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## **CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRISTOS VOSKRES! CHRISTOS ANESTI!**

**ON THE MEND:** Please keep the following parishioners and others in your prayers for recovery from their illnesses and injuries: Father Bob, Archbishop Daniel, Metropolitan Antony, Metropolitan Yuriy, Archbishop Jovan, Metropolitan Savas, Father Jakiw Norton, Father Paul Stoll, Father Joseph Kopchak, Father Elias Warnke, Father George Yatsko, Father Paul Bigelow, Father Emilian Balan, Father John & Pani Mary Anne Nakonachny, Father Steve Repa, Archpriest Dionysi Vitali, Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich, Father Paisius McGrath, Father Michael Smolynech, Father Lawrence & Matushka Sophia Daniels, Father Joe Cervo, Father John Harrold [Saint Sylvester], Igumen Patrick, Pani Mary Ann Chubenko, Father Jim Orr, Father Rick Seilier, Panimatka Laryssa Charest, Fr. Vasyl Sendeha, Father George & Dobrodijka Oksana Bazylevsky, Father Angelo Artemas, Father John Haluszczak, Father Simon & Dr. Christina Nellis, Father Joshua [Anna], 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, 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, Father Deacon Myron & Barbara Spak, Julia Duda, Lisa Pandle, Kris & Julie Hanczar, John Kennedy, 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, 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, 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, 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 Zeliszcuk, 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, 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, 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 & Jan Jennings, Tim Sams, Mike Ruzzi, Stephen Popichak—Fr. Bob's brother, Mary Kay Ludovicy, Pastor Sara Irwin, George Dilendorf, Andy & Sharon Torick, Carol Behun, Erv Frye, William Lusherand, Colin Kirton—Stage 4 pancreatic cancer, Clifford, Joe Veto, Paul Riley, Tonee & Sydnee Turner, Annette Paluh, Theresa Paluh, Cathy

*Lotinsky, Monk Andrew, Jeff & Buschra Kerr, Rose Mary Pavlovich—Mary Anne Kuznik's Cousin, Margaret Sekelsky, Robert Sekelsky, Robert Rodriguez, Dollie Irvin, Joe Mrvos, Alexandra & Bowen, Katherine Kulik, Pastor Terry Polen, Eleanor Kitt, Stacie & Gary, Maria Warholak, Stacie & Gary, Anna Sekelik, Christy, Mariruth, Rich & Judy Previc, Ben Williams, Denis Strittmatter, Father Joe Uzar—newly ordained, Tim—surgery, John Wakin, Olivia—young girl with a brain tumor, Rick & Sharon Morgan, John Stasko [triple by-pass], John, Kris & Kait, Kristi Wilson, Wendy LaGamba, Melissa Gross [hip replacement], Mike & Amy Forbeck, David Salazar, James Mary, Barb Bookser, Dr. Paul Riley, David Hess, Serena, Wyatt, Makenzie, Jennifer, Carolyn Strittmatter, Barbara Shegat & Chaplain Rachelle Zazzu, Candace Irvin, Carol Muschick, Grace Love [knee replacement], Stacie Riley, Joseph Paul Cervo, Jr. [infant], Elizabeth [5-year-old], Lillian Skowvron, Pani Cathy Danczak, Sue & Greg Heinen, Paul Simpson [Father Bob's cousin], Sharon Curtis Rivas, Kathy Milcic, Lisa Bolan, David G. [cancer], Donna [dementia] & Darla, Linda Snow, the McKenna family, David Gazella, Brian & Michele Cannone, Robert & Eleanor Rodrigues & family, Father Deacon James Rossetti & Diakonissa Kari—ordination!, Michael Welsh, Nick Solominsky, Samantha & Lisa Houser, Sarah Stepanovich Clark, Julia Baloga, Brett Crosby, Randy Lapuh, Henry & Shirley Tkacik, Diane & Arthur Chaklis, Denny Mader, Myra Woodruff [cancer], Zoe Oswalt—Fr. Bob's cousin [cancer], Barbette [cancer] & Scott, Kristin [cancer], Erm Hartmann, Barbara Bookser [cancer], Bob Mazzuca [cancer], Marko, Taylor, Terri Crosby-Vega, Christine Mohamed, Sue Demko, Tammy Marsico, Terry & David Hartnett, Jamie Ball, Kay Williams, Hannah Stewart, Jim Wyko—Alex's friend, Dan Losego, Lisa Bruce, Yvette, Barry Bender, Scott McDougall, Pam & Jennifer, Andrew Zelleznick, Jill Bailey, Byron & Cecilia Scott, and Susan Pulcini—Father Ted Pulcini's mom. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.*

**PLEASE REVIEW THE NAMES ON THE PRAYER LIST ABOVE AND LET FATHER BOB KNOW ANY NAMES THAT CAN BE REMOVED...**

**Happy Birthday to another May baby:** Patty Jennings on the 15th! May God grant her all Many Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Blessed Years! M'nohaya Lita! Christos Voskres! Christ IS Risen! God Bless her and her family...

