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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 Yuriy, 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 Smolynech, 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, Rachele, 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 Luciw, Theresa Ditto, Mary Ann Musial,

Yvonne Christy, Myron & Barbara Spak, Julia Duda, Lisa Pandle, Kris & Julie Hanczar, John Kennedy, Loretta, Nancy, Carol, & Michael Sheliga, Gaele 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 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 & 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, Joseph Paul Cervo, Jr. [newborn], 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.

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ... There is ***NOTHING*** 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 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.



**Χριστος воскрес! Воістину воскрес!  
Χριστός ανέστη! Ἀληθῶς ανέστη!  
(Khristós Anésti! Alithós Anésti!)  
Hristos a înviat! Adevărat a înviat!  
!المسيح قام! احقا قام! (al-Masīḥ qām! Ḥaqqan qām!)**

### **TROPARION—TONE 3**

Let the Heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad!  
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm!  
He has trampled down death by death!  
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,  
And has granted the world great mercy!

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

### **KONTAKION—TONE 3**

By Thy Divine intercession, O Lord,  
As Thou didst raise up the paralytic of old,  
So raise up my soul, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts:  
So that being saved I may sing to Thee:  
Glory to Thy majesty, O Bountiful Christ!

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

### **KONTAKION—TONE 3**

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One!  
Leading us from the gates of death.  
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;  
With the prophets and patriarchs  
They unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power!

### **PROKEIMENON—TONE 1**

**READER:** Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.

**PEOPLE:** Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.

**READER:** Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just.

**PEOPLE:** Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.

**READER:** Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us...

**PEOPLE:** As we have set our hope on Thee.

## **ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 5**

I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever, and my truth will be prepared in the heavens.

## **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!**

### **The Name of Jesus**

**Matthew 1:21-And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. (KJV)**

Saying Jesus' name with the heart, mind and soul makes a difference in life. Jesus' name profoundly nourishes the believer's whole body, mind and soul. A believer's behavior and demeanor are affected when Jesus' name is expressed.

Prayerfully uttering Jesus' name unites the believer with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reciting Jesus' name creates an inseparable unity incapable of being broken.

Jesus' followers have formidable strength when prayerfully uttering His name.

**Matthew 10:22-And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. (KJV)**

Christians are identified with Jesus and can expect hardship from this identity.

Jesus was crucified and through the centuries His followers have faced suffering.

The Lord promises faithful followers of His name will not be disappointed. Serious believers draw strength from Jesus' name when faced with suffering.

Residual hope in Jesus' name makes hardship bearable for the serious believer.

Strong love for Jesus' name changes the believer's life in immeasurable ways.

**Matthew 18:20-For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. (KJV)**

Believers gathered in Jesus' name in small numbers benefit from His presence.

Small gatherings of believers in Jesus' name have their lives greatly enriched.

Jesus enlightens believers coming together in His name for honorable reasons.

Wise individuals understand the benefit of gathering together in Jesus' name.

Jesus' followers coming together in His name are empowered by His presence.

Life becomes orderly and purposeful when believers assemble in Jesus' name

**Matthew 19:29-And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. (KJV)**

Leading a life in the name of Jesus entails seriousness and requires discipline.

Living according to Jesus' name involves great sacrifice, faith and commitment.

Jesus makes clear the sacrifice involved for those choosing to follow in His name.

Believers choosing to follow in Jesus's name undertake the journey voluntarily.

Eternal life awaits the believer faithful in following in Jesus' name until the end.

Jesus' name conveys an enduring hope capable of sustaining faithful believers.

