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SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN

ON THE MEND: Please keep the following parishioners and others in your prayers for recovery from their illnesses and injuries: Archbishop Daniel, Metropolitan Antony, Metropolitan Yuriy, Anastasia [Metropolitan Yuriy's mom], Metropolitan Theodosius [OCA], Archbishop Jovan, Bishop Robert, Father George & Pani Lillian Hnatko, Father Jakiw Norton, 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 & Pani Mary Anne 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 Smolynec, Father Lawrence & Matushka Sophia Daniels, Father Joe Cervo, Father John Harrold [Saint Sylvester], Joshua Agosto and his family, Eva Malesnick, Nick Behun, Grace Holupka, Joseph Sliwinsky, Gary & Linda Mechtly, 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, George Rocknage, Robert McKivitz, Liz Obradovich, Halyna Zelinska [Archbishop 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, Julie Eiler, Dorothy Lednovich, Bob C., Allie—young girl with leukemia, Heather Kramer, Jane Wartinbee, Matthew—young man with cancer, Nicholas Orlando, Mary Ann

Kuznik, 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], David Hoenshell, Barbara Macino, Shelley Hill, Mikaela Kapeluck, Linda Cawley, Gerald Cogley, Helen Bozo, Corey Guich, Robert Vangrin, Pauline Witkowsky, Sera White, Deborah Smith, Nancy & Eric Dunik, Julian Strozh [young lady with cerebral palsy], Dr. Kirsten Ream, Patricia Corey, Michelle, Katie Swarm, Richard Dunst, Michelle, Patrick, Linda Morris, Howard Simpson, Chris, David Hiles, Jennifer, Jerry Quinn, Cher Mount, Frank & Janet Horrell, Jim Wandling, Gail, Sirena Sharp, Ron Paulovich, Sandi Anderson, Lina, Shirley, Denny Mader, Ella Campbell, Tom Hyatt, Bill Janiro, Jean Symanko-Andy's sister, William Lemonakis, 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, Kristy, Elaine Ellenberger, Brandon, Anna Tranchine, Demetra, Blase Urban, Catherine Hogel & children, Jennifer & Dylan, Ron Schwartz, Lydia Wilson, Flora Tomlin, 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, Heather Ried, Carla Perry, Linda Elliot, Dennis McDaniel, Luke Tinsley, Brent, Tricia, Katherine Gorman, Pamela Jaquette, 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, Ben Douglas, Dianne Donahue, Zachary, Natasha, Noah Willard, Jodi Hanczar, Gregory Cervo, Lisa Bruce, Martha Nezolyk, Kathy Cvetkovich, Judy, Will, Emma, Ginny, Ye-Jin, Maria, John & JoAnn, Jim & Kitty, Phil Bouse, Ralph & Beverly Stoker, Noah Willard, Nikola, Natalie, Nikola, & Nevenka Jovonovich, Julia Collier, Amy Kemerer, Thomas Smith, Tracy Slaughaupt, Louis & Teresa Bercelli, Tom Nolan, Silvia Martin, Sarah Dorning, Dena & George, Georgia, Lawanda [Evelyn's niece], Maureen Sams, John Kendall, Judi Danser, Darcy, Denis

Strittmatter, Nancy, Ian Brick, Cecilia Barnhart, Logan Magorien, Pam Grant, Debbie & Jerry Novosel, Noah Willard, Sandra Dillard, Danielle McCann, Barry [Father Jim Orr's cousin], Tim Joyce, Mike Pawlyshyn-Jeannie Stutchell's brother, Marianne Mulroy, Joe Samchuck—vocations, Albert Heckman, Brianna Stumpf, and Susan Pulcini—Father Ted Pulcini's mom. ARNOLD: Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

In scripture, the church is referred to as a family, not as a business. And the requirements for its members and its leaders are based on how family members tre

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 12 READER SERVICE DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
3RD SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN;
RIGHTEOUS JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA & NICODEMUS; NINE MARTYRS AT
CYZICUS: THEOGENES, RUFUS, ANITPATER, THEOSTICHUS, ARTEMAS,
MAGNUS, THEODOTUS, THAUMASIUS, & PHILEMON; SAINT MEMNON THE
WONDERWORKER OF CORFU**

