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**Christ IS Risen! Indeed He IS Risen! Christos Voskres!
Voistinu Voskres! Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti! Christos
a inviat! Adeverat a inviat!**

ON THE MEND: Please keep the following parishioners and others in your prayers for recovery from their illnesses and injuries: Archbishop Jovan, Bishop Robert, Father John Harvey, Father Jakiw Norton, Father Dragan Filipović, Father Stevo Rocknage, Father Paul Stoll, Father Igor Soroka, Father Joseph Kopchak, Father Cuthbert Jack, Father Elias Warnke, Father Nestor Kowal, Father George Yatsko, Father Paul Bigelow, Father Emilian Balan, Father John Nakonachny, Father Steve Repa, Protopresbyter William Diakiw, Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich, Father Adam Yonitch, Pani-Dobrodijka Sonia Diakiw, Joshua Agosto and his family, Mike Holupka, Eva Malesnick, Stella Peanoske, Joe Nezolyk, Nick Behun, Grace Holupka, Virginia Bryan, Joseph Sliwinsky, Linda Mechtly, Mary Mochnick, Evelyn Misko, Jeanne Boehing, Alex Drobot, Rachelle, Jane Golofski, Doug Diller, Harry Krewsun, Mary Alice Babcock, Dorie Kunkle, Andrea, & Melissa [Betty O'Masta's relatives], Mary Evelyn King, Sam Wadrose, Isabella Olivia Lindgren, Ethel Thomas, Donna, Erin, Michael Miller, Grace & Owen Ostrasky, Patti Sinecki, David Genshi, Sue Segeleon, Mike Gallagher, Liz Stumpf, Theodore Nixon, Michelle Corba Kapeluck, Linda Hippert & family, Margaret Vladimir, Luke Emmerling, John Sheliga, George Rocknage, Robert McKivitz, Liz Obradovich, Halyna Zelinska [Bishop Daniel's mother], Charlotte, Andrew Mark Olynyk, Deborah Finley, Claire Senita, Eleanor Kelly, Bryan, Nancy Barylak, Patrick Keenan, Khrystyna Chorniy, Anthony Cormier, Nathan Forbeck, Sarah Doyle, Samuel Peters, Jean Stutchell, Esther Holupka, Wanda Mefford, David Vallor, Henry Faraly, Betty O'Masta, Julie Eiler, Vince Ferro, Dorothy Lednovich, Bob C., Allie—young girl with leukemia, Heather Kramer, Jane Wartinbee, Matthew—21-year-old with cancer, Nicholas Orlando, Mary Ann Kuznik, Michael Woloschak, Michael Pryhodzenko, Sonia Luciw, Theresa Ditto, Mary Ann Musial, Mary Pelino, Yvonne Christy, Myron & Barbara Spak, Pete Niederberger, Julia Duda, Lisa

Pandle, Kris & Julie Hanczar, John Kennedy, Diane McDaniel, Loretta, Nancy, Carol, & Michael Sheliga, Gaelle Kelly, Irma McDivitt, Robin Young, Mckayla, Rachel, Carl & Margaret Reed, Theodore Demopoulos, Jillian Bowman, Lydia Wilson, Robert Pointon, Walter Cecelia, John Persico, Jeff Miller, Mary Kernick, Glenn Miller, Jean Marie, Donna & Walter McCrackin, Bonnie & Eugene Blair [Pani Gina's parents], Mel & Charlotte Malik, David Hoenshell, Barbara Macino, Shelley Hill, Mikaela Kapeluck, Linda Cawley, Gerald Cogley, Helen Bozo, Corey Guich, Robert Vangrin, Susan "Billie" Mason, Pauline Witkowsky, Sera White, Donald Griffey, Deborah Smith, Nancy & Eric Dunik, Julian Stroz [child with cerebral palsy], Dr. Kirsten Ream, Patricia Corey, Michelle, Katie Swarm, Richard Dunst, Michelle, Jamie Gardner, Patrick, Linda Morris, Howard Simpson, Chris, Pastor Ed Bowen, David Hiles, Karen Johnson, Jennifer, Jerry Quinn, Cher Mount, Frank & Janet Horrell, Jim Wandling, Susan Bertram, Rita McConnell, Gail, Pete Special, Sirena Sharp, Ron Paulovich, Fred DeNorscia, Sandi Anderson, Donald Uebing, Sabrina, Shirley, Denny Mader, Kareen Milcic, Ella Campbell, Kurt Smith, Tom Hyatt, Kenneth Miller [double-lung transplant], Jeaneen McCartney Thomson, Bill Janiro, Jean Symanko-Andy's sister, William Lemonakis, Barbara McDougall, Alma Wyke, Lindsay Romanczak & family, Virginia Catherine Pynch, Susan Lucas, Manny Lopez, Neil Carter & family, James Paluh, Mickie Weikel, Evelyn Krempasky, Tammy Strunk, Loida Esbry, Darlene Chicka Deskins, Drew, Alice & Keith Philipa, Kateryna Kocelko, Nancy Heinbaugh, Harry Bohichik, Judi Danser, Mira Filipovic, Vicki Rathbun, Lynn, Jacqueline, Irma Opacic, Sharon, and Daria Masur
ARNOLD: Stefania Lucci, Steve Sakal, and Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MAY BABIES: Pani Gina on the 9th, Nathaniel Scott on the 16th, Martha Persico on the 19th, Christine Shirley on the 23rd, and Jim Weiser on the 24th. May God grant them all Many Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Blessed Years! M'nohaya Lita!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS—Father Deacon Dennis Lapushansky, who fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday morning. May God grant His Newly-Departed Servant Deacon Dennis the Kingdom of Heaven and Life Everlasting! Christos Voskres! Christos Anesti! Christ IS Risen!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: All Christians and the others in the Middle East who are suffering during this time of great