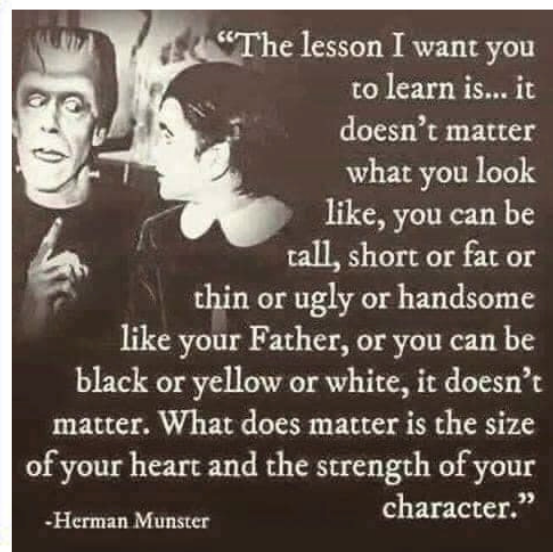
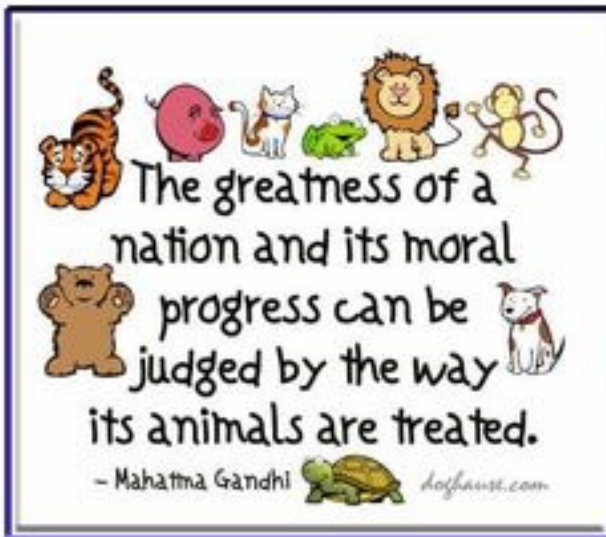
*St. Basil of Ostrog. May 12/April 29, 2021.*



# G O D      S A T A N

Stills you,  
reassures you,  
leads you,  
encourages  
you,  
forgives you,  
calms you,  
empowers you,  
comforts you.

Rushes you,  
frightens you,  
pushes you,  
confuses you,  
condemns you,  
stresses you,  
discourages you,  
worries you.



*Written by Unleash the Gospel Team Published April 1, 2019*

On Holy Saturday—the day Christ lies in the tomb—the Church places this remarkable ancient homily before the faithful in the Divine Office. Some scholars believe that the homily was composed by Melito, bishop of Sardis, who died circa 180, because it is similar to Melito’s renowned “Homily on the Passover.” But in fact, we don’t know who the author is.

The Apostles’ Creed professes that Christ “descended into hell” after dying on the cross. This homily tells the story of Christ’s triumphal descent through a dramatic rendering of Christ’s appearance in the place of the dead where he encounters Adam and Eve, and all the faithful, who are waiting for deliverance.

The homily is full of paradox: The Son of God has died in the flesh and now “sleeps” in the tomb. But the One who is “asleep” enters the



realm of the dead in order to “wake” the dead from sleep and lead them up to the dwelling place of God.

Holy Saturday is not just the day that we wait quietly and mournfully with Christ in the tomb. We also recognize that on this day Christ also descended to the place of the dead and rescued all faithful souls, bringing them into the full glory of His Father’s kingdom. Reflecting on this excerpt from the homily can help us focus on this divine reality.

***The Lord’s Descent Into the Underworld—Homily Author Unknown***

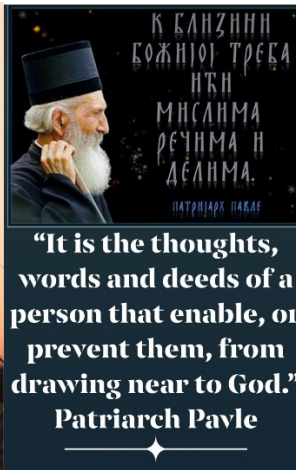
“Something strange is happening—there is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh, and He has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began. God has died in the flesh and hell trembles with fear.

He has gone to search for our first parent, as for a lost sheep. Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death (Luke 1:79), He has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve, He who is both God and the son of Eve.

