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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, Archpriest Dionysi Vitali, 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 Luciw, 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, Gaelle Kelly, Irma McDivitt, Robin Young, Mckayla, Rachel, Carl & Margaret Reed, 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, 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 Filipovic, 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, Sherri Walewski, Marika Zeliszczuk, Donna Davis, 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 29 NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE

5TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN; SAINT THEODORE THE SANCTIFIED; SAINT ALEXANDER-ARCHBISHOP OF JERUSALEM; MARTYRS VITUS, MODESTUS, & CRESCENTIA; BLESSED CHILD MUSA; MONK-MARTYRS OF THE COMMUNITY OF SAINT SABA THE SANCTIFIED; SAINT GEORGE-BISHOP OF MITYLENE

Tone 4

Acts 11:19-26; 29-30

John 4:5-42

SUNDAY, JUNE 05 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM

6TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND; VENERABLE MICHAEL THE CONFESSOR-BISHOP OF SYNNAIDA; MARTYR MICHAEL "THE BLACK-ROBED" OF SAINT SABBAS MONASTERY; VENERABLE VIRGIN EUPHROSYNE-PRINCESS OF POLOTSK

Tone 5

Acts 16:15-34

John 9:1-38

Litany in Blessed Memory of Walter Burlack, Ann Roman, Millie Kerr, Mary Maoilie, Dianne Waryanka, Joe Karas, and Mary "Maxine" Kitch—Fr. Bob

THURSDAY, JUNE 9 ASCENSION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

**SUNDAY, JUNE 12 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
7TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA; FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL; AFTERFREST
OF THE ASCENSION; VENERABLE ISAAC-FOUNDER OF THE DALMATION MONASTERY**

Tone 6

Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

John 17:1-13

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 29 MAY 2016

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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!

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

Kristo Amefufukka! Kweli Amefufukka

TROPARION—TONE 4

When the women disciples of the Lord
Learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection;
They cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles:
Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen,
Granting the world great mercy.

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

KONTAKION—TONE 8

The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith;
She saw Thee, the Water of Wisdom, and drank abundantly!
She inherited the Kingdom on high, and is ever glorified.

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

KONTAKION—TONE 4

My Savior and Redeemer,
As God rose from the tomb
And delivered the earthborn from their chains.
He has shattered the gates of Hell,
And as Master, He has risen on the third day!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 3

READER: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King,
sing praises!

**PEOPLE: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our
King, sing praises!**

READER: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of
joy!

**PEOPLE: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our
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ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 3

Go forth and prosper and reign, because of truth and meekness and
righteousness.

You love righteousness and hate iniquity.

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!

One Sunday, following the Divine Liturgy, Tsar Ivan the Terrible approached Metropolitan Philip to receive his blessing. The metropolitan pretended not to see the tsar and gazed at the icon of the Savior. The tsar's adjutant approached the metropolitan and said to him: "Your Eminence, the Ruler is before you, bless him." The metropolitan looked at the tsar and said: "O Tsar, fear the judgment of God. Here, we offer up the Bloodless Sacrifice to God, and outside the sanctuary the blood of Christians is being spilled. How many innocent people suffer? You are exalted on the throne, but nevertheless you are a man." The enraged tsar told the metropolitan to keep silent, but the metropolitan said to him: "Where is my faith, if I remain silent?" When the tsar began to threaten the metropolitan, the latter quietly replied: "I am a visitor and guest on earth and am ready to suffer for the truth!" After some time, the cruel tsar had the metropolitan suffocated, but he could not suffocate the saint. (Prologue)

The most difficult part of becoming Orthodox is not the content of the theology or even the worship practices (standing to recite long prayers or venerating icons), the hardest part is to move from thinking like a Protestant rational, systematic, categorical (i.e. Aristotelian: either yes or no, on or off, right or wrong, heaven or hell); to thinking as an Orthodox Christian - noetic, mystical, apophatic (i.e. Christ is known in our hearts, not our minds; Christ is both God and man; the language of heaven is silence). - *Archpriest Michael Gillis*

To a certain respected bishop there once came a man who was in great despondency, as if weighed down by something, and he asked the bishop what he should do: his life had turned out not at all as he had wished and supposed, and in place of happiness he had total dissatisfaction and an oppressed state of soul.