tragedy and unrest. May God watch over and keep them safe! Lord have mercy!

PRAYER LIST: Please help update our prayer list. If you or someone you know no longer needs to be on the prayer list or if there is someone who needs to be on the list please let Father Bob know. Remember—Prayers are ALWAYS FREE! Thank you!

Please remember 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 Debbie Paouncic's class. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP!

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 ask 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 04 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
3RD SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN;
RIGHTEOUS JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA & NICODEMUS; SAINTS MARY & MARTHA-
SISTERS OF SAINT LAZARUS; HIEROMARTYR JANUARIUS-BISHOP OF
BENVENTO & COMPANIONS-FESTUS, PROCLUS, & SOSIUS-DEACONS,
DESIDERIUS-READER, & EUTYCHIUS & ACUTIUS-LAYMEN—AT POZZUOLI**

Tone 2

Acts 6:1-7

Mark 15:43-16:8

***Litany in Blessed Memory of +Metropolitan Constantine, Charles Cherepko,
Anna Metrick, Bogdan Mural, Khouria Joanne Abdalla, Katherine Tomson,
Walter Golofski, Jr., Joseph Baloga, Anna Vangrin, Anthony Notaro, Esther
Tylavsky, Evdokia Josephine Repa, Daniel J. Pysh, Jr., Metro Warholak, & Stella
Cherepko—Fr. Bob***

Parastas in Blessed Memory of Nicholas & Catherine Behun—Behun Family

**SUNDAY, MAY 11 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
4TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE PARALYZED MAN; RIGHTEOUS
TABITHA, TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF MARTYR ABRAMIUS OF BULGARIA;
APOSTLES JASON & SOSIPATER OF THE 70 & COMPANIONS; SAINT CYRIL-
BISHOP OF TURIV**

Tone 3

Acts 9:32-42

John 5:1-15

Litany in Blessed Memory of John Batch—Harry Batch & Family

**SUNDAY, MAY 18 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
5TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN; MARTYR IRENE
OF THESSALONICA**

Tone 4

Acts 11:19-26, 29-30

John 4:5-42

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Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Христос воскрес! Воистину воскрес!

Χριστός ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη! (Khristós Anésti! Alithós Anésti!)

Hristos a învîiat! Adevărat a învîiat!

المسيح قام! حقًا قام! (al-Masīḥ qām! Ḥaqqan qām!)

Kristo Amefufukka! Kweli Amefufukka

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION—TONE 2

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal,
Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead!
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,
All the powers of heaven cried out:
O Giver of Life! Christ our God! Glory to Thee!

TROPARION OF THE RIGHTEOUS JOSEPH—TONE 2

The noble Joseph, when he had taken down Thy most pure body from the tree
Wrapped it in fine linens and anointed it with spices,
And placed it in a new tomb.
But Thou didst rise on the third day, O Lord,
Granting the world great mercy.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

TROPARION OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN—TONE 2

The angel came to the myrrh-bearing women at the tomb and said:
Myrrh is meet for the dead; but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to
corruption! So proclaim: The Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

KONTAKION—TONE 2

Thou didst command the Myrrhbearers to rejoice, O Christ!
By Thy Resurrection, Thou didst stop the lamentation of Eve, O God!
Thou didst command Thy apostles to preach: The Savior is Risen!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 6

READER: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.
PEOPLE: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.
READER: To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me.
PEOPLE: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.
READER: O Lord, save Thy people.
PEOPLE: And bless Thine inheritance.

