseph Kopchak, Father Anthony Dimitri, Father Cuthbert Jack, Father Elias Warnke, Archimandrite Lev, Father Taras Naumenko, Father Nestor Kowal, Father Gabriel Rochell, Father Bill & Pani-Matka Sonia Diakiw, Pani-Matka Linda Oryhon, Father Paul Bigelow, Father Tim Tomson, Protodeacon Mykola Dilendorf, Evelyn Burlack, Joshua Agosto and his family, Harley Katarina Rahuba, Mike Holupka, Eva Malesnick, Stella Peanoske, Joe Nezolyk, Nick Behun, Grace Holupka, Virginia Bryan, Joseph Sliwinsky, Maria Balo, Linda Mechtly, Mary Mochnick, Mildred Manolovich, Evelyn Misko, Jeanne Boehing, Alex Drobot, Rachelle, Jane Golofski, Doug Diller, Harry Krewsun, Glen Lucas Burlack, Bernie Vangrin, Mary Alice Babcock, Dorie Kunkle, Andrea, & Melissa [Betty O'Masta's relatives], Mary Evelyn King, Stella Cherepko, Sam Wadrose, Isabella Olivia Lindgren—a 4-year-old with a brain tumor, Ethel Thomas, Donna, Erin, Jeff Walewski [thyroid cancer], Michael Miller, Dave May, Grace & Owen Ostrasky, Alverta, Michael Horvath, Patti Sinecki, David Genshi, Sue Segeleon, Mike Gallagher, Michael Miller, Liz Stumpf, Theodore Nixon, Michelle Corba Kapeluck, Gloria Prymak [Liz's niece], Robert Hippert & family, Margaret Vladimir, Luke Emmerling, John Sheliga, George & Mika Rocknage, Robert McKivitz, Tom Marriott, Joe Farkas, Liz Obradovich, Liz, Halyna Zelinska [Bishop Daniel's mother], Charlotte, Peter Natishan, Andrew Mark Olynyk, Deborah Finley, Claire Senita, Brandi Thomas, Eleanor Kelly,

Bryan, Peter & Karen Special, Doris Artman, Nancy Barylak, Henry & Shirley Tkacik, Martin Golofski, Anthony Yerace, Khrystyna Chorniy, Anthony Cormier [3-year-old with cancer], Nathan Forbeck, Sarah Doyle, Samuel Peters, Jean Stutchell, Charles & Esther Holupka, Wanda Mefford, Lynn (Bush) Gill, David Vallor, Henry Walker, Julia Duda, Lisa Pandle, Fred DeNorscia, Kris & Julie Hanczar, John Kennedy, Lloyd Sheakley [Pani Gina's uncle], Diane McDaniel, Loretta, Nancy, Carol, & Michael Sheliga, Gaelle Kelly Irma McDivitt, Sandy Gardner, Richard Trinlisti, Robin Young, Josephine Repa, and Daria Masur. ARNOLD: Stefania Lucci, Steve Sakal, and Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

Please remember James John Logue, George Senita, John Kirkowski, Matthew Machak, Michael Repasky, and ALL American service men and women in your prayers. May God watch over them and all American service men 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 Eighth Grade and Matt’s Sixth Grade collections. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP! Love, *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, April 24 **PASCHAL DIVINE LITURGY** **10:30 AM**
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Paschal Tone
Acts 1:1-8
John 1:1-17

Sunday, May 1 **Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom** **10:30 AM**
ANTIPASCHA—SAINT THOMAS SUNDAY
SAINT JOHN-DISCIPLE OF SAINT GREGORY OF DECAPOLIS; MARTYRS VICTOR, ZOTICUS, ZENO, ACINDYNUS, & SEVERIAN OF NICOMEDIA; SAINT COSMAS-BISHOP

**OF CHALCEDON & HIS FELLOW-ASCETIC SAINT AUXENTIUS; NEW-MARTYR JOHN
YANITSKY**

Tone 1

Acts 5:12-20

John 20:19-31

*Litany in Blessed Memory of Catherine & Nicholas Behun—Behun Family
Parastas in Blessed Memory of Maxine Kitch—Tom & Joyce Hinchman & Family*

Sunday, May 8

Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

10:30 AM

**THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA—SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN
SAINTED MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN; JOSEPH OF ARIMETHEA & NICODEMUS; SAINTS
MARY & MARTHA-SISTERS OF SAINT LAZARUS; HOLY APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST
MARK**

