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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 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 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, Heather Ried, Carla Perry, Linda Elliot, Dennis McDaniel, Mike Mangan, Luke Tinsley, Brent, Tricia, Katherine Gorman, Pamela Jaquette, Michael Pawlyshyn, Sherri Walewski, Marika Zeliszczyk, 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, 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 SYNNADE; 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
Maolie, 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;
AFTERFEAST OF THE ASCENSION; VENERABLE ISAAC-FOUNDER OF THE
DALMATION MONASTERY**

Tone 6
Acts 20:16-18, 28-36
John 17:1-13

**SUNDAY, JUNE 19 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
PENTECOST; TRINITY SUNDAY; COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF
THE 7 ECUMENICAL COUNCILS; VENERABLE BESSARION THE WONDERWORKER
OF EGYPT; VENERABLE HILARION THE NEW-ABBOT OF THE DALMATION
MONASTERY; VIRGIN-MARTYRS ARCHELAIS, THECLA, & SUSANNA-BEHEADED
AT SALERNO**

Tone 7
Acts 2:1-11
John 7:37-52-8:12

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 05 JUNE 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 înviat! Adevărat a înviat!

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

TROPARION—TONE 5

Let the faithful praise and worship the Word,
Coeternal with the Father and the Spirit;
Born for our salvation from the Virgin;
For He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
To endure death,
And to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection!

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

KONTAKION—TONE 4

I come to Thee, O Christ,
Blind from birth in my spiritual eyes,
And call to Thee in repentance:

Thou art the most radiant Light of those in darkness!

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

KONTAKION—TONE 5

Thou didst descend into Hell, O my Savior,
Shattering its gates as almighty;
Resurrecting the dead as Creator,
And destroying the sting of death.
Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse,
O Lover of Man,
And we all cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 8

READER: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God.

READER: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

PEOPLE: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God.

READER: Pray and make your vows...

PEOPLE: Before the Lord our God.

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 8

Look upon me and have mercy on me.

Lead my steps according to Thy word.

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!

Councils in the Holy Orthodox Church

- Let us think about the times we live in and the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church occurring this year.
- Let our minds turn back centuries to the Ecumenical Councils and the lasting influence they have had on the Holy Orthodox Church.
- Consider the council process used by the Holy Orthodox Church in decision-making .
- View carefully the participants and the results of the Ecumenical Councils and search deeply within what it means to be an Orthodox Christian.
- Examine the list of participants for the current Holy and Great Council and the criteria leading to full participation.
- Canonical status has a defining place in the Holy Orthodox Church and determines decision-making.
- The Holy Assembly of Bishops of the Serbian Orthodox Church convenes to discuss and address situations affecting the Serbian Orthodox Church.
- The Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America has an Episcopal Council comprised of the respective Diocesan Hierarchs.
- Sabors are held in the Serbian Orthodox Church of North and South America for particular reasons and with defined purposes.
- The Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America has a Central Church Council to advance the work of the Church.
- Dioceses within the Serbian Orthodox Church have Diocesan Assemblies to address the work of each Diocese.

- Diocesan Administrative Boards and Diocesan Councils have been created and function to conduct Diocesan work.
- Parish churches have Annual Assemblies bringing together the respective members of the parish for purposes of parish growth.
- Parish churches have councils commonly known as Executive Boards with specified qualifications for membership and delineation of duties.
- Appeal to the presence and for the work of the Holy Spirit comes to mind in the convening of councils and assemblies.
- Respect is necessary for the work of the Assembly of Bishops, Sabors, Episcopal Councils, Diocesan Assemblies and Parish Assemblies.
- Trusting in the manifestation of God's will is integral to the council process at all levels in the Holy Orthodox Church.

Adult Class, St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, Carmichaels, Pennsylvania. May 13/26, 2016. Holy Martyr Glyceria. Father Rodney Torbic

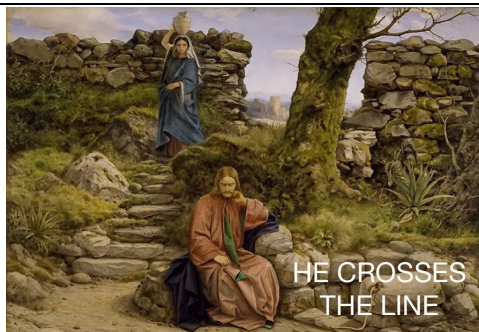
Lame Joke Submitted by Jim Gray

A young nun who worked for a local home healthcare agency was on her way to see a patient when she ran out of gas.

As luck would have it there was a gas station just one block away, but the only gas can had been stolen.

The nun took a minute to think and then grabbed a bedpan she was taking to the patient. She carried it to the station, filled it with gasoline, and carried it back to her car.

As she was pouring the gas into the tank of her car two men watched her from across the street. One of them turned to the other and said, "If that car starts, I'll go to church every Sunday for the rest of my life!"



(Friday, May 27)

"So he came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.'" (Jn 4: 5-10)

Indeed, at first the Samaritan woman does not see "who it is" that is speaking with her. She merely sees the externals and politics of status. She sees not Christ, but "a Jew," and herself, "a Samaritan" and "a woman," drawing an immediate, accepted line of demarcation between herself and the Stranger. But our Lord crosses this line, speaking to her not as to "a woman" or "a Samaritan," or some other category, but as to a distinct person. Differently from her, He recognizes "*the gift of God*" and exactly "who it is" with whom He speaks, – a concrete human being – and He calls her to do the same.