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 8

Lord, Thou wast favorable to Thy land; Thou didst restore the fortune of
Jacob.
Mercy and truth have met; righteousness and peace have kissed each
other.

THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS (Replaces "It Is Truly Meet")

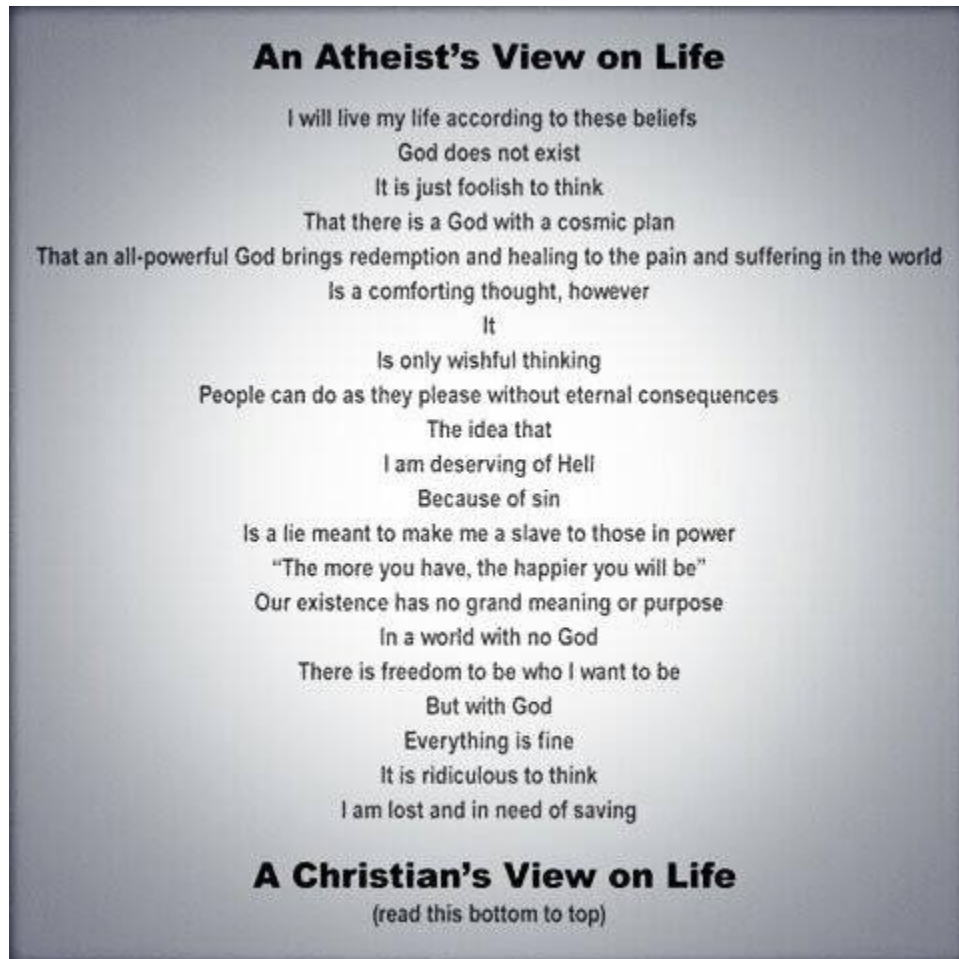
The angel cried unto Mary, who was full of Grace
Hail, oh pure virgin, oh pure virgin
once again I hail Thee
Thy Son has risen from His three days in the grave,
and He has raised the dead with Him,
Oh rejoice, all ye people.

**Oh shine with clear radiance, shine on new Jerusalem
For the glory of the Lord is shining up on you.
Rejoice! Rejoice! now and be joyful--oh Zion, and though
oh pure one and adorable birthgiver of God,
in the rising again of HIM who was born of Thee.**

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!



Reorganization of Orthodox Episcopal Assemblies in the Americas

April 22, 2014

NEW YORK – During the Holy Synaxis of the Primate of the Orthodox Churches, which took place in Constantinople on March 6-9, 2014, the

Prelates, through a unanimous vote, agreed to form separate Assemblies of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in Canada and in the United States of America. They further agreed to incorporate the hierarchs of Central America into the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of Latin America.