Acts 6:1-7

Mark 15:43-16:8

SUNDAY, MAY 19 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
4TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC; RIGHTEOUS TABITHA;
TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF MARTYR ABRAMIUS OF BULGARIA;
RIGHTEOUS JOB THE LONG-SUFFERING; MARTYRS BARBARUS THE SOLDIER,
BACCHUS, CALLIMACHUS, & DIONYSIUS IN MOREA; MARTYR BARBARUS THE
FORMER ROBBER IN EPIRUS; VENERABLE JOB-ABBOT & WONDERWORKER OF
POCHAIV

Acts 9:32-42

John 5:1-15

SUNDAY, MAY 26 READER SERVICE DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
5TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN; VIRGIN-
MARTYR GLYCERIA AT HERACLEA & MARTYR LAODICIUS-HER JAILER; MARTYR
ALEXANDER OF ROME; SAINT PAUSICACIUS-BISHOP OF SYNNADE; SAINT
GEORGE THE CONFESSOR OF CONSTANTINOPLE, HIS WIFE, AND CHILDREN;
TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF SAINT WONDERWORKER MACARIUS-
ARCHIMANDRITE OF PINSK & KANIV

Acts 11:19-26, 29-30

John 4:5-42

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 12 MAY 2019

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THEOSTICHUS, ARTEMAS, MAGNUS, THEODOTUS, THAUMASIUS, &
PHILEMON; SAINT MEMNON THE WONDERWORKER OF CORFU

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! حقاً قام! (al-Masīḥ qām! Ḥaqqan qām!)

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION—TONE 2

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal,
Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead!
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,
All the powers of heaven cried out:
O Giver of Life! Christ our God! Glory to Thee!

TROPARION OF THE RIGHTEOUS JOSEPH—TONE 2

The noble Joseph, when he had taken down Thy most pure body from the tree

Wrapped it in fine linens and anointed it with spices,
And placed it in a new tomb.

But Thou didst rise on the third day, O Lord,
Granting the world great mercy.

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

TROPARION OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN—TONE 2

The angel came to the myrrh-bearing women at the tomb and said:
Myrrh is meet for the dead; but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to
corruption! So proclaim: The Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy.

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

KONTAKION—TONE 2

Thou didst command the Myrrhbearers to rejoice, O Christ!
By Thy Resurrection, Thou didst stop the lamentation of Eve, O God!
Thou didst command Thy apostles to preach: The Savior is Risen!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 6

READER: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

PEOPLE: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

READER: To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me.

PEOPLE: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

READER: O Lord, save Thy people.

PEOPLE: And bless Thine inheritance.

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 8

Lord, Thou wast favorable to Thy land; Thou didst restore the fortune of
Jacob.

Mercy and truth have met; righteousness and peace have kissed each
other.

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!

CATECHETICAL HOMILY OF OUR FATHER AMONG THE SAINTS, JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE



If any be devout and love God, let them enjoy this fair and radiant triumphal feast. If any be wise servants, let them rejoicing enter into the joy of their Lord. If any have laboured long in fasting, let them now receive their recompense.

If any have wrought from the first hour, let them today receive their just reward.

If any have come at the third hour, let them with thankfulness keep the feast.

If any have arrived at the sixth hour, let them have no misgivings, because they shall in nowise be deprived therefor.

If any have delayed until the ninth hour, let them draw near, fearing nothing.

If any have tarried even until the eleventh hour, let them, also, be not alarmed at their tardiness; for the Lord, who is jealous of His honour, will accept the last even as the first. He gives rest unto them who come at the eleventh hour, even as unto them who have wrought from the first hour.

And He shows mercy upon the last, and cares for the first; and to the one He gives, and upon the other He bestows gifts. And He both accepts

the deeds and welcomes the intention, and honours the acts and praises the offering.

