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Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women 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, Anastasia [Metropolitan Yurij'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 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], Pani Mary Ann Chubenko, Father Jim Orr, 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 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 Stroz [young lady with cerebral palsy], Dr. Kirsten Ream, Patricia Corey, Michelle, Katie Swarm, Michelle, Patrick, Linda Morris, Howard Simpson, 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, 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 Zeliszczyk, 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 & 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, Cindy M., Stephen Popichak—Fr. Bob's brother, Mary Kay Ludovicy, Pastor Sara Irwin, George Dilendorf, Andy Torick, Carol Behun, Erv Frye, William Lusherand, Bill Boretsky, 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, Stella McKeag, Margaret Sekelsky, Robert Sekelsky, 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...Christ IS Risen! Indeed He IS Risen! At this time, we are unable to celebrate Pascha together in our parish church, but we TRIED but are unable to live-stream any services due to poor internet connection via cell phone. That said, 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!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MAY BABIES: Pani Gina on the 9th, Nathaniel Scott on the 16th, Martha Persico on the 19th, Christine Shirley on the 23rd, and Jim Weiser on the 24th! May God grant them all Many Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Blessed Years! M'nohaya Lita! Christos Voskres! God Bless them all!

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 03 **NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE** **10:30 AM**
THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN;
RIGHTEOUS JOSEPH OF ARAMATHEA & NICODEMUS; SAINT THEODORE
TRICHINAS-HERMIT NEAR CONSTANTINOPLE; SAINTS GREGORY &
ANASTASIUS-PATRIARCHS OF ANTIOCH; SAINT ANASTASIUS-ABBOT OF SINAI;
CHILD-MARTYR GABRIEL OF BILOSTOK

Tone 2

Acts 6:1-7

Mark 15:43-16:8

Litany in Blessed Memory of Charles Cherepko, Joseph Baloga, Daniel J. Pysh, Jr., Nicholas Homyrda, Anna Metrick, Carol Rose, Bogdan Mural, Esther Tylavsky, Evdokia Josephine Repa, +Metropolitan Constantine, Metro Warholak, Khorja Joanne Abdalah, Katherine Tomson, Walter Golofski, Jr., Michael Yarmeak, Anna Vangrin, & Stella Cherepko--Fr. Bob

SUNDAY, MAY 10 **NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE** **10:30 AM**
FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC; RIGHTEOUS
TABITHA; TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF MARYTR ABRAMIUS OF BULGARIA;
HOLY APOSTLE AND HIEROMARTYR SYMEON THE KINSMAN OF THE LORD;
SAINT EULOGIUS THE HOSPITABLE; VENERABLE STEPHEN-ABBOT OF
PERCHEVSKY LAVRA & BISHOP OF VOLODYMR IN VOLYNA

Tone 3

Acts 9:32-42

John 5:1-15

SUNDAY, MAY 17 **???NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE???** **10:30 AM**
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; THE SAMARITAN WOMAN; VIRGIN-MARTYR
PELAGIA OF TARSUS IN ASIA MINOR; HIEROMARTYR ERASMUS-BISHOP OF
FORMIA IN CAMPAIA; HIEROMARTYR ALBAN-BISHOP OF ANAEA IN ASIA
MINOR; HIEROMARTYR SILVANUS OF GAZA

Tone 4

Acts 11:19-267, 29-30

John 4:5-42

Litany in Blessed Memory of Gary Drapcho—Reader Alexander [coworker]

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Christ IS Risen! Indeed He IS Risen!
Χριστός воскрес! Воистину воскрес!
Χριστός ανέστη! Ἀληθῶς ανέστη! (Khristós Anésti! Alithós Anésti!)
Hristos a înviat! Adevărat a înviat!
المسيح قام! حقًا 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!**

Christ is Risen!

Mark 16:6-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. (KJV)

Joy emanates from the Empty Tomb with the glorious words that "Christ is Risen!" The Church is the witness through the centuries to the truth of Jesus' Resurrection. Christ's opponents, kings and dictators have not been able to silence the Truth. Each generation has benefitted from the truth and the joy of Jesus' Resurrection. Fear of death has lost its sting and hope springs eternal from the Empty Tomb. The Risen Christ penetrates through the centuries to all believers' open hearts.