MOTHERS' DAY

Tone 2

Acts 6:1-7

Gospel Mark 15:43-16:8

*Litany in Blessed Memory of all deceased Mothers, Grandmothers, etc.—Fr. Bob
Parastas in Blessed Memory of John Batch—Harry Batch*

**BULLETIN INSERT FOR 24 APRIL 2011
PASCHA
THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND GOD
AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST**

*******Page 179 in the Black Divine Liturgy Books*******

**THE PASCHAL EPISTLE OF THE PERMANENT CONFERENCE
OF UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX BISHOPS BEYOND THE
BORDERS OF UKRAINE FOR 2011**

*To the Reverend Clergy, the Diaconate in Christ, the Venerable Monastics
and Faithful Laity of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church Beyond the Borders of
Ukraine and on their native soil.*

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen!

Dearly Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

*God Who first established this feast for us allows us to celebrate it each
year. He Who gave up His Son for our salvation, from the same motive*

*gives us this feast... allowing us to pray together and to offer common thanksgiving...He gathers to this feast those who are far apart...
St. Athanasius (+373)*

Our hearts are filled today with joy that is beyond description, joy that completes the time of the 'bright sadness' that we have journeyed through and it is with this joy that we greet you on "the day that the Lord has made" (Paschal Matins), the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

It is by God's mercy and grace that we gather to celebrate the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord each year. It is indeed a greater blessing that this year, 'those who are far apart', now celebrate this 'Feast of Feasts', together. God has given us a fore taste of His great hope, that the Christian Church come together and be united. We gather together within our respective Christian traditions but we offer our Benevolent God, our common thanksgiving.

Although there is much dialogue and understanding yet to be achieved, we cannot deny that it is the 'motive' of God to bring us to unity. On this Holy Day we celebrate the joy that this unity of prayer and love can manifest in us.

Over the course of time, the desire to continue to move forward with unity dialogues between the Churches continues to manifest itself. They move forward because we recognize that to embrace such dialogue is to embrace the Will of God and understanding that in His Time these efforts will find their fullness. God has never sought to abandon His Church, and today we celebrate the reality of His continued love and faithfulness to us. May we return this love to Him through our faithfulness to Him.

It is why with such fervent prayer that we beseech our Heavenly Father and with tears of hope we call to our beloved brothers and sisters in Ukraine, to find the paths of reconciliation that must be found, for we are one, united by the ancient apostolic tradition of the Holy Apostle Andrew, the First-called. Disunity and separation brings pain and sorrow. This is not the work of Him who is Unity, who is Wholeness and who is Harmony.

We, your hierarchs, are continual intercessors for each parish and faithful Christian that is within the vineyard of our Episcopal protection. Our hope and prayer is that each of the flocks entrusted to our 'Omophorion' continue to manifest the fruits of Christian unity, for 'behold now, what is so good or

so pleasant as for brothers to dwell together in unity? (Psalm 132: 1) In the world today we see so much political and civil unrest. Humanity continues to search for life, harmony and peace, often at the expense of human life. As Christians we are called to prayer and action during these events. Our prayer and action is to seek the will of God made manifest in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. We urge that our clergy and all faithful Christians of good will: continue to find within yourselves the image of Christ and reflect it to each other, your communities, the world, for by this we will build His One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. Then the Paschal Joy we feel will truly find its ultimate expression. St. Melito of Sardis (c +190) says in his Paschal text, *"It is I," says the Christ. "So come all families of people, adulterated with sin, and receive forgiveness of sins. For I am your freedom. I am the Passover of salvation, I am the lamb slaughtered for you, I am your ransom, I am your life, I am your light, I am your salvation, I am your resurrection, I am your King.*

All this begins with our continual self-emptying to allow the life of the Holy Spirit to permeate all aspects of our lives. We will then, and only then, find the true expression of life, hope, freedom, and salvation. It is not to be found in the philosophies of the world or to be found in sinful humanity. It is only found in our communion with The Christ! *"This is the alpha and omega, this is the beginning and the end, the ineffable beginning and the incomprehensible end. This is the Christ, this is the King, this is Jesus, this is the commander, this is the Lord, this is he who rose from the dead, this is he who sits at the right hand of the father, he bears the father and is borne by him. To him be the glory and the might for ever. Amen."*

On the occasion of the Glorious Resurrection we, your hierarchs greet you, those in the Diaspora and our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and entreat for you God's blessing for a new life united in faith, hope and love in the Risen Sun of Righteousness, who raises us up today to a glorious, never-ending tomorrow.