Wherefore, enter you all into the joy of your Lord; and receive your reward, both the first and likewise the second. You rich and you poor together, hold high festival. You sober and you heedless, honour the day. Rejoice today, both you who have fasted and you who have disregarded the fast. The table is full-laden. Feast you all sumptuously. The calf is fatted. Let no one go hungry away.

Enjoy you all the feast of faith. Receive you all the riches of loving-kindness. Let none bewail their poverty, for the universal Kingdom has been revealed. Let none weep for their iniquities, for pardon has shown forth from the grave. Let none fear death, for the Saviour's death has set us free. He that was held prisoner of it has annihilated it. By descending into hell, He made hell captive. He embittered it when it tasted of His flesh. And Isaiah, foretelling this, did cry: "Hell," said he, "was embittered when it encountered Thee in the lower regions."

It was embittered, for it was abolished. It was embittered, for it was mocked. It was embittered, for it was slain. It was embittered, for it was overthrown. It was embittered, for it was fettered in chains. It took a body, and met God face to face. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took that which was seen, and fell upon the Unseen.

O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?

Christ is risen, and you are overthrown!

Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen!

Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice!

Christ is risen, and life reigns!

Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave!

For Christ, being risen from the dead, has become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages. Amen.

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Christ is risen!

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη!

Christus resurrexit!

Χριστόςъ воскресе!

Hristos a înviat!

المسيح قام!

ქრისტე აღსდგა!

Krishti u ngjall!

Kristus nousi!

Le Christ est ressuscité!

Cristo è risorto!

Cristu arrivisciutu esti!

iCristo resucitó!

Cristo ressuscitou!
Kristusaq ungewektaq!
Kristuussaaq unguirtuq!
Asréracht Críst!
Atgyfododd Crist!
Krisztus feltámadt!

“There is nothing on earth that I need, except that which is most essential. What do I need, what is most essential? I need the Lord, I need His grace, His kingdom within me. On earth, which is the place of my wanderings, my temporary being, there is nothing that is truly mine, everything belongs to God and is temporal, everything serves my needs temporarily.

What do I need? I need true and active Christian love; I need a loving heart which takes compassion on its neighbours; I need joy over their prosperity and well-being, and sorrow over their sorrows and illnesses, their sins, failings, disorders, woes, poverty; I need warm and sincere compassion for all the circumstances of their lives, joy for those who are joyous and tears for those who are in tears.

Enough of selfishness, egoism, living only for oneself and acquiring everything only for oneself: riches, pleasures, the glory of this world; enough of spiritual dying instead of living, grieving instead of rejoicing, and carrying within oneself the poison of selfishness, for selfishness is a poison that is continuously poured into our hearts by Satan.

O, let me cry out with King David: Whom have I in heaven but Thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire besides Thee. My flesh and my heart fail, but God is the strength of my heart. Grant me, O Lord, true life, dispel the darkness of my passions, disperse their power with Thy strength, for with Thee all things are possible!”

– *From the Spiritual Diary of St. John of Kronstadt, "My Life in Christ"*

Saint Thomas Sunday John 20:19-31

Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when He had so said, He shewed unto them His hands and His side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you. And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained. But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples

therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. And after eight days again His disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith He to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold My hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto Him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.(KJV)

Hristos Voskrese! Christ is Risen! Vaistinu Voskrese! Indeed He is Risen!

The joy of Pascha continues. The disciples were blessed to see the Risen Christ. The Holy Apostle Thomas verified the presence of the Risen Christ. St. John's Gospel teaches about Christ's Resurrection.

St. John's Gospel said the miracles of Christ are recorded in order for believers to have life through Christ's name. Draw strength today and each day from the Gospel accounts of Christ's life.

Draw strength and nourishment from the Gospels and the Epistles of the New Testament throughout life. In the Epistle to the Hebrews we read: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." (Heb.13:8-KJV)

Pascha is a new beginning for believers. The Risen Christ is the enduring hope for all circumstances in life. Even death is powerless in the face of Christ. Christ convincingly rose from the dead.

Let us utilize this Paschal period which continues until the Feast of the Ascension as a period of new beginning in life. This is a time to embrace the life in Christ as never before embraced in life.

