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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 Theodosius [OCA], Archbishop Jovan, Bishop Robert, Father John Harvey, Father Jakiw Norton, Father Dragan Filipović, Father Paul Stoll, Father Igor Soroka, Father Joseph Kopchak, 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 Paisius McGrath, Joshua Agosto and his family, Eva Malesnick, Stella Peanoske, 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, 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

Luciow, Theresa Ditto, Mary Ann Musial, Mary Pelino, Yvonne Christy, Myron & Barbara Spak, Pete Niederberger, Julia Duda, Lisa Pandle, Kris & Julie Hanczar, John Kennedy, Loretta, Nancy, Carol, & Michael Sheliga, Gaele Kelly, Irma McDivitt, Robin Young, Mckayla, Rachel, Carl & Margaret Reed, Lydia Wilson, Robert Pinton, 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 Strozh [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, Neil Carter & family, James Paluh, Mickie Weikel, Evelyn Krempasky, Tammy Strunk, Loida Esbry, Darlene Chicka Deskins, Drew, Alice & Keith Philipa, Kateryna Kocelko, Nancy Heinbaugh, Mira Filipović, Lynn, Jacqueline, Irma Opacic, Sharon, Zan Cheng, 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, Manny "Lazarus" Lopez, Glenn & Lucas Burlack, Katie Elizabeth, Mileva, & Michael, Deirdré Straughan, Terri Paluh, Lori & Steve Lucier, Kyranna Cherpas, Pastor Bruce Nordeen, Millie Koss Good, Mary Haraczy, Heather Ried, Carla Perry, Linda Elliot, Dennis McDaniel, Mike Mangan, Luke Tinsley, Brent, Tricia, Katherine Gorman, Pamela Jaquette, Michael Pawlyshyn, McDaniel, Mike Mangan, Luke Tinsley, Brent, Tricia, Katherine Gorman, Pamela Jaquette, Michael Pawlyshyn, Sherri Walewski, Marika Zeliszczuk, and Jackie Crimbchin.

ARNOLD: Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

**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 at some time in the future...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!

**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 08 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM  
ANTIPASCHA; 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SAINT THOMAS SUNDAY; HOLY  
APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST MARK**

*Tone 1*

1 Peter 5:6-14; Acts 5:12-20

Mark 6:7-13; John 20:19-31

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 15 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM**

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN & RIGHTEOUS JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA & NICODEMUS; SAINT ATHANASIUS THE GREAT-ARCHBISHOP OF ALEXANDRIA; TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF THE HOLY PASSION-BEARERS BORIS AND GLEB OF RUS-IN HOLY BAPTISM RANUS & DAVID**

*Tone 2*

Acts 6:1-7, Romans 8:28-39  
Mark 15:43-16:8; John 15:17-16:2

**SUNDAY, MAY 22 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM  
4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE PARALYZED MAN; RIGHTEOUS TABITHA; TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF MARTYR ABRAMIUS OF BULGARIA; PROPHET ISAIAH; MARTYR CHRUSTOPHER OF LYCIA; TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER FROM MYRA TO BARI**

*Tone 3*

Acts 9:32-42; Hebrews 13:17-21  
John 5:1-15; Luke 6:17-23

***Litany in Blessed Memory of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Constantine—Fr. Bob***

## **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 08 MAY 2016**

**ANTIPASCHA; 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SAINT THOMAS SUNDAY;  
HOLY APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST MARK**

**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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✠ B A R T H O L O M E W

By God's Mercy Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch  
To the Plenitude of the Church

Grace, Peace and Mercy from Christ, who has Risen in Glory

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Beloved brothers and sisters in the Lord,

We wholeheartedly address you from the See of the Ecumenical Patriarchate with the joyous greeting "Christ is risen!" The resurrection of Christ is the center of our Orthodox faith. Without the resurrection, our faith is "in vain" (1 Cor. 15:14). Through His resurrection, the divine Word rendered humanity – created in the image of God but wounded and stained by sin – incorrupt and deified, granting us once again the possibility of achieving divine likeness, of which we were deprived through disobedience.

However, what does the feast of Pascha signify as the victory of life over death in a world of violence and war, especially in the name of religion and God?

Many philosophers endeavored to find a solution to the problem of death and to overcome death with various theories. We Orthodox Christians celebrate the resurrection of Christ from the dead and boldly declare the destruction of death. We know that it is the Word of God who bestows life and in whom "was life" (John 1:4). We have the joyful experience of the Church, that death was conquered through the resurrection of Christ. "All things have been filled with joy, having received the experience of resurrection." This faith brightens all expressions of church life and culminates in the divine Eucharist. The fact that, in the Christian world, it is especially the Orthodox Church that preserved the divine Eucharist as the center of its life and spirituality is inseparably related to the fact that the resurrection is the nucleus of our faith, worship and ecclesiastical ethos. For this reason, the Eucharistic liturgy is always festive, joyous, and primarily linked with the Lord's day as the day of the resurrection.

