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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: 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, Father George Livanos, Joshua Agosto and his family, 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, 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, Patrick, Linda Morris, Howard Simpson, Chris, Pastor Ed Bowen, David Hiles, Karen Johnson, Jennifer, Jerry Quinn, Cher Mount, Frank & Janet Horrell, Jim Wandling, Gail, Sirena Sharp, Ron Paulovich, Fred DeNorscia, Sandi Anderson, Donald Uebing, Sabrina, Shirley, Denny Mader, Ella Campbell, Tom Hyatt, 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, Judi Danser, Mira Filipovic, Lynn, Jacqueline, Irma Opacic, Sharon, Zan Cheng, Debby Novak, Jeff Jones, Kristy, Elaine Ellenberger, Donna Cacioppo [Evelyn's niece], Brandon, Anna Tranchine, Demetra, Blase Urban, Catherine Hogel & children, Jennifer & Dylan, Ron Schwartz, Lydia Wilson, Flora Tomlin, Stella Rossi, Howell Swarm, Jane Bielewicz Allred, Carol Mensing's Family, Manny "Lazarus" Lopez, Lucas Burlack, Katie Elizabeth, Mileva, & Michael, Deirdre Straughan, Terri Paluh, Lori & Steve Lucier, Billy Sinclair, and Evelyn Felouzis. ARNOLD: Stefania Lucci, Steve Sakal, and Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

REMINDER: WE WILL HAVE OUR ANNUAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 26, AFTER DIVINE LITURGY! PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!

Please remember in your prayers—our dear 'Little Father' Emilian, who returned to Romania to undergo surgery for back pain. This particular procedure is not offered here in the United States. He asked for our prayers and expressed his thanks for the love and fellowship he has shared with the Holy Ghost Parish Family. He said he looks forward to returning to us pain-free in the springtime...may God watch over him and heal him...Fr. Bob

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!

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, APRIL 19 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
2ND SUNDAY OF PASCHA; ANTIPASCHA; SAINT THOMAS SUNDAY; SAINT
EUTYCHIUS-PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE; SAINT PLATONIDA OF NISIBIS;
120 MARTYRS OF PERSIA; MARTYRS JEREMIAH & ARCHILIAS THE PRESBYTER;
SAINT METHODIUS-EQUAL TO THE APOSTLES, ENLIGHTNER OF THE SLAVS**

Tone 1

Acts 5:12-20

John 20:19-31

Parastas in Blessed Memory of Martha Batch—Harry Batch

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26 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-
BROTHERS OF SAINT LAZARUS; HIEROMARTYR ARTEMON-PRESBYTER OF
LAODICEA IN SYRIA; MARTYR CRESCENS OF MYRA IN LYCIA; MARTHR
THOMAS OF ALEXANDRIA**

Tone 2

Acts 6:1-7

Mark 15:43-16:8

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 3 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
4TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC; RIGHTEOUS TABITHA;
TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF MARTYR ABRAMIUS OF BULGARIA; SAINT**

THEODORE TRICHINAS-HERMIT NEAR CONSTANTINOPLE; SAINTS GREGORY & ANASTASIUS-PATRIARCHS OF ANTIOCH; SAINT ANASTASIUS-ABBOT OF SINAI; CHILD-MARTYR GABRIEL OF BILOSTOK

Tone 3

Acts 9:32-42

John 5:1-15

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

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 19 APRIL 2015 ANTI-PASCHA—SAINT THOMAS SUNDAY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PASCHA

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Христос воскрес! Воистину воскрес!

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

Hristos a înviat! Adevărat a înviat!

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

Kristo Amefufukka! Kweli Amefufukka

TROPARION—TONE 7

From the sealed tomb, Thou didst shine forth, O Life!
Through closed doors Thou didst come to Thy disciples, O Christ God!
Renew in us, through them, an upright spirit,
By the greatness of Thy mercy, O Resurrection of all!

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

KONTAKION—TONE 8

Thomas touched Thy life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God,
When Thou didst come to Thy apostles through closed doors.
He cried out with all: Thou art my Lord and my God!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 3

READER: Great is our Lord and abundant in power. His understanding is beyond measure.

PEOPLE: Great is our Lord and abundant in power. His understanding is beyond measure.

READER: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!

PEOPLE: Great is our Lord and abundant in power. His understanding is beyond measure.

READER: Great is our Lord and abundant in power.

PEOPLE: His understanding is beyond measure.

ALLELUIA VERSES

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all the earth.