Romans 8:34-Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. (KJV)

The Risen Jesus Christ is immediately present to each welcoming believer's heart. Hearts and minds are filled with the abundant joy of Jesus Christ's Resurrection. Believers' lives change dramatically when Christ's Resurrection is fully embraced. When hope rests in the Risen Christ, life's challenges are put in proper perspective. When Christ's Resurrection is the lens for viewing life, all takes its proper place. The Church's teachings on Jesus' Resurrection guides believers through each day.

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

Christ's Resurrection gives believers hope regarding loved ones departed this life. Believers confronting the limits of earthly life find hope in Christ's Resurrection. Cemeteries are places of great joy during the celebration of Christ's Resurrection. Believers' tombs are blessed with the singing of "Christ is Risen from the dead." Jesus Christ's Resurrection is the proof that life does not end with earthly death. Believers prepare for life beyond the grave by living each day in the Risen Christ.

Colossians 3:1-If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. (KJV)

The Risen Jesus Christ is the believer's Ultimate Guide for living each day of life. Believers learning from and growing in the Risen Christ have an unending journey. Life's growth is limitless when fully centered in the limitless Risen Jesus Christ. Discipline and love of the Risen Jesus Christ are necessary for continued growth. Every

moment of every day is opportune to give thanks to the Risen Jesus Christ. All of daily life is wisely invested in living in and following the Risen Jesus Christ.

Bright Wednesday. April 9/22, 2020. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania

Father Rodney Torbic

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!**

St. John's Gospel verifies the Lord Jesus Christ's Resurrection! The Risen Lord appeared to His disciples and they were able to physically see Him. St. John's Gospel has withstood the test of time and is continually proclaimed in the Church.

Believers through the centuries have benefitted from St. John's Gospel. The Lord Jesus Christ's Resurrection changed the world forever. Serious followers of the Risen Christ continue to change the world for the better.

The Risen Christ sent forth His disciples just as He was sent into the world. The disciples carried the message of the Risen Christ to wherever they traveled. They had the strong benefit of being first-hand witnesses.

The disciples preached and could speak with authority. The current Gospel verifies the Holy Apostle Thomas' experience with the Risen Christ. Each year this verification is proclaimed in God's Holy Church.

The Risen Jesus places value on those who believe in Him though they have not physically seen Him. Believers experiencing Christ through the centuries have come to know Him with certainty.

Believers have come to experience the Risen Christ through the Church. The preaching of the Holy Apostles, the lives of the saints and martyrs through the centuries have validated the Resurrected Christ in their lives.

The Risen Christ nourishes and strengthens persons believing in Him. Hope lives in the hearts and minds of believers in the Resurrected Christ. The Holy Apostle Paul put Christ's Resurrection into perspective.

The Holy Apostle told the Corinthians: "And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins."(I Cor. 15:17) What a woeful state the world would be in today, if Jesus had not arisen from the Tomb!

The world currently is fighting an invisible virus which has consumed an untold amount of resources. Masses of people around the world are following their governmental leaders in restricting their behavior though no one can see the virus.

The current virus has created great fear and numerous deaths. In comparison, think about the immeasurable good the Risen Christ's Resurrection has created and established in the past more than twenty centuries.

Consider the joy that Christ's Resurrection has brought to generations through the centuries and throughout the world. Actively combat the fear of the current virus with fervent hope in the Conqueror of Death, the Risen Christ!

The Risen Jesus greeted His disciples with the words: "Peace be unto you!" The Risen Christ brings peace to the mind, heart and soul. Not a day goes by that we cannot turn to the Risen Lord in fervent prayer and hope.

Now is the time to fully embrace the Risen Lord and the hope He established by vanquishing death. No threat of a virus is equal to the Risen Lord. Draw hope from the same God who saved Noah from the flood. (Gen 6:13-8:11)

Holy Apostle Paul is clear in the value of believing in the Lord. The Holy Apostle said: "For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. (Rom.14:8)

Christ is Life and is the Real Value in life. We give ourselves fully to Jesus Christ at Holy Baptism. We are to live in Jesus Christ every moment of our lives. Only to the extent we live in Christ, do we really enjoy life as intended.

During this Paschal period, the Church celebrates the joy of the Risen Lord. Believers are nourished and educated in the continued meaning of Jesus Christ's Resurrection.

Now is the time to be eternally grateful to the Risen Christ! Thank God for His Holy Church and the Apostles, Saints, Martyrs, and believers through the centuries.

Hristos Voskrese! Christ is Risen! Hristos a inviat!

Thomas Sunday. April 13/26, 2020. Holy Hieromartyr Artemon of Laodicea.

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.