The most striking expression and interpretation of the resurrection as well as of its regenerative power is the image of the descent of our Lord Jesus Christ to Hades, as this is wonderfully depicted at the Chora Monastery in Constantinople. The Lord of glory descends to the depths of Hades, destroying its

gates, arising victorious and resurrecting Adam and Eve in Himself, and in so doing resurrects the entire human race from beginning to end. "Now, all things have been filled with light, heaven and earth and all things beneath the earth." Creation rises from the dark realm of death to the heavenly kingdom, whose light has no evening. The faithful, as participants in the resurrection, are called to declare the Gospel of freedom in Christ "to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

The Mother Church, which lives the mystery of the cross and the resurrection simultaneously, today invites us "to approach with lit candles" "and together to celebrate the salvific Pascha of God."

Through the resurrection of our Savior, all of humanity has become one people, united in one body. Through His cross and resurrection, Christ definitively destroyed all existing hatred. Thus, the Orthodox Church, as the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church, is the Church of the reconciliation of all, the Church of love toward all, friends and enemies. Reconciled, filled with new life, filled with true life, we all become fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God (cf Eph. 2:15-20).

Unfortunately terrorism, war, and bloodshed continue to this day. The lament and agony of victims, particularly as these are rapidly disseminated through modern technological means, tear the world apart and break our heart. This is why the world's leaders – political, religious and church – are obliged and compelled by love to do everything that is possible to avoid such unacceptable conditions.

In the midst of this modern "irrational world," we Orthodox Christians are called to offer a positive witness of love and sacrifice to our fellow human beings. For us as Orthodox faithful, Pascha is not a fleeting moment of escape from the ugly reality of evil in the world; it is the unwavering conviction that Christ, who trampled down death by death and rose from the dead, is with us "always, to the close of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

Beloved brothers and sisters, such is once again this year the message of the resurrection from the most holy Apostolic and Patriarchal Ecumenical Throne, the sacred center of Orthodoxy, to all people: that Christ has risen and the power of death was abolished; the authority of the powerful over the weak has been destroyed. "Life reigns" and the nurturing love, profound mercy, and endless grace of the risen Christ cover the whole world, from one end to the other. It is sufficient for us to realize that Jesus Christ is the true light, that in Him is life, and that this life is the light of all people (cf John 1:3-4). This is our message to all political and religious leaders of the world.

Therefore, approach and receive the light from the unfading light of the Phanar, which as the light of Christ and the light of love shines upon all; in Him

“there is no darkness” (cf 1 John 1:5). Let us hear this Gospel of joy and light; and let us Orthodox alleviate the pain of today’s world with our own love and sacrifice.

Glory be to Him who bestows life, who has shown the light and love and peace to the world as well as to each one of us. Glory to Jesus Christ, the king of glory, the conqueror of death and champion of life.

At the Phanar, Holy Pascha 2016

Your fervent supplicant before the risen Christ,

**+BARTHOLOMEW**

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May 1, 2016 Holy Pascha The Feast of Feasts

*He is not here; for He is risen as He said!* Matthew 28:6

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 Ἀνέστη! Christ is Risen!**

On this glorious and holy Feast of our Lord’s Resurrection, we shine in the brilliant light and exhilarating joy of His presence and grace. We sing hymns of praise to the One who gives us new life. We proclaim the defeat of death and triumph over the tomb, as Christ is risen, resplendent and victorious.

In our worship on this Feast of feasts and highest holy day of the year, we hear in our hymns the story of those who went to the tomb: “The myrrh-bearing women at deep dawn drew nigh to the tomb of the Giver of Life.” (Hymn of Matins) In the Gospel of Luke we read how they found the stone rolled away but did not find a body. *While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; and as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them,*



*"Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how He told you...that the Son of man must be crucified and on the third day rise."*

(Luke 24:4-7)

One focal point in this passage and as it is recorded in the Gospels of Matthew and Mark is on remembering the voice of Christ. *He is risen as He said* (Matthew 28:6); *there you will see Him, as He told you* (Mark 16:7); and *remember how He told you* (Luke 24:6). The angels called the women and the disciples to remember His voice and His words; to reflect on all that had happened and to recognize that the promises of the Lord had been fulfilled, death and the tomb could not hold the Son of God, and just as He said, He is the resurrection and the life!

For the disciples the voice of Christ was a very real experience. They were present for all of the miraculous events and His teaching. Following His Resurrection and Ascension, they could not but speak of all the things they had seen and heard for those full years being with Him. (Acts 4:20)

In receiving the Gospel by faith, we affirm and proclaim the power and truth of His Passion and Resurrection as well. Through our worship and His power and presence in our midst, we hear His voice, we affirm the fulfillment of His promises, and we proclaim to the world the salvation and abundant life found in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. We see and hear, and we become the voice of Christ!