The Lord approached them bearing the cross, the weapon that had won Him the victory. At the sight of Him, Adam, the first man He had created, struck his breast in terror and cried out to everyone: ‘My Lord be with you all.’ Christ answered him: ‘And with your spirit.’ He took him by the hand and raised him up, saying: ‘Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.’ (Ephesians 5:14)

‘I am your God, who for your sake have become your son. Out of love for you and for your descendants I now by my own authority command all who are held in bondage to come forth, all who are in darkness to be enlightened, all who are sleeping to arise. I order you, O sleeper, to awake. I did not create you to be held a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead. Rise up, work of my hands, you who were created in my image. Rise, let us leave this place, for you are in me and I am in you; together we form only one person, and we cannot be separated.

Life is so ironic,  
it takes sadness to know  
what happiness is, noise  
to appreciate silence and  
absence to value  
presence.



### **The Sunday of the Myrrh-bearers Mark 15:43-16:8**

*Joseph of Arimathaea, an honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus. And Pilate marvelled if he were already dead: and calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead. And when he knew it of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. And he bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses beheld where he was laid. And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you. And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any man; for they were afraid. (KJV)*

Hristos Voskrese! Vaistinu Voskrese!

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Hristos a inviat! Adevarat a inviat!

God's Holy Church continues to rejoice in the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Church never ceases to rejoice in the Resurrection. Sundays are associated with the Resurrection.

The Resurrection always has prominence in Orthodox life. Hope created by the Resurrection cannot be conquered or stifled. Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome learned first-hand of the Resurrection.

The Myrrh-bearing Women as they are called in the Church went to the Tomb expecting that the Crucified Jesus would be there. The women heard the words that would change everything: "He is Risen!"

Believers are blessed on Pascha each year to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. The joy emanating from the Resurrected Christ pierces the centuries.

The message of the Resurrection continues to change lives, communities and nations. The world is different because of the Paschal celebrations through the centuries.

Empires have come and gone. Nations have risen and fallen. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ continues to offer hope, joy and light for the world.

From prison cells, to concentration camps, to high rise apartments, the joy spreads.

The message of Jesus rising from the dead goes from person to person, from church to church, from village to village. Before the internet, before electricity, before air travel, word of the Resurrection traveled across the globe.

Jesus' Resurrection fills hearts with joy. The Resurrection is an antidote to depression and lack of hope. Death is no longer viewed as an end. Eternal life clearly becomes believable.

Jesus triumphed over death. The women coming to the tomb had the Resurrection verified by the man described in the Gospel as being clothed in white.

A fresco in Monastery Milesevo immortalizes this image with the White Angel.

Serbian Orthodox Churches throughout the world join with Orthodox believers everywhere in celebrating Pascha. The women coming to the tomb were told not to be frightened.

The Church recounts and proclaims the visit of the women to the tomb every year following Pascha. The Gospel account verifies the Resurrection. Attentive believers welcome the message and are changed by it.

Believers making the journey to Pascha have their lives changed with the arrival of the Feast of Feasts. In the days following Pascha, believers are to incorporate the message of the Resurrection into daily life.

The Church teaches and believers learn from the Resurrected Lord the steps needed for eternal life. Each day the Church offers lessons for believers to draw strength and wisdom from the Resurrected Christ.

Each day the Church draws from the Resurrection and gives lasting lessons for believers to incorporate into their lives. Life in the Church exists at every moment and continues beyond the grave.

Attentive believers will heed the Church's teachings and content of the Divine services. Faithful believers will continue to follow the Resurrected Christ while there is life in the body and the mind functions.

God reveals to believers the steps to take at each moment of life. The Holy Scriptures are rich with wisdom of great benefit for believers. The Divine services offer practical lessons for daily life.

The best learning environment outside the home is God's Holy Church. In the days following Pascha, learning continues in earnest for interested believers.

Believers learn to the degree the investment is made in learning God's ways.

The Resurrected Christ offers lessons that are never exhausted. The joyful days following Pascha are rich with lessons leading to eternal life. Wise believers immerse themselves in the lessons and are enriched beyond measure.

*The Sunday of the Myrrh-bearers. Holy Martyrs Timothy and Maura.  
May 3/May 16, 2021. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic*

**Forgive others  
as quickly as  
you expect  
God to forgive you.**

**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.**