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**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN! CHRISTOS VOSKRES!  
VOISTINU VOSKRES! CHRISTOS ANESTI! ALITHOS ANESTI!**

**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 George & Pani Lillian Hnatko, 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, Father Michael Smolynech, Father Bazyl Zawierucha, Joshua Agosto and his family, Eva Malesnick, Stella Peanoske, Nick Behun, Grace Holupka, Virginia Bryan, Joseph Sliwinsky, Gary & 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, Esther Holupka, 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, 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, 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, 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, Sharon, Zan Cheng, Jeff Jones, Kristy, Elaine Ellenberger, 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, Jackie Crimbchin, Marta Charron, Mary [Corba], Stella McKeag, Margie Sekelsky, Gary Howell, Fran Fulton, Gina Catanese, Bill Vizza, Jamie Swarm, Kevin Allen (from Ancient Faith Radio), Kathy Flaherty, Tori Reade-Henry's niece, Derick-Glen Burlack's neighbor, Michael, Nichole & Christopher, Cheryl Pomeroy, Ben Douglas, Dianne Donahue, Zachary, Natasha, Noah Willard, Jodi Hanczar, Gregory Cervo, Lisa Bruce,

Martha Nezolyk, and Ian Brick. ARNOLD: Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

**In conjunction with Slickville's Centennial Celebration next year, the Centennial Committee is selling tear-off raffle tickets to help finance the celebration and fireworks. Bill Kuznik is the keeper of the tickets which cost \$2 and are sold every week. Please see Bill if you are interested or with any questions. We have a list of winning numbers in the bulletin insert! 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, APRIL 23 DIVINE LITURGY OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM  
2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SAINT THOMAS SUNDAY; MARTYRS TERENCE,  
POMPEIUS, AFRICANUS, MAXIMUS, ZENO, ALEXANDER, THEODORE, & 33  
OTHERS BEHEADED AT CARTHAGE; PROPHETESS HULDAH (OLDA); MARTYRS  
JAMES-PRESBYTER, AND AZADANES & ABDICIUS-DEACONS OF PERSIA**

*Tone 1*

Acts 5:12-20

John 20:19-31

***Parastas in Blessed Memory of Jeannie Stuchell—40 days—Butchie & Dale--her nephews***

**SUNDAY, APRIL 30 DIVINE LITURGY OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN;**  
**RIGHTEOUS JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA & NICODEMUS; MARTYR ADRIAN OF**  
**CORINTH; HIEROMARTYR SIMEON-BISHOP IN PERSIA & THOSE WITH HIM:**  
**MARTYRS ABDECHALAS & ANANIAS-PRESBYTERS, USTHAZANES, FUSICUS,**  
**ASCITREA & AZAT THE EUNUCH; VENERABLE ACACIUS-BISHOP OF MELITENE;**  
**SAINT AGAPITUS-POPE OF ROME**

*Tone 2*

Acts 6:1-7

Mark 15:43-16:8

**SUNDAY, MAY 07 DIVINE LITURGY OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC; RIGHTEOUS TABITHA;**  
**TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF MARTYR ABRAMIUS OF BULGARIA; MARTYR**  
**SABBAS STRATELATES [THE GENERAL] OF ROME & 70 SOLDIERS WITH HIM;**  
**MARTYRS PASICRATES, VALENTINE, & JULIUS IN MOESIA [BULGARIA];**  
**MARTYRS EUSEBIUS, NEON, LEONTIUS, LONGINUS, & OTHERS AT NICOMEDIA;**  
**VENERABLE THOMAS THE FOOL OF SYRIA; VENERABLE ELIZABETH THE**  
**WONDERWORKER OF CONSTANTINOPLE; VENERABLE SABBAS & ALEXIUS THE**  
**HERMIT OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA**

*Tone 3*

Acts 9:32-42

John 5:1-15

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

## **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 23 APRIL 2017**

**Christ IS Risen! Indeed He IS Risen!**

**Христос воскрес! Воистину воскрес!**

**Χριστός ανέστη! Ἀληθῶς ανέστη!**

**(Khristós Anésti! Alithós Anésti!)**

**Hristos a înviat! Adevărat a înviat!**

**المسيح قام! إحقا قام! (al-Masīḥ qām! Ḥaqqan qām!)**

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SAINT THOMAS SUNDAY; MARTYRS**  
**TERENCE, POMPEIUS, AFRICANUS, MAXIMUS, ZENO, ALEXANDER,**  
**THEODORE, & 33 OTHERS BEHEADED AT CARTHAGE; PROPHETESS**  
**HULDAH (OLDA); MARTYRS JAMES-PRESBYTER, AND AZADANES &**  
**ABDICIUS-DEACONS OF PERSI**