Today, in our festival of joy, light and life, we proclaim to the world a sacred Pascha. We sing of a new and holy Pascha, a Pascha that has opened unto us the gates of Paradise. We see a new dawn as the bridegroom comes forth from the tomb, abolishing the power of death, lifting us up from corruption, ransoming us from sorrow, so that we chant joyously the hymns of salvation and life everlasting. We see the glorious Resurrection of our Lord. And as the angels said to the women who marveled at the empty tomb, we hear Him say, "Go quickly and proclaim to the world that the Lord is risen!" Christ is risen indeed!

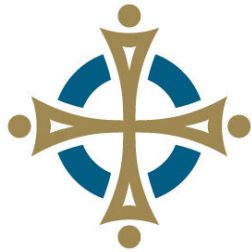
With paternal love in the Risen Lord,

†DEMETRIOS

Archbishop of America

Commemorating St. Anastasius of Sinai, here is a beautiful prayer:

Save me as I need your mercy. If You save a worthy one, there is nothing surprising in it. If You pardon a righteous one, there is nothing special in it, for it is a one who is worthy of it. If You glorify a zealous one, there is nothing great in it, for it is fair. But do more and reveal Your mercy through me, so that through me Your love of men may be glorified.



ASSEMBLY OF CANONICAL  
ORTHODOX BISHOPS  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

*The day of Resurrection; let us be radiant for the festival, and let us embrace one another. Let us say, brethren, even to those that hate us, 'Let us forgive all things on the Resurrection', and so let us cry, 'Christ has risen from the dead: by death he has trampled on death, and to those in the graves given life' (Paschal Sticheron).*

**Pascha 2016**

To the Reverend Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, the Presidents and Members of Parish Councils, the Day, Afternoon, and Church Schools, the Members of Philanthropic Organizations, the Youth and Youth Workers, and the entire Orthodox Christian Family in the United States of America Beloved and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ,

For more than forty days, we have walked upon the most blessed path of Great and Holy Lent. During this time, we have engaged in a spiritual struggle to grow closer to Christ; we have increased our fasting; we have intensified our prayers; we have expanded our charitable love for our neighbor; we have cried, confessed, and repented. Perhaps more significant than any of our individual achievements is the fact that we have embarked upon this journey as brothers and sisters, joined to one another as members of the Body of Christ. In this way, our common spiritual labors do not lead in isolation but in communion; together we can offer the common proclamation:

**Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!**

This salvific message is proclaimed by each of us in our daily lives. However, it is also a message that is proclaimed by the Church, that is, by all men and women, ordained and lay, young and old. In this way, each

time we proclaim the Resurrection of Christ, we convey to the world a message of communion and solidarity with God and with the least of our brethren. Our calling to charity, service, and love is even more pronounced during this period of joy. After all, how can we ever proclaim the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Who so loved the world that He humbled himself to the point of death (Phil 2: 8), if we don't first express our love for our brothers and sisters? (cf. 1 John 4: 21).

For forty days following Holy Pascha, as we greet each other with the Paschal message, Christ is Risen, we must remain vigilant and search for bold new ways to share the unwaning Light of Pascha with those whose lives have been overwhelmed by darkness and despair. Let us remember in thought and prayer—and in word and action—the countless men, women, and children who face unspeakable hardships and persecutions in all corners of the world. May we bear witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and in so doing, may we not only become recipients of God's abundant grace (Acts 4:33), but also be transformed into merciful hands that offer to our spiritually-thirsty world the eternal waters of the Resurrection.

All of us, the Hierarchs of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States, with profound love extend to you our fervent prayers that you and your loved ones continue to walk in the newness of life of the Holy Resurrection (Romans 6:4). Together, we join you in declaring, with one voice and one mind,

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

+Archbishop Demetrios of America, Chairman



**THE WHITE HOUSE**

*Office of the Press Secretary*

**Statement by the President on the Occasion of Orthodox Easter**

Michelle and I extend our best wishes to members of the Orthodox Christian community here in America and around the world as they observe Holy Friday and the Feast of the Resurrection.

For Orthodox Christians, this is a time to remember the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, to rejoice in the victory of the Resurrection and to be transformed by the renewing of our minds in accordance with God's will.



We lift up in prayer the members of the Orthodox community who have been persecuted for their faith and subjected to unspeakable acts of violence, and we seek the release of those who have been kidnapped. We remember those who have been driven from their homelands and who have seen their religious institutions desecrated or destroyed. And we stand in solidarity with Orthodox Christians and people of all faiths, and pledge to continue our work to ensure that all people are able to live in peace, justice, and freedom.

During this season of hope, we remember that the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. We wish all who celebrate a blessed Easter.

**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.**