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## **Sunday of the Paralytic Christ IS Risen! Indeed He IS Risen!**

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**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, 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 Strozh [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 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 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, 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!**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...the newly-departed handmaiden of God Anastasia Kalistchuck, mother of His Eminence, Metropolitan Yurij of the UOC of Canada, who fell asleep in the Lord this past Sunday morning. May God grant her the Kingdom of**

Heaven and Life Everlasting! Vechnaya Pam'yat! Christos Voskres!  
Christos Anesti! Al Maseeq 'Am! Christ IS Risen! God Bless her  
family...

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 10**                      **NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE**                      **10:30 AM**  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC; RIGHTEOUS  
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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 OF PASCHA; 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

**SUNDAY, MAY 24**                      **NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE**                      **10:30 AM**  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN; HIROMARTYR  
MOCIUS; HOLY EQUALS-TO-THE-APOSTLES METHODIUS & CYRIL, TEACHERS OF  
THE SLAVS; VENERABLE SOPHRONIUS-RECLUSE OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA

Tone 5

Acts 16:16-34; Hebrews 7:26-8:2

John 9:1-38; Matthew 5:14-19

*Litany in Blessed Memory of Gary Drapcho—Reader Alexander’s coworker,  
and Anastasia Kalistchuck, Metropolitan Yuriy of Canada’s mother*

## **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 10 MAY 2020**

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### **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!**

Our life ship throws in the waves of life. A large percentage of family ships that sail into the sea, while the first minor storm break into stones of our pride, intolerance and arbitrariness, tolerate full crash. Today's reading of the gospel reveals to us true that Christ is near. Each of us depends on whether the Lord will enter our ship. Modern dictates to us that people's relationship starts not with the temple, but from the bedroom. A number of theories that the world offers us say we have a partner picking up, how to pick up in the market product: by size, fashion, etc. About, the storm can only calm down when Christ comes into our family ship. We are scared, we do not know what will happen when Christ approaches, because we often do not know him. But the Lord says to us, "This is me, do not be afraid!" (More. 19:20). He calms us down, saying not to fear, open your heart, bring tears of repentance, in the end, change your life. He addresses us, "Watch not about the food that perishes, but the food that remains for eternal life that the Son of Man will give us." (More. 19:23). The Lord comes, open your house to him and may forever be with us. Amen.

Often we confuse things and think that spiritual life means being a good person, not stealing, killing, walking in bad places, and having bad friends, going to church on Sunday, being there for praise, or at least "Blessed is the Kingdom of Father and Son and the Holy Spirit," to read Christian literature.

No, it's not a spiritual life. A spiritual man, a true Christian, is the one who, with his baptism, and then, as an adult, with his heart has sworn to God to remain forever...

**God heals first, and then the doctor, but who does not thank the doctor, does not thank God. A hard worker deserves a reward. The mind and the hands of the doctor are doing godly deeds. - St. Gabriel (Urgebade)**

## **Giving Thanks to God**

***Psalm 18:49-Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name. (KJV)***

Every moment of every day is an opportunity for believers to give thanks to God. Many ways exist for believers to thank God and they need not be ostentatious. God is the intended recipient and the singular focus of deepest heartfelt gratitude. Love of God and appreciation for God are manifested in expressed thanksgiving. Believers receive unending blessings and are responsible for giving thanks to God.

***Psalm 26:7-That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works. (KJV)***

The endless blessings from God are beyond number and formal quantification. Believers receive blessings readily known and some blessings never to be known. Being conscious of God's blessings enables believers to better understand life. All that comes from God is greater than the human mind can fully comprehend. Value exists in understanding the greatness of God at work in each human life.

***Psalm 30:4-Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness. (KJV)***

God's holiness is to always be remembered by believers and honored in daily life. A believer's conduct is to fully reflect the holiness of God and approach to God. Searching deep within the heart, mind and soul reveals the great holiness of God. Learning to understand the Lord's holiness is an unending Christian experience. Initial learning begins at Holy Baptism and continues throughout the days of life.