Today let me recognize His voice, however and whenever He might strike up a conversation with me. Let me recognize "*the gift of God*" in His messengers, be they women, men, Jews, Samaritans, Greeks, Russians, Americans, Georgians, Romanians, Serbs, or others. And let me pray, as the Holy and Great Council nears, in a divided and divisive world: O Lord, Founder and Spirit of our unity, may You speak and be heard among us, regardless of our human lines of demarcation and politics of status, that we may have living water. Glory be to You.



(Saturday, May 28)

"Jesus said to her (the Samaritan woman), 'Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come here.' The woman answered him, 'I have

no husband.’ Jesus said to her, ‘You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly.’ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet...” (Jn 4: 13-19)

Our Lord is drawing the woman out of herself, letting her tell Him things He already knows, - first, about her “thirst” for His kind of “water,” and second, ...about that other thing. It is that thing in her life, that repeating, troublesome pattern, which needs to be said aloud and addressed, so that a real conversation with Christ can begin. And so that she can receive “living water” that will become in her *"a spring of water welling up to eternal life."* She can't quite say it herself, so He helps her out, and says it for her, like an experienced, skillful father-confessor: You have had five husbands... You've been trying to quench that “thirst” in the wrong place. After this, we see her eyes and heart begin to open, and she starts asking Him the right questions.

Today let me not fear a conversation like this one; a confession that liberates me from “that thing” in my life that may be blocking me from truly quenching my “thirst.” My Lord can and will give me more than I can give myself, or that any human being can give me. He gives me water that becomes in me *"a spring of water welling up to eternal life."* So let me open up to Him today. *"Give me this water,"* I say to Him this morning, *"that I may not thirst,"* nor come to draw in the wrong places.

The Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

John 4:5-42

Then cometh He to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with His journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. (For His disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) Then saith the woman of Samaria unto Him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of Him, and He would have given thee living water. The woman saith unto Him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast Thou that living water? Art Thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. The woman saith

unto Him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw. Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly. The woman saith unto Him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. The woman saith unto Him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when He is come, He will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am He. And upon this came His disciples, and marvelled that He talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her? The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ? Then they went out of the city, and came unto Him. In the mean while His disciples prayed Him, saying, Master, eat. But He said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought Him ought to eat? Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours. And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did. So when the Samaritans were come unto Him, they besought Him that He would tarry with them: and He abode there two days. And many more believed because of his own word; And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard Him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.(KJV)

When believers are thirsty for knowledge and direction, turning to the Lord Jesus Christ is the wisest course of action. When believers are unsettled and need solid footing in life, turning to the Lord Jesus Christ is the best step.

Christ provides firmness when certainty in life is needed. Christ is the best nourishment for the heart, the mind and the soul. Drinking from Christ unifies the believer with Christ.

When following Christ with complete attention, individuals need not worry about getting lost. Christ lights the path to the Kingdom. Christ is the way to eternal life.

When a person feels uneasy, without purpose in life and empty inside, turning to Christ brings satisfaction. Prayerfully turning to Christ enables individuals to learn the best way to use the blessings and time of life.

Christ's meeting with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well revealed much about Christ and much about the Samaritan woman. The woman's marital history became known. Christ's powers, history and identity were revealed.

A person's relationship with Christ is revealed and becomes known in the way he or she lives. Christ becomes known in and through the lives of individuals united with Him and following Him fervently.

Individuals coming to God's Holy Church will meet Christ as did the Samaritan woman at the well. Individuals coming to church are able to drink directly from Christ.

The Samaritan woman was attentive to Christ in the conversation with Him.

Individuals coming to Church will hear Christ speaking in the Divine services. Christ changes the lives of attentive listeners.

Christ changed the life of the Samaritan woman. The Samaritan woman influenced others to come to see Christ. Attentive individuals experiencing Christ in church share their experiences and attract others to come for the experience.

Being attentive to Christ involves focusing intently on Christ. The Christian life is freely chosen and freely lived. Serious Christians willingly accept Christian standards and discipline.

The Christian life is characterized by commitment and discipline. The Christian life entails the willingness to say "no" to hedonism, materialism and immorality. The Christian life involves love, forgiveness and charity.

Serious Christians love Christ above all and seek Christ first and foremost. St. Sava set a standard and established a path for Serbian Orthodox Christians. St. Nikolai of Zica' showed St. Sava's path is still very relevant in the present.

Just as the Samaritan woman met Christ at the well and her life dramatically changed, attentive persons meet Christ in His Church and have their lives changed forever.

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, Carmichaels, Pennsylvania. May 16/29, 2016. Sunday of the Samaritan Woman. Father Rodney Torbic

The St. George Church weekly radio broadcast can be heard at www.stgeorgeserbian.us

REMINDERS: NO KNEELING until the Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost Sunday, June 19th. Instead of "Vechnaya Pam'yat" at the end of a Parastas or during a funeral service *until Ascension Thursday, June 9th*, we sing "Christ is Risen!" Also, we do not say the prayer to the Holy Spirit "O Heavenly King" until Pentecost Sunday.