In 2010, during the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North and Central America's inaugural meeting, the hierarchs unanimously voted to ask the Primates of the Orthodox Churches to reorganize the Assemblies in the Americas to best respond to the cultural diversity and pastoral needs in the region.

The Assembly in the United States of America will henceforth be called "The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America."

Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America Issues Statement on the One-Year Anniversary of the Bishops Abducted in Syria

Apr 24, 2014

NEW YORK – The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America issued the following statement on April 22, 2014 for the one-year anniversary of the Bishops abducted in Syria.

STATEMENT

1. We, the Hierarchs of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America, representing millions of Orthodox Christians, express our grave concern over the escalation of unrest and ongoing violence in countries throughout the Middle East, especially in Egypt, Iraq and Syria.
2. Our Assembly denounces any and all attacks—whether by means of violence, kidnapping, torture or killing—on all fellow human beings, irrespective of their race, ethnic origin, and religion. Moreover, we deplore the destruction of all places of worship or their forced conversion from their original intent.
3. We are especially disheartened at the inexcusable indifference and unjustifiable inaction of local and national governments, which have failed to protect the Christian population in these regions. We are also gravely troubled that representatives of the ancient Christian communities in Syria are not included in the peace and reconciliation process. Christians in Iraq,

Egypt, and Syria have peacefully coexisted with people of all faiths in the region for two thousand years. As such, they must be respected and included in all decisions toward social and political justice.

4. One year ago, on April 22, 2013, the Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Boulos Yazigi (brother of His Beatitude Patriarch John X of Antioch) and the Syriac Orthodox Archbishop Yohanna Ibrahim, both of Aleppo, Syria, were kidnapped by Islamist extremists during a joint philanthropic mission in the region. With sorrowful hearts we recognize a growing lack of interest on the part of civil authorities to assist in the recovery of the two Christian leaders. We encourage all people of good conscience to communicate with their elected officials and ask them to assist in the effort to find and retrieve the two bishops. We implore the Holy Great-Martyr Saint George, the patron of Christians of the Middle East and upon the eve of whose Feast the Hierarchs were kidnapped, to intercede for their salvation and safe return.

Moreover, we appeal to the world's 2.2 billion Christians, as well as to all people of faith and good will, and ask them to keep the two bishops in their daily thoughts and prayers. We also ask the Orthodox Christian faithful of our Assembly's region to offer a special petition during the Great Litany of all divine services during this 40-day Season of Pascha. Before the petition commemorating the Most Holy Mother of God, we ask that the following petition be included:

For the safety of Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop John and for their return to their communities, let us pray to the Lord.

The Members of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America

Confession for children by Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh



In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

I was asked to give a certain number of sermons on Confession; because many come to Confession and repeat only things which they have read in manuals of devotion or which other people have told them about.

And I would like to start where I start with a child and attract your attention to the fact that our situation is the same.

When a child comes to Confession, usually he brings either on paper or by memory a long list, or a short list, of sins. And when he has finished, I always say, 'Are these things which break your heart? Are these things which you feel are wrong in you? Did you invent for yourself this confession?' And most of the time the answer is, 'No, my mother gave me this list because that makes her cross!' After that I usually have a conversation with the mother. **But as far as the child is concerned, it has nothing to do with him, it is not his confession. It is the judgement which the parents have established, accusations against him. And the same could be asked about grown-up people who come with lists of sins which they have found in manuals, or been told to consider by their spiritual fathers. And the answer is always the same: it is not my confession, yet it is a challenge which I was given.**

And then, the next move, indeed, is to ask, 'What do you know of Christ? Does He attract you? Do you like Him? Does He mean anything to you? And the answer is varied. Some say, 'No, I know Him from afar off, I know Him from the Church, from what I was taught, but I never had a personal attitude to Him.' Then the answer is, 'Find out. Read the Gospel and try to find out what Christ is like.'

And the next move: ask yourself, 'Do I like Him? Would I wish to be His disciple, His friend? If the answer is 'no', then begin to think about your whole situation, because if Christ means nothing, if you dislike Him, if He is no image of what you would like to be, then you must start a long, long way away. But if you can say, 'Yes! I like Him, I can respect Him, I can admire Him. Yes, I would like to be His personal friend if He was here,' then my next question will be, 'Do you know what friendship is?'

Friendship consists most of all in choosing someone among all the people to be to you the one you treasure above all, whom you admire, by whom you are prepared to stand in case of danger or unpleasantness; one to whom you wish to give joy.

Ask yourself these questions with regard to Christ; and ask yourself, in what way have you tried in the past week to give some joy to the Lord Jesus Christ, or in what way have you been for Him a cause of pain.