I shall raise you up by my right hand, I will lead you to the heights of heaven, there shall I show you the everlasting father." (St. Melito of Sardis)

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Pascha 2011

+ Constantine

Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and the Diaspora;

+Yurij

Metropolitan – Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada

+John

Metropolitan-Emeritus – Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada

+Antony

Archbishop – Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA

+Ioan

Archbishop – Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the Diaspora

+Jeremiah

Archbishop – South American Eparchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church

+Ilarion

Bishop – Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada

+Andriy

Bishop – Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada

+Daniel

Bishop – Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA

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Pascha 2011

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+ B A R T H O L O M E W

By the Mercy of God

Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch

To the Plenitude of the Church Grace, Peace and Mercy

From the Savior Christ Risen in Glory

Beloved children in the Lord,

Once again, in a spirit of joy and peace, we address you with the delightful and hopeful greeting: "Christ is Risen!"

The occurrences and events of our time may not seem to justify the exultation of our greeting. The natural destruction caused by seismic tremors and oceanic swells, together with the lurking devastation from possible nuclear explosion, as well as the human sacrifices resulting from military conflict and terrorist action, reveal our world to be in horrible torment and anguish from the pressure of the natural and spiritual forces of evil.

Nevertheless, the Resurrection of Christ is indeed real and grants to faithful Christians the certainty – and to all humanity the possibility – of

transcending the adverse consequences of natural calamity and spiritual perversity.

Nature rebels when the arrogant human mind endeavors to tame its boundless forces endowed by the Creator its seemingly insignificant and inactive elements. In considering from a spiritual perspective the grievous natural phenomena that plague our planet repeatedly and successively in recent times, we appreciate and acknowledge the belief that these are inseparable from the spiritual and ethical deviation of humanity. The signs of this deviation – such as greed, avarice, and an insatiable desire for material wealth, alongside an indifference toward the poverty endured by so many as a result of the imbalanced affluence of the few – may not be clearly related to the natural occurrences in the eyes of scientists. Yet, for someone examining the matter spiritually, sin disturbs the harmony of spiritual and natural relations alike. For, there is a mystical connection between moral and natural evil; if we wish to be liberated from the latter, we must reject the former.

Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, the new Adam and God, constitutes the model for the beneficial influence of a saint on the natural world. For Christ healed physical and spiritual illness, granting comfort and healing to all people, while at the same time bringing calm and peace to stormy seas, multiplying five loaves of bread to feed the five thousand, thereby combining the reconciliation of spiritual and natural harmony. If we want to exert a positive impact on the current negative natural and political conditions of our world, then we have no other alternative than faith in the Risen Christ and fulfillment of his saving commandments.

Christ has risen and given new life to the perfect ethos of humankind, which had darkened this ethos. Christ became the first-born and pioneer of the regeneration of the world and the whole of creation. The message of the Resurrection is not empty of meaning for the quality of human life and the balanced function of nature. As we completely and profoundly experience the Resurrection of Christ in the depth our heart, our existence shall favorably impact upon all humanity and the natural world. The natural sciences may not yet fully have underlined the relationship between the regeneration of humanity and the renewal of creation, but the experience of the saints – which should be the aim our own experience – confirms the experientially proven fact that, indeed, a person reborn in Christ restores the harmony of the natural world disturbed by sin. In Christ, the saint can move mountains for the good of the world, while the sinful person, who opposes the ways of God, can shake the earth and raise destructive waves.

Let us approach the sanctity of the Risen Christ in order, through His grace, to calm the natural and moral waves that trouble our world today.

May the grace of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ be with you all, beloved children in the Lord. Amen.

Holy Pascha 2011
+ Bartholomew of Constantinople
Fervent supplicant for all before the Risen Christ

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Holy Pascha

The Feast of Feasts

Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:4)

To the Most Reverend Hierarchs, the Reverend Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, the Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils of the Greek Orthodox Communities, the Distinguished Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Day, Afternoon, and Church Schools, the Philoptochos Sisterhoods, the Youth, the Hellenic Organizations, and the entire Greek Orthodox Family in America

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is Risen! Χριστός Ἀνέστη!

