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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: Archbishop Daniel, Metropolitan Antony, Metropolitan Yurij, Archbishop Jovan, Bishop Robert, Metropolitan Savas, Metropolitan Kallistos of Diokleia, Father George & Pani Lillian Hnatko, Father Jakiw Norton, Father Paul Stoll, Father Igor Soroka, Father Joseph Kopchak, Father Elias Warnke, 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], Father George Livanos, Igumen Patrick, Pani Mary Ann Chubenko, Father Jim Orr, Father Rick Seilier, Panimatka Laryssa Charest, Fr. Vasyl Sendeha, Father Steve Hutnick [COVID-19], Father Victor Wronskyj [COVID-19], Father George & Dobrodijka Oksana Bazylevsky, Fr. Volodymyr Muzychka [COVID-19], Diakonissa Mary Ann Cherkas, Father Harry Linsinbigler [COVID-19], Archimandrite Raphael [COVID-19], 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, 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 Luciow, Theresa Ditto, Mary Ann Musial,

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, 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, Michelle, Patrick, Linda Morris, Chris, David Hiles, Jennifer, 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, 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], 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 Slaugenhaupt, 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 & Gordon Grant, Debbie & Jerry Novosel, Noah Willard, Sandra Dillard, Danielle McCann, Barry [Father Jim Orr's cousin], Tim Joyce, Mike Pawlyshyn-Jeannie Stutchell's brother, Joe Samchuck—vocations, Albert Heckman, Brianna Stumpf, Stanley Porembka, David & Terry Coyne Hartnett, Mike C., Jennifer Scheirer [Nick

Behun's daughter], Catherine Beecham [Father Bob's cousin], JoAnne & Dave Andrews, Rev. Peg Bowman, Pat Jennings, Tim Sams, Mike Ruzzi, Stephen Popichak—Fr. Bob's brother, Mary Kay Ludovicy, Pastor Sara Irwin, George Dilendorf, Andy Torick, Carol Behun, Erv Frye, William Lusherand, Colin Kirton—Stage 4 pancreatic cancer, Clifford, Joe Veto, Paul Riley, Tonee & Sydnee Turner, Annette Paluh, Cathy Lotinsky, Monk Andrew, Jeff & Buschra Kerr, Steven—Harry Batch's cousin, Rose Mary Pavlovich—Mary Anne Kuznik's Cousin, Margaret Sekelsky, Robert Sekelsky, Robert Rodriguez, Dollie Irvin, Joe Mrvos, Alexandra & Bowen, Katherine Kulik, Micky Delans [COVID-19], Pastor Terry Polen, Eleanor Kitt, Stacie & Gary, Dolores Wachnowsky, Maria Warholak, Stacie & Gary, Anna Sekelik, Christy, Mariruth, Rich & Judy Previc, Ben Williams, Denis Strittmatter, Deacon Joe Uzar-vocations, Tim-surgery, John Wakin, Olivia-young girl with a brain tumor, Rick & Sharon Morgan, John Stasko [triple by-pass], John, Kris & Kait, Jeff & Mary Jane Double [COVID-19], Terri Crosby-Vega [COVID-19], Kristi Wilson, Wendy LaGamba, Melissa Gross [hip replacement], Mike, Amy, Nathan, & Ben Forbeck [COVID-19], David Salazar, Ann Zurasky [knee replacement], James Mary, Barb Bookser, Dr. Paul Riley, Serena, Wyatt, Makenzie, Jennifer, Joyce, Barbara Shegat & Chaplain Rachelle Zazzu, Joyce [stroke], Candace Irvin, Carol Muschick, Grace Love [knee replacement], Stacie Riley, and Susan Pulcini—Father Ted Pulcini's mom. ARNOLD: Homer Paul Kline and Walter Sakol. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

Spiritual thought for the day! When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. In Christ Service, Fr. George L. Livanos

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ... There is <u>NOTHING</u> to keep us from praying...for each other, for our family and friends, and most of all for the first responders—EMTs, nurses, doctors, firefighters, police officers, and members of our military who keep us safe. Be well, and be SAFE!!! God Bless!

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 <u>ALWAYS</u> <u>FREE!</u>

<u>Communion Fasting:</u> 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.

#### **SERVICES IN SLICKVILLE**

SUNDAY, May 16 OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN, RIGHTEOUS JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA & NICODEMUS; MARTYRS TIMOTHY & MAURA; SAINT PETER THE WONDERWORKER-BISHOP OF ARGOS; SAINT THEODOSIUS-ABBOT OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA & FOUNDER OF CENOBIC MONASTICISM IN KIEV

Tone 2 Acts 6:1-7 Mark 15:43-16:8

SUNDAY, May 23

OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS

10:30 AM

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC; RIGHTEOUS TABITHA;

TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF MARTYR ABRAMIUS OF BULGARI;

