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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 Smoly nec, 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 Zeliszczuk, 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, Kathy Cvetkovich, Lou Trombetta, 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 in August, 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 have questions. We have had several winners!

FIRST NOTICE: *MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!* Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 4th, downstairs in the church hall after our service. Please plan to attend and discuss some very important issues in the future of our parish and our parish family!

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 14 DIVINE LITURGY OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM

**5TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN—PHOTINI;
PROPHET JEREMIAH; MARTYR BALAS OF NISIBIS; HIEROMARTYR MACARIUS-
METROPOLITAN OF KIEV**

Tone 4

Acts 11:19-26, 29-30; Hebrews 12:7-16

John 4:5-42; John 10:9-16

Litany in Blessed Memory of All Deceased Mothers, Grandmothers, etc.

**SUNDAY, MAY 21 DIVINE LITURGY OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
6TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN; HOLY APOSTLE &
EVANGELIST JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN; VENERABLE ARSENIUS THE GREAT OF
SCETIS; VENERABLE ARSENIUS THE LOVER OF LABOR & PIMEN THE ASCETIC
OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA**

Tone 5

Acts 16:16-34; 1 John 107

John 9:1-38; Luke 6:17-23

THURSDAY, MAY 25 ASCENSION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

**SUNDAY, MAY 28 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
7TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA; FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL;
AFTERFEAST OF THE ASCENSION; VENERABLE PACHOMIUS THE GREAT,
VENERABLE ACHILLES-BISHOP OF LARISSA; SAINT ISAIAH-BISHOP &
WONDERWORKER OF ROSTOV; VENERABLE ISAIAH OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA;
VENERABLE PACHOMIUS-ABBOT & SILVANUS OF NEREKHTA**

Tone 6

Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

John 17:1-13

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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!

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

**5TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN—
PHOTINI; PROPHET JEREMIAH; MARTYR BALAS OF NISIBIS;
HIEROMARTYR MACARIUS-METROPOLITAN OF KIEV**

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
King, sing praises!**

READER: Sing praises to our God, sing praises!

PEOPLE: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

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!



(Wednesday, May 3)

"Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, saying, 'Give me also this power, that any one on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.' But Peter said to him, 'Your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money! You have neither part nor lot in this matter, for your heart is not right (εὐθεία) before God..." (Acts 8:18-21)

That's one of the great things about the Holy Spirit: His power cannot be bought, sold, or otherwise manipulated, (despite mankind's efforts to do so throughout Church History). All we can "offer" the Holy Spirit is ourselves, as He offers Himself to us. Like Simon, we can have "neither part nor lot" in God, – without actually "having part and lot" in Him, in our very beings, in our selves, making our hearts "right" before Him. And by "right" I

do not mean our human kind of “right,” according to human opinions or standards. I mean, God’s kind of “right,” according to His all-knowing, all-merciful evaluation of our challenges, strengths and weaknesses.

So today let me open my mind, heart, and soul to the divine energies of the Holy Spirit, for His gifts to be opened in me. Ultimately, only I myself, in my free choice to embrace those gifts, can become the vessel of the free and freedom-loving Spirit of God in me, – rather than somebody or something else, – like other people’s opinions, or money. He demands from me neither money, nor prestige, nor any other substitute for my heart being “right” before Him. So let me “*have part and lot*” in Him this sunny morning, in prayer, that I may be “right” before Him, regardless of my financial or social standing before other people.



(Friday, May 5)

“After he (Jesus) had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, ‘Do you know what I have done for you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example/pattern (ὑπόδειγμα), that you also should do as I have done to you...” (Jn 13: 12-15)

Just yesterday I happened to read about this event, which occurred on Holy Thursday at the so-called “Last Supper,” described as “*the day Jesus shared the priesthood with the Apostles.*” I think this is accurate, in that it describes foot-washing as one of the symbols (or “examples” or “patterns”) of Christian priesthood, as a path of humble service.

Here’s a provocative thought that entered my mind, as I read this: The only “other” people in the Gospels, who engaged in foot-washing, were women. There’s the sinful woman (in Luke 7: 36-50), who bathes the Lord’s feet in her tears, and the other woman (or women) in Bethany, who anointed His feet and head, in preparation for His burial (Jn 12: 1-8, cf. Mk 14: 3-9; Mt 26: 6-13). But it’s only after these “foot-washings” by women that our Lord makes “foot-washing” an example of Christian ministry, at His mystical or “last” supper.

So, here's all I want to say: The "symbolism" of the Church's priesthood, as far as the Gospels go, is not limited to males. No. Our Lord Himself chooses a symbol, foot-washing, as a symbol of priesthood, performed by certain women, not men, in the Gospels. All I'm saying, – before any of you good people get upset at me for championing female priesthood, – is that the argument for purely "male" symbolism in our rituals and liturgy – does not hold water. It's just a thought. *"Help, us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O Lord, by Your grace!"*

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.

SAVE THE DATE! We will hold our Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, June 4th, after the Obednitza. This is a very important meeting where we will discuss the future of our parish and other important issues. PLEASE plan to attend and offer your suggestions and opinions—it is YOUR parish! Please see Andy Torick or Father Bob if you have any questions.