**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE! PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD—AND OUR LIVES!**

**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.***

**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] 956-6626.**

**SERVICES IN SLICKVILLE**

**SUNDAY, May 14** **OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS** **10:30 AM**  
**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN; PROPHET JEREMIAH; MARTYR BATAS 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

**SUNDAY, May 21** **OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS** **10:30 AM**  
**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN; HOLY APOSTLE & EVANGELIST JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN; VENERABLE ARSENIUS THE GREAT OF SCETIS; VENERABLE ARSENIUS-LOVER OF LABOR & PIMEN THE ASCETIC OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA**

*Tone 5*

Acts 16:16-34 1 John 1:1-7  
John 9:1-38; John 19:25-27, 21:24-25

**WEDNESDAY, May 24** **LEAVE-TAKING OF PASCHA**

**THURSDAY, May 25** **ASCENSION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST**

**SUNDAY, May 28** **\*\*\*\*\*NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE\*\*\*\*\***

**7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL; AFTERFEAST OF THE ASCENSION; VENERABLE PACHOMIUS THE GREAT; VENERABLE ACHILLES-BISHOP OF LARISSA; SAINT ISAAC-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

## **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 14 MAY 2023**

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

### **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!**

### **The Sunday of the Paralytic John 5:1-15**

*After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went*

*down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath. The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed. He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk. Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk? And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee. The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole. (KJV)*

### **Hristos Voskrese! Christ is Risen!**

The Lord Jesus Christ healed the man by the pool of Bethesda. The man's infirmity was thirty-eight years in duration. Healing normally would seem impossible after that length of time.

The Lord Jesus Christ made the life-changing difference for the paralytic. Today's Gospel message is a message of hope consistent with the celebration of Jesus Christ's Resurrection.

Jesus defeated death when He rose from the grave. Defeating death was considered an impossibility. Curing a paralysis of thirty-eight years in duration seems like an impossibility.

Believers always have reason always to hope in the Resurrected Christ. Regardless of how bad personal circumstances are, Jesus Christ is the source of hope. Understanding the difference Jesus can make takes strong faith.

Turning to the Resurrected Christ in faith will lead the believer to understand the new direction life is to take. The paralytic was by the pool for thirty-eight years. His mind had a long time to focus on his condition.

Jesus entered the man's life and his life changed dramatically. Believers of every century have the opportunity for Jesus to enter their lives. Every believer has the opportunity for new life in Christ.

New life in Christ is taken up at Holy Baptism. Renewal of the life in Christ is possible and necessary throughout earthly life. Being nourished and united with Christ provides for renewal.

Repentance enables renewal to take place and new life in Christ to begin. Jesus told the paralytic after he was healed to sin no more. Sin creates paralysis in life. Sin impedes growth in life. Repentance leads to new life.

The hunger in the soul yearns for unity with Christ and wholeness in Christ.

The paralytic's life was not complete until he was united with Christ through healing.

Christians living in every era are not complete unless they are united with Christ. Wholeness comes through unity with Christ. Partaking of the Precious Body and Blood of Christ creates unity with Christ.

Prayer results in unity with Christ. Actively attending and participating in the Divine services of the Church leads to unity with Christ. Immersing the self in the Holy Scriptures unites the believer with Christ.

Depression, despondency, and despair are overcome by seeking unity with Christ. Reaching out to Christ is the positive step required for healing. Welcoming Christ into the heart, mind, and soul is necessary for wholeness and healing.

Today's Gospel is a Gospel of hope. Jesus Christ is the Personification of Hope. The Resurrected Christ brings Light to life. Jesus Christ enlightens the mind, heart, and soul.

The paralytic's life was no longer confined to being at the poolside. When Jesus healed the man, the man became mobile and could go where he desired. Jesus frees believers to travel the journey to God's Heavenly Kingdom.

Jesus lights the way for believers to travel. Jesus empowers believers to overcome obstacles in life. Jesus opens doors that seemed to be sealed closed.

The healed paralytic is proof that long-standing conditions can be changed.

With Christ, believers find solutions that heretofore seemed non-existent.

Centering life in Christ changes outcomes. Christ brings new and better outcomes in all circumstances.

Patience is necessary when turning to Christ. Christ determines the timing of outcomes. Christ determines the nature of outcomes. Faith and trust in Christ are necessary in seeking outcomes to difficult situations.

The paralytic's healing is reason for great joy. Celebrating Christ's Resurrection is a continued period of joy. Death no longer has a sting. Life abounds in the Resurrected Christ. Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

*The Sunday of the Paralytic. Hieromartyr Sabbas Stratelates, St. Sava of Erdelj, Venerable Bronko. April 24/May 7, 2023. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic*



**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.**