### **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!

**ARCHIEPISCOPAL ENCYCLICAL ON HOLY PASCHA**

Protocol 39/17 April 16, 2017

**Holy Pascha The Feasts of Feasts**

To the Most Reverend Hierarchs, the Reverend Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, the Presidents and Members of the Parish Council 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,

**Χριστός Ανέστη! Christ is Risen!**

On this glorious Feast of Feasts that is filled with the transcendent light and unsurpassable joy of the Lord's Resurrection, I proclaim with you, my beloved people, the exclamation of victory, Christ is Risen! Truly, He is Risen!

The reality of the Lord's Resurrection has an unparalleled significance for humanity. The Resurrection is an event of multiple victories, victories that have a transformative and renewing promise for each of us. First, The Lord's Resurrection is the victory over death, the victory of life over death. But, beyond that, it is the victory of establishing the Resurrection as a new reality on earth. In the Paschal light, we realize that while death continues to be a physical phenomenon, it does not dominate humanity as the ultimate and unavoidable fate. Rather death has lost its sting (1Corinthians 15:55) as it opens a passageway to a better life, a life in the union, presence, and eternal communion with God.

Ultimately, the Resurrection becomes the destiny for each and every one of us. Saint Paul assures us in clear language that as Christ was risen, so we will be risen and be united to Christ in a transformed life, an

incorruptible life, a shining life, a luminous life bathed in an abundance of light and splendor.

Second, the Lord's Resurrection is the victory over injustice. Is it possible to identify any event more unjust than the Crucifixion of Christ? In the horrific event of unbelievable injustice in which humanity crucified the living manifestation of perfection, holiness, innocence, and purity, we see the Resurrection of Christ overcoming this injustice and restoring triumphantly the invincible rule of justice willed by God.

Third, the Lord's Resurrection is also the victory of love over hatred. The Resurrection of Christ is the establishment of love as the central reality of life. Despite the cries of hate, Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him! (John 19:15) Christ on the Cross asks the Father to forgive his adversaries for they know not what they do (Luke 23:34). The Resurrection amazingly transforms the Crucifixion from a crime of hatred on the part of humanity to an act of love on the part of Christ! Christ is risen and love is splendidly shining over humanity.

Fourth, The Lord's Resurrection is the victory of salvation, liberation and holiness over sin, guilt and evil. Some contemporary existential philosophers consider that sin, guilt, and evil are the conditions that man cannot surpass. With the Resurrection, however, man can overcome these tormenting elements of the human condition. The Cross followed by the Resurrection establishes the abolition of sin and guilt and restores the reality of a life free of them. It is a newness of life due to the Resurrection. While sin, guilt, and evil may still be a reality on earth, under the light of the Resurrection they are very different. By the grace and might of Christ's Resurrection, they can be easily overcome as they are now stripped of their power to control and consume us.

In this salvific Day of the Resurrection, we are fully aware of these multiple victories of Christ over anything that is hostile to human existence. All these victories of the Risen Lord, lead us once more to the central message of the Resurrection, which is our own personal resurrection. It is the vision of this Resurrection that fills us with hope for the future, no matter what the present circumstances of life may be.

It is the promise of our personal resurrection that this vision establishes and fills us with ineffable joy as we chant, "It is the Day of Resurrection! O People, let us glory in splendor! Pascha, the Lord's Pascha!"

For Christ our God has transported us who sing the triumphal hymn from death to life, and from earth to Heaven.

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

With paternal love in Christ, the Risen Lord,  
† DEMETRIOS  
Archbishop of America

The Epitaphios (Greek: Επιτάφιος, epitaphios, or Επιτάφιον, epitaphion; Slavonic: Плащаница, plashchanitsa; Arabic: نعش, naash) is an icon, today most often found as a large cloth, embroidered and often richly adorned, which is used during the services of Great Friday and Holy Saturday . It also exists in painted or mosaic form, on walls or panels.