***Psalm 30:12-To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever. (KJV)***

Giving thanks to God is intended to be never ending as God's blessings never end. Smallness of mind and selfishness inhibits recognizing the full blessings from God. Serious believers look beyond themselves and credit God for all that is good in life. A single breath in life is not humanly possible without the Lord's loving action. Personal achievements occur only due to the Lord God's goodness and mercy.

***Psalm 35:18-I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people. (KJV)***

Unending gratitude is always due to the Lord for personal abilities and strengths. The blessings from God are manifold and are constant sources of great wonder. The Lord's goodness and mercy exceed the believer's



ability to be fully grateful. Personal adherence to the Lord's commandments is a way to express gratitude. Be joyful in acknowledging and giving thanks to the Lord God for His goodness.

Holy Virgin-Martyrs Agape, Chionia, and Irene. April 16/29, 2020.  
Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic

**The Sunday of the Myrrhbearers** 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 joyfully celebrate the Lord Jesus Christ's Resurrection. The celebration continues daily until the Feast of the Ascension. The Church wants believers to be completely focused on Christ's Resurrection.

Each year believers are expected to prepare during Great Lent for the arrival of Holy Week and the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. Great Lent is a time to focus on repentance and renewal of life in Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ's Resurrection brings the greatest of joy. The women going to the tomb as described in St. Mark's Gospel heard the words: "He is Risen!". Believers greet each other with same words during this period following Pascha.

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

Hearts are filled with joy in these greetings. Believers unite in celebrating the Lord's Resurrection.

The believer's world has changed. Death is no longer a threat. Death no longer has a foreboding grip on life. Jesus Christ conquered death. Jesus Christ triumphed over death.

The myrrhbearing women were witnesses to the Empty Tomb. The women heard the message directly when they came to the Tomb. The joyous proclamation of Jesus' Resurrection has continued for more than twenty centuries.

Wars, epidemics and tyrannical governments have not been able to silence the message that "Christ is Risen!". This year when a pandemic virus threatened to quarantine large portions of the world, Pascha continued to be celebrated.

In countries where Communism once reigned and efforts to stamp out the Church were extensive, believers found ways to celebrate Christ's Resurrection.

Death can bring sadness. Christ's Resurrection brings joy!

Believers are to deeply savor the meaning of Jesus Christ rising from the dead. The enduring hope established by the Risen Christ cannot be extinguished.

Resurrection joy cannot be stifled.

When the heart hurts, when depression threatens, Christ's Resurrection triumphs and lifts the faithful believer to new heights. The women going to Christ's Tomb had their lives changed forever.

Believers having seriously invested in Great Lent experience proportionate joy in celebrating Christ's Resurrection. This year was certainly unusual due to restrictions on worship.

The ability to pray at home or wherever a believer is located is always possible. God is everywhere and is immediately accessible to persons of faith. Serious Christians find ways to be united with the Lord God.

Serious believers do not yield to foreboding predictions. Strength is drawn from the martyrs and the saints through the centuries. The Church has a long list of examples of faithful believers remaining steadfast in periods of great hardship.

The current pandemic will pass. The present restrictions will eventually be lifted. Every person has the opportunity at every moment of time to reach out in faith to the Lord God.

Every believer has the freedom to say "Christ is Risen!" from the depths of the believing and joyful heart. The proclamation that "Christ is Risen" heals the broken hearted and dispels feelings of gloom and depression.

God's churches are bright with the joy of the Resurrection. The Gospel messages communicate hope and joy. Clergy wear bright vestments. Cantors and choirs sing joyful verses to enlighten the world.