The bishop listened to his complaint and, taking a sheet of paper, said: "You know, let us compile a small list of your misfortunes. Perhaps your wife has left you?"

"No, Vladika," the man replied despondently.

"Perhaps your disobedient children have run away from home and have become drug-addicts or drunkards?"

"No, Vladika, this misfortune has not occurred to me."

"Has your house burned down?" the bishop continued to ask, writing down the answers.

Again the man replied in the negative.

"Have you lost your job?" was the bishop's next question; and again the man replied that he had not.

"Perhaps you have an incurable disease?" the bishop finished his questions, and on receiving a negative reply and seeing that he had exhausted the list of his possible misfortunes and catastrophes, the bishop said to him:

"Well, I advise you to return home, make your own list of the mercies God has shown you, and then return to me and we will talk."

Look about you, O man, and learn to value what you have been granted to have in God's unceasing mercy towards you. - Archpriest Valery Lukianov

(Sunday, May 22)

"Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas (gazelle). She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, 'Tabitha, rise.' And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord." (Acts 9: 36-42)

Peter is not the only "saint" mentioned in this passage. But he is special. The other "saints" send for him, to "please come to us without delay," when tragedy strikes the community at Joppa. Why? Apparently, the community presumes that Peter can "do" something about the death of Tabitha. And he does. He prays to their and our common Lord, the One Source of sanctity, wonderful in His saints, and Tabitha rises from the dead. Let me not hesitate to call upon the strongest among us, the saints of past and present, for help, when I need it. These people are not "sources" of sanctity, but have opened themselves up to God's grace more fully, more

completely, and are thus powerful channels of His healing power.

“Wonderful is God in his saints: the God of Israel is he who will give power and strength to his people. Blessed be God.” (Ps 67: 36)

(Monday, May 23)

“Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator (μεριστήν, divider) over you?’ And he said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of covetousness (πᾶσης πλεονεξίας); for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’” (Lk 12: 13-15)

Does this mean that our Lord is not willing to help us with financial worries? No. It means, He is not willing to contribute to “dividing” us through matters financial. Because money should not come between us, if our priorities are in order: First, we must maintain love and peace amongst ourselves and with Him, that we may have “life.” We lose touch with “life” if the “abundance of possessions” becomes the primary object of our “yearning” or “coveting.” Conversely, if my priorities are in the proper order, and I place my heart and my life in the hands of the Giver of Life, I also find peace with my financial situation, whatever it may be.

Today let me begin my day with putting God in the center of everything. I hand over to Him all my concerns, as I do the next right thing today, in my work and other responsibilities. “Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,” I say to Him today, “as we forgive those who trespass against us.” That’s what He teaches me to be concerned about today, as He continues to provide for me, in His light and His peace. Glory be to Him.

The Sunday of the Paralytic—John 5:1-15

After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and

troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath. The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed. He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk. Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk? And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee. The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole.(KJV)

Jesus healed the paralytic by the pool side. He made the paralyzed man whole and gave the man the ability to walk. The paralytic was told to sin no more. Penitents going to confession are made whole and are to sin no more.

Christ continues to heal individuals paralyzed in sin. Christ gives mobility to individuals unable to move forward in life. Christ enables individuals frustrated with the lack of progress in life to find new avenues of hope and movement.

Christ enabled the paralytic to arise. The man was freed from the paralyzing position that limited his movement for thirty-eight years. The paralytic's life changed dramatically when Jesus entered his life.

Individuals currently paralyzed by conditions in their lives can find new opportunities in Christ. Christ is immediately accessible by prayer. Christ is within immediate reach for persons reaching out to Him in faith.