On this great and glorious feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, our hearts are filled with unspeakable joy, our minds embrace the light of truth, and our souls are transformed by His presence in our midst and by His love for us.

This is most certainly a day of celebration, a day above all other days, which proclaims the triumph of life over death and offers a beautiful witness

of the power of grace and faith. This Feast of Holy Pascha is also a day of renewal. In praise and thanksgiving, we present before all people the new life that is offered to us because Christ is risen from the dead!

Our commemoration of this great Feast through hymns, prayers, and the proclamation of the Gospel, leads us to consider the relationship of His Resurrection to all areas of our lives, to our innermost being, to our thoughts and actions, and to our aspirations and hopes for life now and for eternity. Just as we come with a candle and receive the light of Pascha, so too the light and power of our Lord's Resurrection should be received into our entire being. Through His presence and grace, we are transfigured from death to life, we are renewed in the image and likeness of God, and in newness of life we carry this light into all the world.

Pascha is a feast for our hearts, a celebration for our souls. Today, repentance is embraced with grace and forgiveness. Hope overcomes despair. Heavenly joy replaces grief. Divine and assuring peace reigns over our inner struggles. Our hearts are renewed with the strength to continue the journey of liberation from sin and evil.

Pascha is a feast for our minds. On this day, Truth is revealed as a superb light for all of humanity. Today, the light of Pascha illuminates our minds. We receive the gift of the divine wisdom that guides us through life. We are blessed with a vision of what is holy, pure, and just. In the light of Pascha, our minds contemplate all of the implications of our Lord's glorious Resurrection.

Today and in the days and weeks to come we will proclaim over and over again, "Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and to those in the tombs bestowing life!" After Christ's Resurrection, the tombs are no longer places of death but of life, bestowed to us by Him as this most precious gift.

On this blessed Pascha, I offer to you and your families my warmest wishes for a beautiful day of celebration and fellowship. May our souls, hearts, and minds be filled with peace and love, and may our joy in Christ and His Resurrection be a true witness of the new life we have in Him.

With paternal love in the Risen Lord,

†DEMETRIOS
Archbishop of America

Accordingly, to call the nations to the grace of his resurrection—which is the rich and fertile land that bears everlasting fruits, fruits a hundred-fold and sixty-fold—he bowed his shoulder to labor, bowed himself to the cross, to carry our sins. For that reason the prophet (Isaiah) says, "whose government is on his shoulder." This means, above the passion of his body is the power of his divinity, or it refers to the cross that towers above his body. Therefore he bowed his shoulder, applying himself to the plow - patient in the endurance of all insults, and so subject to affliction that he was wounded on account of our iniquities and weakened on account of our sins. *St. Ambrose of Milan, On the Patriarchs 6.31*

Christ is Risen! A Pascha Greeting from the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC)

The staff, board, missionaries, and volunteers of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) hope and pray that you have a blessed Pascha. Thank you for all that you have done, and continue to do, to welcome our brothers and sisters around the world into the Body of Christ. Your prayers and support have worked to share the salvation made possible through His Glorious Resurrection with an ever-increasing chorus of voices that triumphantly proclaim: "Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!"

REMINDERS:

NO KNEELING from Pascha until the Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost!
The week after Pascha is a FAST-FREE WEEK!

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Some Notes and Reminders:

Holy Communion is limited only to Orthodox Christians
[Please see Father Bob with any questions]

Non-Orthodox Christians are permitted—and encouraged—to share the blessed Antidoron [bread] and wine at the "kissing of the cross"

Baskets will be blessed downstairs after Divine Liturgy

On behalf of the Parish Board, the Saint Olga Sisterhood, and all the parishioners of Holy Ghost Orthodox Church in Slickville, we welcome you to our humble parish.

We wish you all a most Blessed and Peaceful Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is the Feast of Feasts, the Holy Day of Holy Days, the Pascha of all Paschas—when Christ descended into Hell, loosed the bonds of those souls held captive there, arose again on the third day, and opened the Gates of Heaven again to mankind.

May this day be filled with the Joy of Our Lord's Resurrection, the smiling faces of family and friends, and the Peace that only God, our Heavenly Father, can give us.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!
Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!
Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Fr. Bob, Pani Gina, Alexander, Matthew, and Stancy Popichak