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 HYMN

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

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Holy Pascha—The Feast of Feasts

It is the day of Resurrection, let us be radiant,

O people! Pascha, the Lord's Pascha;

for Christ God has brought us from death to life,

from earth unto Heaven as we sing the triumphal hymn.

Canon of Holy Pascha

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,

Χριστός Ανέστη! Christ is Risen!

In the light and joy of this blessed and holy Day of Resurrection, we gather to celebrate our Holy and Sacred Pascha. This Pascha, this Feast of Feasts, is a celebration of life, abundant and eternal. It is a celebration of the power of grace. It is a day above all others when we proclaim throughout the world that the chains of sin and death have been broken, we have victory through Christ, and through the power of the Cross and the Resurrection we are being transformed from death to life.

On this blessed day, Lent ends by being transformed into a feast of joy. The time for contrition of heart and contemplation has past as we engage all our soul, body, and mind with the jubilation before us. Repentance has received forgiveness and grace. We have returned home and are welcomed with the loving embrace of the Father. We have completed the journey of faith, and in the glory of this Holy Pascha we glimpse eternal life and rest. Our hope in the blessed promises of God has been fulfilled in the Holy Resurrection.

This transformation has come to us through our Risen Lord. On this holy day we celebrate because of Him Who said *I am the resurrection and the life* (John 11:25), and we celebrate with Him. He is in our midst. We have seen His Passion. In the journey through the wilderness we have seen our Lord lifted up on the Cross to bear our shame and sin through His suffering. Today, Jesus Christ is risen in holiness and glory, revealing the power of eternal and abundant life. We greet Him in joy. We receive His body and blood in thanksgiving. We proclaim to the world His Resurrection. We are transformed in the light and life that comes from Him.

Our transformation changes everything! In the radiance and glory of this Holy Pascha we find the meaning of life as it was created to be. We see our goal, our purpose, our completion and our eternity. Our hope for the journey of life is strengthened. Our understanding of life, of others, of the world, and of all creation is changed in the truth and certainty of the Resurrection. Fear is vanquished, the threat of death is annihilated, and the weakness of sin is exposed in the enduring light of our Lord's holiness and glory. We are now free from the guilt, our communion with God has been restored, and He offers to us an abundant life of peace and joy.

As we gather on this day, let us be completely filled with the joy of Holy Pascha! Let us purify our senses, and we shall see Christ! Let us celebrate the saving Pascha of God! Let us worship our Holy Lord Jesus! Let us forgive everything in the light of the Resurrection and proclaim:

Christ is risen from the dead, by death He has trampled down death, and on those in the tombs He has bestowed life!

With paternal love in the Risen Lord,

†DEMETRIOS—Archbishop of America

A Nun Grading Papers

CAN YOU IMAGINE THE NUN SITTING AT HER DESK GRADING THESE PAPERS, ALL THE WHILE TRYING TO KEEP A STRAIGHT FACE AND MAINTAIN HER COMPOSURE!

PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE WORDING AND SPELLING. IF YOU KNOW THE BIBLE EVEN A LITTLE, YOU'LL FIND THIS HILARIOUS! IT COMES FROM A CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEST.

KIDS WERE ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS. THE FOLLOWING 25 STATEMENTS ABOUT THE BIBLE WERE WRITTEN BY CHILDREN. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN RETOUCHEDED OR CORRECTED. INCORRECT SPELLING HAS BEEN LEFT IN.

1. IN THE FIRST BOOK OF THE BIBLE, GUINNESSIS. GOD GOT TIRED OF CREATING THE WORLD SO HE TOOK THE SABBATH OFF.
2. ADAM AND EVE WERE CREATED FROM AN APPLE TREE. NOAH'SWIFE WAS JOAN OF ARK. NOAH BUILT AND ARK AND THE ANIMALS CAME ON IN PEARS.
3. LOTS WIFE WAS A PILLAR OF SALT DURING THE DAY, BUT A BALL OF FIRE DURING THE NIGHT.
4. THE JEWS WERE A PROUD PEOPLE AND THROUGHOUT HISTORY THEY HAD TROUBLE WITH UNSYMPATHETIC GENITALS.
5. SAMPSON WAS A STRONGMAN WHO LET HIMSELF BE LED ASTRAY BY A JEZEBEL LIKE DELILAH.
6. SAMSON SLAYED THE PHILISTINES WITH THE AXE OF THE APOSTLES.
7. MOSES LED THE JEWS TO THE RED SEA WHERE THEY MADE UNLEAVENED BREAD, WHICH IS BREAD WITHOUT ANY INGREDIENTS.
8. THE EGYPTIANS WERE ALL DROWNED IN THE DESSERT. AFTERWARDS, MOSES WENT UP TO MOUNT CYANIDE TO GET THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.
9. THE FIRST COMMANDMENTS WAS WHEN EVE TOLD ADAM TO EAT THE APPLE.
10. THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT IS THOU SHALT NOT ADMIT ADULTERY.
11. MOSES DIED BEFORE HE EVER REACHED CANADA THEN JOSHUA LED THE HEBREWS IN THE BATTLE OF GERITOL.
12. THE GREATEST MIRICLE IN THE BIBLE IS WHEN JOSHUA TOLD HIS SON TO STAND STILL AND HE OBEYED HIM.
13. DAVID WAS A HEBREW KING WHO WAS SKILLED AT PLAYING THE LIAR. HE FOUGHT THE FINKELSTEINS, A RACE OF PEOPLE WHO LIVED IN BIBLICAL TIMES.
14. SOLOMON, ONE OF DAVIDS SONS, HAD 300 WIVES AND 700 PORCUPINES.
15. WHEN MARY HEARD SHE WAS THE MOTHER OF JESUS, SHE SANG THE MAGNA CARTA.