Jesus entered the paralytic's life. Jesus is present in every life. The Holy Apostle Paul said "He is not far...". The Holy Apostle Paul said: "For in him we live, and move, and have our being"(Acts 17:26-28)

The paralytic once healed was faced with choices in how to use his new found freedom of movement. The paralytic had to decide if he would use the new ability to move in ways that would glorify Christ.

When men, women and children come to Holy Confession and have their sins forgiven, new found freedom is experienced. Believers forgiven of sins face choices whether to glorify Christ in the remaining time of their lives.

Individuals praying to Christ to open new avenues for their lives and lift them from depressing circumstances, have a responsibility to be appreciative when their prayers are answered.

How many people turn to Christ and Christ's Church in fervent prayer seeking healings and when their prayers are answered, they fail to show appreciation to Christ in the remaining days of life?

How many individuals are devout church attenders and extensive in prayer when feeling acute needs but they fail to come back to church in thanksgiving when their circumstances improve?

Parish churches need reliable and dependable parishioners every Sunday to pray and give glory to God fervently. In these difficult days of life, daily vigilance and honoring of God are necessary every day.

To be strong and lasting, parishes need faithful adherers to Christ's teachings that reach to the depths of their beings. For parishes to be strong and lasting, parishioners need to seek Christ increasing in their lives each day.

Churches exist because of the faithful to Christ through the centuries. Christ's teachings and life are manifested in the lives of saints and martyrs. Divine services are inseparable from the sacrifices through the centuries.

Individuals coming to church for healing find Christ answers their prayers and makes a difference in their lives. Each person coming to Christ in prayer has a responsibility to Christ of being appreciative.

The good that each person experiences each day comes from Christ. Christ is due appreciation throughout each day. Christ's willingness to be present and listen to prayers and sorrows deserves appreciation.

Christ's willingness to comfort and strengthen the bereaved deserves appreciation. Christ's willingness to heal the repentant and offer new beginnings in life deserves appreciation.

Christ listening to the prayers of students, the sick, the suffering and the imprisoned, deserves appreciation. Every person has innumerable reasons to be appreciative to Christ.

Individuals need to look beyond themselves to Christ and show continual appreciation for all that Christ does and has done for them. Individuals improve when their lives show greater appreciation to Christ.

Individuals improve when their lives are in greater conformity to the teachings of Christ. Christians improve when they responsibly honor their baptismal commitment to Christ as King and as God.

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, Carmichaels, Pennsylvania. May 9/22, 2016.
Sunday of the Paralytic. Translation of the Relics of St. Nicholas. Father Rodney Torbic

The Church is the mystical Body of Christ. It is One Body, undivided and indivisible, with the Lord Jesus Christ as its head. It is made Holy in all its members by the Grace of the Holy Spirit. The Church is Catholic both because it includes true Christians of all times and places and also because it makes all its members one in Christ. The Church is a mystical Body which lives both in Heaven and on the earth, including those who have finished their earthly course and come into eternal blessedness and those who are still struggling to work out their salvation here on earth. In prayer, in faith, and in spirit those in heaven and on earth are united with one another and in the Lord and Head of the Church, Jesus Christ. (orthodoxamerica)

A good story:

"At a time of great cold, Serapion meets in Alexandria a poor man who is completely naked. He says to himself: "This is Christ, and I am a murderer if he dies without my having tried to help him." So Serapion takes off all his clothes and gives them to the poor man, then he remains naked in the street with the only thing he has left, a Gospel under his arm... A passer-by, who knows him, asks him: "Abba Serapion, who has taken away your clothes?" And Serapion, showing his Gospel, replies: "This is the one who has taken away my clothes." Serapion then goes to another place and there sees someone who is being taken to prison, because he is unable to pay a debt. Serapion, seized with pity, gives him his Gospel, so that he can sell it and so pay his debt. When Serapion returns to his cell, no doubt shivering, his disciple asks him where his tunic is, and Serapion replies that he has

sent it where it is more needed than on his body. To his disciple's second question : "And where is your Gospel?', Serapion replies: I have sold the one who continually told me: Sell your goods, and give to the poor (Lk. 12:33); I have given it to the poor that I might have greater confidence on the day of judgment" .