APOSTLE SIMON THE ZEALOT; MARTYRS PHILADELPHIUS, CYPRIAN,

ALPHAEUS, ONESIMUS, ERASMUS, & 14 OTHERS IN SICILY; MARTYR

HESYCHIUS OF ANTIOCH; VENERABLE ISIDORA THE FOOL OF TABENNA IN

EGYPT; BLESSED THAIS OF EGYPT

Tone 3
Acts 9:32-42; 1 Corinthians 4:8-16
John 5:1-15; Matthew 13:54-58

SUNDAY, May 30 OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN; APOSTLE ANDRONICUS OF THE 70 & FELLOW LABORER JUNIA; MARTYRS SOLOCHON, PAMPHAMER, & PAMPHALON AT CHALCEDON; SAINT STEPHEN OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Tone 4
Acts 11:19-26, 29-30
John 4:5-42

### **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 16 MAY 2021**

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# BISHOP OF ARGOS; SAINT THEODOSIUS-ABBOT OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA & FOUNDER OF CENOBIC MONASTICISM IN KIEV

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Χριστος воскрес! Воістину воскрес!

Χριστός ἀνἑστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνἑστη!

(Khristós Anésti! Alithós Anésti!)

Hristos a înviat! Adevărat a înviat!

[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!

### **Christ is Risen!**

# I Corinthians 15:13-But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: (KJV)

The Lord Jesus Christ's Resurrection is central to the Orthodox Christian Faith. Hope for beyond this life for every believer rests in the Resurrected Jesus Christ. Believers look to the Resurrected Christ for being united with departed loved ones. The Resurrected Christ points to more beyond the occurrence of an earthly death. The hope in the general resurrection of the dead adds anticipation to earthly life.

# I Corinthians 15:14-And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. (KJV)

Christian preaching and faith lose validity if Christ did not rise from the dead. The Church has proclaimed the Resurrection for more than twenty

centuries. The Holy Scriptures bear witness to Jesus Christ's Resurrection from the dead. Personal testimonies handed down through the centuries verify the Resurrection. The Church is the repository entrusted with the truths of Christ's Resurrection.

# I Corinthians 15:15-Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. (KJV)

The Holy Apostle Paul's Epistle makes his position clear on Christ's Resurrection. This authoritative Epistle from a former persecutor of Christians is most definitive. The soul hungers for meaning in life and Jesus' Resurrection addresses the hunger. Believers have the Crucified and Resurrected Christ to look to as a basis for hope. The Church's proclamation of the Resurrection has withstood abundant criticism.

# I Corinthians 15:16-For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: (KJV

Centuries of attacks on the Church and the Resurrection have failed to prevail. Truth will not be hidden and light will not be denied by the dark and evil efforts. A tortured death on the Cross proved not to be the end for the Lord Jesus Christ. The Tomb failed to contain the Crucified Christ and prevent His Resurrection. The Light of the Risen Christ removed the darkness created by His Crucifixion.

# I Corinthians 15:20-But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. (KJV)

Contemporary believers of every century experience joy in Christ's Resurrection. Believers in the Resurrection experience residual joy in the heart, mind and soul. Living believers and those departed this life are unified in the Resurrected Christ. The Divine Liturgy embodies this unity of the living and departed in Jesus Christ. The living and departed in the Risen Christ have hope and joy that will not wane

Bright Wednesday. St. Theodore the Sykeote, St. Platon of Banja Luka. April 22/May 5, 2021. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic

### From Father Gregory Roy Jensen:

Unless we look at a person and see the beauty there is in this person, we can contribute nothing to him. One does not help a person by discerning what is wrong, what is ugly, what is distorted. Christ looked at everyone he met, at the prostitute, at the thief, and saw the beauty hidden there. Perhaps it was distorted, perhaps damaged, but it was beauty none the less, and what he did was to call out this beauty.

- Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh



Susanna Schneider contributes: When the Mother of God and the Guardian Angel are near us, then the evil force is afraid to approach us and if we slightly offend the Angel of God and the Mother of God then they move away from us. My dear, how terrible it is to grieve the Mother of God and the Guardian Angel! Abbot Savvas Ostapenko

### **Christ is Risen....**

God forgives with great ease!—as long as man opens up and returns to Him with sincere repentance. God does not want reimbursement or payment from man in exchange for His eternal gifts. No! Even if man has millions or billions of sins, for God they are nothing. What is a handful of

sand in the midst of the ocean? All the sins of humanity are nothing but a speck in the ocean. There is no sin capable of overpowering God's compassion. *Elder Ephraim* 

In Christ Service,

Fr. George L. Livanos, Proistamenos, Protopresbyter of the Ecumenical Throne, All Saints Greek Orthodox Church, Canonsburg, PA

### 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! Vaistinu Voskrese! Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! Hristos a inviat! Adevarat a inviat!

God's Holy Church seeks an unbroken remembrance and certainty of the Lord's Jesus Christ's Resurrection. The Resurrection is of central importance to the Orthodox Christian faith.

Thomas Sunday is the Sunday immediately following Pascha. The Holy Gospel reading verifies that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. The Gospel describes Apostle Thomas' convincing experience with the Risen Christ.