16. WHEN THE THREE WISE GUYS FROM THE EAST SIDE ARRIVED THEY FOUND JESUS IN THE MANAGER.
17. JESUS WAS BORN BECAUSE MARY HAD AN IMMACULATE CONTRAPTION.
18. ST. JOHN THE BLACKSMITH DUMPED WATER ON HIS HEAD.
19. JESUS ENUNCIATED THE GOLDEN RULE, WHICH SAYS TO DO UNTO OTHERS BEFORE THEY DO ONE TO YOU. HE ALSO EXPLAINED A MAN DOTH NOT LIVE BY SWEAT ALONE.
20. IT WAS A MIRICLE WHEN JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD AND MANAGED TO GET THE TOMBSTONE OFF THE ENTRANCE.
- 21 THE PEOPLE WHO FOLLOWED THE LORD WERE CALLED THE 12 DECIBELS.
22. THE EPISTELS WERE THE WIVES OF THE APOSTLES.
23. ONE OF THE OPPOSSUMS WAS ST. MATTHEW WHO WAS ALSO A TAXIMAN.
- 24 ST. PAUL CAVORTED TO CHRISTIANITY, HE PREACHED HOLY ACRIMONY, WHICH IS ANOTHER NAME FOR MARRAIGE.
25. CHRISTIANS HAVE ONLY ONE SPOUSE. THIS IS CALLED MONOTONY.

For the first time in the history, Holy Fire to be delivered to Serbia

Belgrade, April 8, 2015

On April 10, 2015, an official delegation of the Serbian Orthodox Church headed by Bishop Jovan of Slavonia will depart for Jerusalem to bring the Holy Fire to Serbia.



The Serbian delegation will participate together with a delegation from Russia in the prayer before the descent of Holy Fire.

According to a tradition of many years, the St. Andrew the First-Called Foundation will organize festivities on the day before Pascha in Jerusalem for the Russian delegation, and this year also for the Serbian delegation. Then a special flight will deliver the Holy Fire to Belgrade's Nikola Tesla airport, where it will most likely be met by Serbian President Tomislav Nikolic.

From the airport by motorcade Holy Fire will be transported to the main church of Belgrade – St. Sava's Cathedral – where at midnight the Patriarch of Serbia will distribute it among the faithful and begin the Easter Divine Liturgy.

According to a letter of Patriarch Irinej of Serbia addressed to all the dioceses and faithful members of the Serbian Church as well as the Russian party, "the forthcoming event is arranged with our blessing and has a full support of three Patriarchates (the ancient Patriarchate of Jerusalem, the sister Russian Patriarchate and our Serbian Patriarchate); however it would have been impossible without the selfless participation of numerous pious people from both Serbia and Russia, whose charity and labors deserve every reward".

"The miracle of descent of Holy Fire and its transportation from the Church of Holy Sepulcher to all the corners of the Orthodox world is highly symbolic: this Holy Fire for us is a tangible expression of the Resurrection of Christ, which renews and revives the whole Universe. Our fraternal Serbian nation is a part of this Universe as well; and this year for the first time Serbia will be illuminated by the Paschal Light of Jerusalem. And I believe its flame, as never before, will show the Serbian people that truly the Light comes from the East – the Light of genuine life, moral purity and spirituality," noted Constantine Malofeyev, founder of the St. Basil the Great Charitable Foundation, commenting on the forthcoming event.