'I have loved him to the point of giving My life and My death to him and he does not care at all. Not for My suffering or My death, but for Me ...'

If that is the conclusion, begin to re-examine all your status as a Christian. **If you can say, yes, I choose Him as a friend, begin to ask yourself every day, every day: what have I done, said, thought, felt, been, which can be to Him a joy or a pain?**

And when you will come to Confession that is what you must bring to Confession; between the last Confession and today's Confession this is what I have been: an unfaithful friend, an indifferent friend, a cowardly friend, or on the contrary, no, I have chosen Him for my friend and I stood by Him...

Think in those terms; and we will see in the following sermons of mine what else we can think and do, and prepare, to pronounce a Confession that will be your own; the truth, the rock bottom of your life and heart, the truth about your relationship with Christ. Amen.

Sourced from: [http://byztex.blogspot.com/2014/04/powerful-words-on-childrens-confession.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed:+ByzantineTexas+\(Byzantine,+Texas\)](http://byztex.blogspot.com/2014/04/powerful-words-on-childrens-confession.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed:+ByzantineTexas+(Byzantine,+Texas))

POPE FRANCIS: DO NOT SEEK THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD

Vatican City, April 2014 (VIS) – "Why do you seek the living one among the dead?". With this question Pope Francis began his first catechesis following Holy Week, on the feast of St. George, the Holy Father's name day. He continued, "How often we look for life among dead things, things that cannot give life, that are here today and gone tomorrow!".

The Pope explained that these words help us "when we close ourselves within any form of selfishness or complacency; when we allow ourselves to be seduced by earthly powers and the things of this world, forgetting God and neighbour; when we place our trust in worldly vanities, in money, in success", and he commented that for us, as for Thomas and Mary Magdalene, "it is not easy to open oneself to Jesus; it is not obvious to accept the life of the Risen Christ and His presence among us".

"This question helps us resist the temptation to look back, to what was yesterday, and pushes us forward into the future. ... Today this question is also addressed to us. You, why are you looking among the dead for one who is alive? You, who close in on yourself after a failure or who no longer have the strength to pray? You who feel alone, abandoned by friends, and perhaps even by God? You who have lost hope or you who feel imprisoned

by your sins? You who aspire to beauty, spiritual perfection, justice, peace?”.

“We need to hear ourselves repeat and remind each other of the angel’s admonition”, concluded the Holy Father, “since it helps us to emerge from our moments of sadness and opens up horizons of joy and hope. That hope that removes stones from graves and encourages us to proclaim the Good News, capable of generating new life for others. ... Let us not seek among those many tombs that promise everything and give nothing!”.

"Prayer is the raising of the mind to God. We must always remember this. The actual words matter less.—Pope Saint John XXIII

Sundays of Pascha—a short commentary by Father Bob

Pani Gina noted that Saint Thomas Sunday was the “Second Sunday **OF** Pascha,” which brought about the question of why it is called that!

Note that it is not the “Second Sunday AFTER Pascha,” but the Second Sunday OF Pascha. The Holy Orthodox Church designates this because we continue to celebrate Pascha through Ascension Thursday—greeting each other with “Christ IS Risen!” We also observe several other distinctions for this period—the Prayer to the Holy Spirit—O Heavenly King—is not said again until Pentecost and the descent of the Holy Spirit. We do not kneel until the Kneeling Prayers of the Vespers of Pentecost. The Plaschenytsia remains on the Altar to remind us that Christ walked the earth from Pascha until His Holy Ascension...when it will be removed and set aside until Holy Week of next year.

After Pentecost, we begin a different nomenclature for the Sundays: The First Sunday AFTER Pentecost is the Sunday of All Saints, etc. This reminds us that we are beginning a new liturgical cycle and also that the celebration of Pascha has concluded for this year.

Note also that the Pentecost Icon—our Patronal Icon—will return to the Tetrapod on Pentecost Sunday to remind us of the most wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit—to guide and guard us on our journey through life.

As clergy, we sometimes take for granted that we have adequately explained things, but forget that it might have been years and years ago.

It is good to refresh our understanding of the life of the Church and its liturgical calendar.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to ask—it might appear in a future Bulletin Blurb! Christos Voskres! Christos Anesti! Christ IS Risen!

REMINDERS: NO KNEELING until the Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost Sunday. Instead of “Vechnaya Pam’yat” at the end of a Parastas or during a funeral service *until Ascension Thursday*, we sing “Christ is Risen!” Also, we do not say the prayer to the Holy Spirit “O Heavenly King” until Pentecost Sunday.