Now is the time to love Christ, be immersed in the Risen Christ and be grateful with joy to Christ. When Christ rose from the Tomb the darkness of Great and Holy Friday was replaced with unconquerable brightness.

Christ is the Light shining through the centuries. Christ is the Light guiding seekers to His Kingdom. Christ is the Light lifting individuals from the depths of depression and despair.

No illness is so great, no problem is too large as to be beyond Christ to make a decided difference. The Risen Christ turns suffering into joy. The Risen Christ turns depression and despair into hope.

To experience the power of Christ, believers' hearts, minds and souls need to rest in Christ. Believers need to love Christ first and foremost in

life. Believers need to say with the Apostle Thomas: "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus Christ empowered His disciples with the ability to forgive sins. Today's Gospel documents this empowerment. Through the canonical laying on of hands of the apostles' successors, this empowerment continues to the present day.

Repentance throughout life enables believers to remain united with Christ. Repentance enables believers to have sins forgiven and to begin anew in Christ.

Christ welcomes repentant sinners with great joy. (Luke 15:7)

No need exists to feel distant from God. The Holy Apostle said: "He be not far from every one of us: For in him we live, and move, and have our being."(Acts 17:27-28.) God gives us life and enriches our lives.

We can never be sufficiently knowledgeable of God. We can never be sufficiently grateful to God. Our love will never equal the love God has for us and has given to us.

We can honor our responsibilities to God as Christians accepted at Holy Baptism. We can begin anew in this Paschal period to love and honor God more. We can seek to remain united with Christ to the fullest extent possible.

Each Divine Liturgy is an opportunity to unite with Christ. Each moment of every day is an opportunity to unite with God in prayer and to be thankful for blessings received.

We live in a country where we are free to worship. It is important that we protect and exercise that right. It is important that we make full use of that right.

To the extents we honor God, we improve not only ourselves but others.

To the extent we honor God in daily life, we treat others in our life as God would have them treated. The Risen Christ changed the world and improved the world.

Believers have the responsibility to follow Christ's example and teachings.

Believers have the responsibility to share the joy of the life in Christ. "Christ is Risen!" is the most powerful message of all centuries.

Hristos Voskrese! Christ is Risen! Vaistinu Voskrese! Indeed He is Risen!

Saint Thomas Sunday, April 22/May 5, 2019. St. Theodore the Sykeote; St. Platon of Banja Luka. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic

The Empty Tomb...

Christ on the Cross is supreme humility.
The Empty Tomb brings everlasting joy.
The white angel declared He is not here.
The Empty Tomb brings everlasting joy!
The angel told the women "He is Risen!"
The Empty Tomb brings everlasting joy!
Thomas' words "My Lord and my God."
The Empty Tomb brings everlasting joy.
Brightness replaces death and despair.
The Empty Tomb brings everlasting joy!
Christ's Light triumphed over darkness.
The Empty Tomb brings everlasting joy!
Jesus arisen appeared to His disciples.
The Empty Tomb brings everlasting joy.
The message "He is Risen!" goes forth.
The Empty Tomb brings everlasting joy.
Lives change and Creation is renewed!
The Empty Tomb brings everlasting joy.
The joyful Christians reshape the world.
The Empty Tomb brings everlasting joy.
Hearts, minds and souls become anew.
The Empty Tomb brings everlasting joy.
His Resurrection changed all the world.
The Empty Tomb brings everlasting joy!

Bright Thursday 2019, Hidden Valley. Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic

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**Announcement regarding the meeting of the Ecumenical Patriarch
with Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America**

NEW YORK – The Holy Archdiocese of America cites the following announcement of the Ecumenical Patriarchate:

ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE

It is hereby announced that today Saturday, May 4, 2019, His All-Holiness the Ecumenical Patriarch received His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America, who apprised Him on various affairs of his God-saved Eparchy.

Thereafter, His Eminence, the Archbishop submitted his written resignation from the throne of the Holy Archdiocese of America, which he shepherded with God-loving care for twenty years, and which the Patriarch will bring for consideration before the Holy and Sacred Synod in its upcoming meeting of next Thursday, May 9.

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.