Holy Apostle Thomas' doubt was resolved and put to rest when he saw the Risen Christ. Thomas was invited by the Risen Lord to reach out with his finger and hands to touch the Risen Christ.

Holy Apostle Thomas' experience is recorded in St. John's Gospel. The Church proclaims this certainty every year on the Sunday immediately following Pascha,

Apostle Thomas' encounter with the Risen Lord serves to renew believers' faith in the Resurrection. Doubts are removed and belief in the Resurrection is strengthened when this Gospel is proclaimed on Thomas Sunday.

The Church reinforces the certainty of Christ's Resurrection with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy on Sundays throughout the year. The hunger of the soul is addressed in each Divine Liturgy.

Believers are transformed when partaking of the Precious Body and Blood of Christ. Jesus Christ is alive and enlivens communing believers. The Risen Christ told Thomas to not be faithless but to be believing.

The Church provides every generation with the opportunity to learn of Apostle Thomas' experience with the Risen Christ. Believers hearing the Gospel can say with Apostle Thomas "My Lord and my God."

In these days of uncertainty and anxiety, the certainty of Jesus' Resurrection offers hope, light and joy. The Risen Jesus reassured and comforted the Holy Apostles including Thomas with His message of peace.

Peace, love and joy exist in the Risen Christ. Jesus Christ's triumph over death once and for all established and verified His durability and the durability of His message.

God's Holy Church is where believers learn more about the Risen Christ and the way of life desired for His followers. The Divine services of the Church are instructional and educational in addition to enriching the soul.

Attentive believers benefit from the content of the Church's Divine services. The more attentive and open the believer, the greater the benefit. Change and growth in Christ occurs through the Church's Divine services.

The Divine services of the Church proceed in an orderly way throughout the year. Pascha is the Feast of Feasts and captures the attention of believers. Paschal joy radiates throughout the Church, the world and the centuries.

Jesus Christ is timeless. The life in Christ intends eternal life. The Risen Christ broke the barrier of death. Jesus convinced Thomas of death being destroyed.

Believers have the Resurrection verified with each celebration of the Divine Liturgy. The Church stands through the centuries until Christ's Second Coming in witness of His triumph over death.

Each believer witnesses to Christ's Resurrection with the Paschal greeting: "Hristos Voskrese! Christ is Risen! Vaistinu Voskrese! Indeed He is Risen!" Each believer has a part in verifying the certainty in life of Christ's Resurrection.

Each believer adds to the joy of the Resurrection when expressing and proclaiming "Christ is Risen!" Faithful believers join with the Risen Christ in repelling darkness in the world.

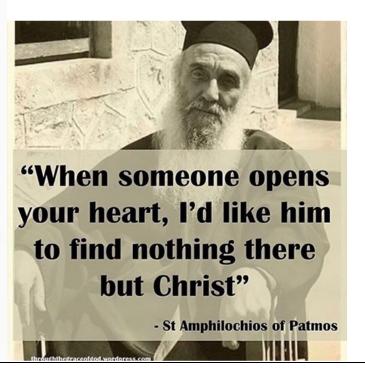
The Apostle Thomas' resounding profession of faith, his words, "My Lord and my God" have penetrated the centuries. Each believer makes a beneficial difference when saying: "Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!"

Thomas Sunday. Holy Hieromartyr Basil of Amasea. April 26/May 9, 2021. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic

### Scripture for Today:

The One who examines the thoughts and emotions is a righteous God. (Psalm 7:9)

The places that God wants to take you cannot be reached by traveling down the road of your emotions. Sometimes we know God is leading us places but we tend to complain about the journey and how it makes us feel. But those rough patches along the way are not just meant to strengthen you, they are also meant to help you stay in character while under pressure. You're gonna have to be able to stand up and stand out in the places that God is taking you, and your character and faith are gonna have to stand up under pressure. Be blessed, and be encouraged!



### **Christ is Risen!**

Dear ones......If you have not done so already I beg you please buy your screening ticket for this most historical and important event that will solidify your faith in Christ.

https://watch.eventive.org/lagff21/play/607f3409a18ace0061c46341

Sunday, May 23 is the only time that you can view it; if you're late in watching it you'll miss it because they'll start promptly at 9 PM and end it when it's over.

It is a one time screening here in the US.

In Christ Service,

Fr. George L. Livanos

Proistamenos, Protopresbyter of the Ecumenical Throne All Saints Greek Orthodox Church, Canonsburg, PA

### **COVID-19 MITIGATION ORDERS LIFTING THIS MONTH**

Governor Wolf announced that COVID-19 restrictions related to gatherings, restaurants, and other businesses will be lifted on Memorial Day, May 31.

The mask mandate requiring Pennsylvanians to wear masks will be lifted when 70% of Pennsylvania adults are fully vaccinated. Right now, about 43% of Pennsylvanians have been fully vaccinated. The more people who get vaccinated, the sooner we can put this pandemic behind us.

The vaccine is available to everyone 16 years of age or older.

REMINDERS: <u>NO KNEELING</u> 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.