The icon depicts Christ after He has been removed from the cross, lying supine, as His body is being prepared for burial. The scene is taken from the Gospel of St. John 19:38-42. Shown around Him, and mourning His death, may be His Mother (the Theotokos; John the beloved disciple; Joseph of Arimathea; and Mary Magdalene, as well as angels. Nicodemus and others may also be depicted. Sometimes, the body of Christ appears alone, except for angels, as if lying in state.

The Epitaphios is used on the last two days of Holy Week as part of the ceremonies marking the death and resurrection of Christ. It is then placed on the Holy Table, where it remains throughout the Paschal season. (wiki)



Remember Christ in a cave and in prison, and you will not be seduced by a beautifully decorated house. Remember Christ naked and clothed in a garb of foul play, and for you, graceful clothes are not desirable. Remember the vinegar and bile, eaten by Christ, and you will not want a luxurious feast. Remember the Christ, whom, according to the prophetic image, the knees



are weak from fasting, and fasting will be sweet for you and nourishing more feasting. - *St. Philaret of 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)*

Pascha

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!  
Христос васкрсе! Ваистину васкрсе!

Enter into the Resurrection Joy. Be immersed in the Resurrection Joy. Savor Christ's everlasting, immeasurable and unconditional love! Freely share Christ's peace and love.

Actively welcome the Resurrected Christ into the heart, mind and soul. Consider Christ's majesty and glory. Know how fortunate we are for Christ to love us.

Let thanksgiving fill every fiber of our being. Realize we can never be sufficiently thankful for Christ's every goodness and mercy. Be ever mindful of His suffering on the Cross.

Forget not His unconditional love and life-renewing goodness. Acknowledge the unending renewal existing only in Christ. Life unfolds in Christ as fully intended.

Embrace and welcome the mystery of living in Christ. Trust in Christ with all the heart, mind and strength. Be patient in Christ. Find patience in Christ.

Christ's time matters and governs life. The eternal is beyond comprehension. Christ enables us to live and comprehend. Christ is always visible and reassuring.

The Risen Christ verifies His presence to open eyes and ears. Death is defeated and Christ radiates in overflowing hearts. New and eternal life is in Christ.

Faith in Christ makes possible life's fullness. Enduring hope emanates from the Empty Tomb. Christ's love envelopes all hearts welcoming the Risen Lord!

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, Carmichaels, Pennsylvania.  
Pascha 2017. *Father Rodney Torbic*



## WHY DO YOU SEEK THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD?

(Easter-Sunday, April 16)

*"But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen...'" (Lk 24: 1-6)*

The two angels, the "two men in dazzling clothes" are not all that direct in delivering the news of the resurrection to these women. First, they allow the women to be "perplexed" for a bit, about the rolled-away stone. And then, "suddenly," the two make their appearance, introducing themselves with the silliest question: "*Why do you seek the living among the dead?*"

Now, please excuse me, – But what a question! I mean, after all that had happened, of COURSE these heartbroken women sought their crucified and buried Lord "*among the dead.*" After all, they had seen Him breathe His last, and die, and be buried. And then they had spent all of Saturday in deep mourning.

But here's the charming thing about this vital moment in Salvation History: The two angels apparently take delight in delivering the good news of Christ's resurrection to the women in this playful, gradual way: "Why," they first ask, teasingly, "*do you seek the living among the dead?*" Only after that, they deliver the good news, and explain: "*He is not here, but is risen...*"

I have no deep theological point to make here today, except to note the playfulness of our joy today, in our Lord's resurrection. Christ is risen from the dead, so let all the darkness and earnestness of death be trampled, by Him. Christ is risen, dear zillions! So please relax, and enjoy the grace of the feast!

**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.**

**UPDATE ON SLICKVILLE TICKET WINNERS:**

We have had several winners last year—AND this year—you may be next!

Check your tickets and contact Bill Kuznik if you have a winning ticket! Remember, the tickets are the main way to finance the fireworks display for the Slickville Centennial Celebration next August. Any left over money will be divided among the three churches and the volunteer fire department!

More details on the Centennial will be forthcoming—please check the Centennial website for more information: <http://slickville100.com>

**Slickville Centennial hats and clothing are now available—see Bill for order forms for hats, t-shirts, polo shirts, and sweatshirts!!! Show your Slickville pride to everyone!**