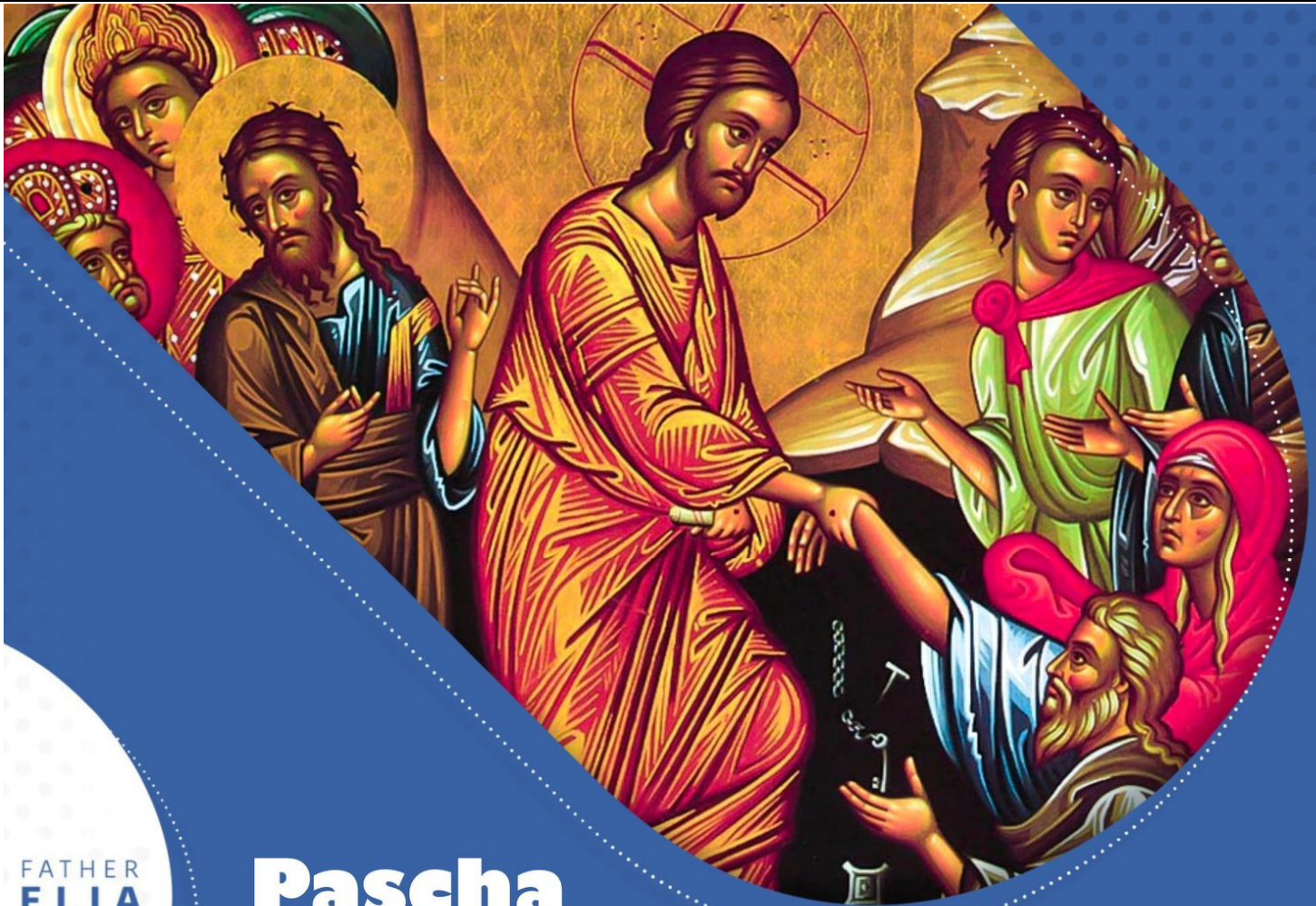
Each Christian has the ability and responsibility to draw strength from Christ's Resurrection and incorporate it into daily life. Daily Christian life is to mirror the joy of Christ's Resurrection.

The Resurrected Christ lives in the hearts, minds and souls of serious believers. Bodily demeanor and actions reflect the presence of the Risen Christ in the heart, mind and soul.

Believers are new in the Resurrected Christ. Daily life is transformed by this newness. Give abundant and endless thanks to the Risen Lord for the love, joy and healing known through His Resurrection! Hristos Voskrese! Christ is Risen! Hristos a inviat!

*The Sunday of the Myrrbearers. Venerable Theodore Trichinas; Venerable Joasaph; Translation of Relics of St. Nikolai of Zhicha. April 20/May 3, 2020. 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.**



FATHER  
**ELIA**  
*Mitri*

# Pascha of Today!

I see no greater person than him who serves the joy of the others without looking at their faces or expecting something from them, anything. Pascha is continuously celebrated by this person, every day!