The Ruski Ekspres Belgrade-based media-center is in charge of the coordination of efforts of all the participants and organizers of this event.

The Holy Fire is also to be transported to the territory of Kosovo and Metohija – to the Gracanica Monastery. In addition to this, the flame will be brought to Montenegro, Republika Srpska (Bosnia and Herzegovina) and Croatia.

According to reports by Ruski Ekspres, the ceremony in Serbia will be broadcast by RTS Television channel. At the same time, Tsargrad TV in Russia will show the ceremony live.

The very moment of delivery of Holy Light at St. Sava's Cathedral in Belgrade will be shown by federal Russian TV channels as part of the direct transmission of the Paschal Divine Liturgy from the Patriarchal Cathedral of Christ the Savior in Moscow.

Pascha John 1:1-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God,

even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. (KJV)

Hristos Voskrese! Vaistinu Voskrese! Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Christ's Resurrection changes lives. Christ's Resurrection gives light in periods of darkness. Christ's Resurrection is the enduring hope.

Christ's Resurrection is the inexhaustible reservoir of learning. Christ's Resurrection confounds the naysayers. Christ's Resurrection reveals His power of life over death.

Searchers for meaning and truth in life do well to study the Resurrection. The hungry of soul experience full nourishment in the Resurrected Christ. Persons desiring peace rest comfortably in the Resurrected Christ.

Celebrating Christ's Resurrections establishes joy where despair once visited. The Risen Christ puts death into perspective. The Risen Christ directs the personal outlook to eternal life.

God's Holy Church brings the celebration of the Resurrection to communities throughout the world. Parish churches and monasteries celebrating the Resurrection witness to the communities where they are located.

Communities are strengthened and improve to the degree God's Holy Church is present and free to proclaim the Risen Christ. Families become stronger and healthier to the degree they participate in the life of the Resurrected Christ.

Celebrating Pascha is a year-long expectation. The joy centered in the Feast of Feasts is sufficient to influence daily life throughout the year. Lessons drawn from Pascha give firmness of faith to believers for every moment of life.

Pascha is the defining moment in the Church Year. Pascha holds the place of honor among the feasts. Great preparation characterizes the journey to Pascha and great joy follows the celebration.

Pascha offers more to believers than can initially be digested. Pascha is to be savored and become a guiding reference for decision-making. Christ's triumph over death lifts believer's horizons to heights beyond measure.

Christ's Resurrection verifies He is the way to deal with barriers that arise in life. Christ's Resurrection is proof that perceived limits in life can be overcome in Christ.

Earthly death is viewed differently when Christ shows He overcame death on the Cross. Christ's statement that "with God all things are possible" is always to be taken seriously. (Mt.19:26)

Faithful believers will gather in homes around the world today. Faithful believers will fill God's holy churches and monasteries to celebrate Christ's Resurrection.

Believers will go off from churches and monasteries to their jobs and into their communities renewed in the Resurrected Christ. Experiencing Christ's Resurrection in the Church makes life different and better.

Believers fortified in the celebration of the Resurrection unexpectedly bring joy to lives of their family members, friends and co-workers. The benefits of celebrating Christ's Resurrection reach well beyond the walls of churches.

Meeting believers in daily life who are full of the joy in the Resurrected Christ is very uplifting. Mourners are greatly comforted when hearing with the greatest belief that "Christ is Risen!"

The Paschal greeting, "Christ is Risen!" is universally used among Orthodox believers. Different languages serve to communicate the world-changing message.

Choirs fill the air with the greatest of joy in proclaiming the Risen Christ.

The Resurrection of Christ makes time to be experienced differently. The Resurrection of Christ is about Life, Christ, being the Life within in each believer.

Any deadness in believers is replaceable by the Resurrected Christ at Pascha.

Today embrace the Risen Christ! Today be filled with joy in the Risen Christ. Today be effuse in giving thanks for Christ's triumph over death and His manifestation of life.

Thank God for the opportunity to celebrate Pascha. Thank God for parish churches and monasteries proclaiming the Resurrection. Thank God for the opportunity to be renewed in the Resurrected Christ.

Thank God for His love. Thank God for His mercy. Thank God for His joy.

Hristos Voskrese! Vaistinu Voskrese! Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, Carmichaels, Pennsylvania. Pascha.

March 30/April 12, 2015.

Father Rodney Torbic

MARK YOUR CALENDAR—Our Annual Parish Meeting will be NEXT SUNDAY after the service—please plan to attend and bring your ideas to improve our parish life! God Bless! Christ IS Risen! Fr. Bob

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.