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Sunday of the Blind Man Christ IS Risen! Indeed He IS Risen!

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Kristo Amefufukka! Kweli Amefufukka

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 Pyrch, 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 Slausenhaupt, 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 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.

SUNDAY, MAY 24 **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**
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

THURSDAY, MAY 28 THE GLORIOUS ASCENSION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR

SUNDAY, MAY 31 NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE 10:30 AM

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA; FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUENICAL COUNCIL; AFTERFEAST OF THE ASCENSION; MARTYR THEODOTUS OF ANCYRA & 7 VIRGIN-MARTYRS-ALEXANDRA, TECUSA, CLAUDIA, PHAINE, EUPHRAISA, MATRONA, & JULIA; MARTYRS PETER, DIONYSIUS, ANDREW, PAUL, & CHRISTINA

Tone 6

Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

John 17:1-13

SUNDAY, JUNE 07 NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE 10:30 AM

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA; PENTECOST; TRINITY SUNDAY; THIRD FINDING OF THE PRECIOUS HEAD OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST; HIEROMARTYR THERAPON-BISHOP OF CYPRUS; SAINT INNOCENT-ARCHBISHOP OF CHERSON

Tone 7

Acts: 2:1-11

John 7:37-52-8:12

Litany in Blessed Memory of Cheryl Elswick, Walter Burlack, Ann Roman, Millie Kerr, Stella Rossi, Mary Maolie, Dianne Waryanka, Joe Karas, & Maxine Kitch—Fr. Bob

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TROPARION—TONE 5

Let the faithful praise and worship the Word,
Coeternal with the Father and the Spirit;
Born for our salvation from the Virgin;
For He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,

To endure death,
And to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection!

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

KONTAKION—TONE 4

I come to Thee, O Christ,
Blind from birth in my spiritual eyes,
And call to Thee in repentance:
Thou art the most radiant Light of those in darkness!

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

KONTAKION—TONE 5

Thou didst descend into Hell, O my Savior,
Shattering its gates as almighty;
Resurrecting the dead as Creator,
And destroying the sting of death.
Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse,
O Lover of Man,
And we all cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 8

READER: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God.

READER: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

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ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 8

Look upon me and have mercy on me.

Lead my steps according to Thy word.

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.

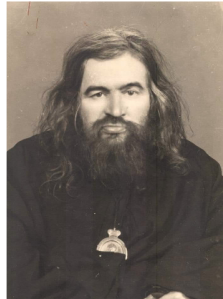
**Oh shine with clear radiance, shine on new Jerusalem
For the glory of the Lord is shining up on you.
Rejoice! Rejoice! now and be joyful--oh Zion, and though
oh pure one and adorable birthgiver of God,
in the rising again of HIM who was born of Thee.**

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 LITTLE THINGS IN LIFE *Saint John Maximovitch*



Many people believe that to live according to the faith and to fulfill the will of God is very difficult. Actually—it's very easy. One needs only attend to details, to trifles, and try to avoid evil in the slightest and most trivial things. This is the simplest and surest way to enter the world of the Spirit and draw near to God. A man often thinks that the Creator demands great things of him, that the Gospel insists on complete self-sacrifice, the abolition of one's personhood, etc., as a condition of faith. A man is so frightened by this that he begins to be afraid of becoming acquainted with God, of drawing near to God, and hides himself from God, not even wishing to look into God's Word. "If I can't do anything important for God, then I'd just better stay away from things spiritual, stop thinking about eternity, and live "in a normal way."

There exists at the entrance to the spiritual realm a "hypnosis of great deeds: "one must either do some big thing or do nothing. And so people do nothing at all for God or for their souls! It is very strange—the more a man is devoted to the little things of life, the less he wishes to be honest or pure or faithful to God in those same little things. And, moreover, each one must adopt a correct attitude toward little things if one wishes to come near to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Wishes to come near: In this is summed up all the difficulties of the religious life. Often one wishes to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven quite unexpectedly, in some miraculous and magical way, or, by right—through some kind of great feat. But neither the one nor the other is the right way

to find the higher world. One does not enter God's presence in some wondrous manner while remaining indifferent on earth to the needs of the Kingdom of God and its bright eternity, nor can one purchase the treasures of the Kingdom of God by some kind of eternal act, however great that act might be. Yet good deeds, holy deeds are necessary for one to grow into a higher life, a bright will, a good desire, a heavenly psychology, a heart that is both pure and fair.

A glass of water: "Verily, verily I say unto you that whosoever offers one of the least of these but a cup of cold water, in the name of a disciple, shall not lose his reward." In this saying of the Lord is the highest expression of the smallest of the good. "A glass of water"—this is not much.

Communicating in good spirit: In every communication between people there must without fail be a good spirit: this spirit is Christ, openly manifest or hidden. "In the name of a disciple": this is the first step in communicating with another person in the name of Jesus Christ Himself. Many people, not as yet knowing the Lord and the wondrous fellowship in His Name still have among themselves an unselfish, pure and human fellowship which brings them ever closer to the Spirit of Christ.

The lesser good is necessary: As a matter of fact, the lesser good is more necessary for mankind than the greater. People can get along with their lives without the greater good; without the lesser they cannot exist. Mankind perishes not from a lack of the greater good, but from an insufficiency of just this lesser good. The greater good is no more than a roof, erected on the brick walls of the lesser good.

The lesser, easier good was left on this earth for man by the Creator Himself, who took all the greater good upon Himself. Whosoever does the lesser, the same creates—and through him the Creator Himself creates—the greater good. Of our little good the Creator makes His Own great good. For as our Lord is the Creator Who formed all things from nothingness, so is He more able to create the greater good from the lesser.

Through such lesser, easy work, done with the greatest simplicity, a man is accustomed to the good and begins to serve it with his whole heart, sincerely, and in this way enters into an atmosphere of good, lets down the roots of his life into new soil, the soil of the good. The roots of human life quickly accommodate themselves to this good earth, and soon cannot live without it... Thus is a man saved: from the small comes the great. "Faithful in little things" turns out to be "faithful in the greater."

Our moral sense: Lay aside all theoretical considerations that it is forbidden to slaughter millions, women, children, and elderly; be content to manifest your moral sense by in no way killing the human dignity of your neighbor, neither by word, nor by innuendo, nor by gesture. Do not be

angry over trifles "against your brother vainly" (St. Matthew 5:22) or in the daily contacts of life speak untruth to your neighbor. These are trifles, small change, of no account; but just try to do this and you will see what comes of it.

Prayer: It is hard to pray at night. But try in the morning. If you can't manage to pray at home than at least as you ride to your place of employment to attempt with a clear head the "Our Father" and let the words of this short prayer resound in your heart. And at night commend yourself with complete sincerity into the hands of the Heavenly Father. This indeed is very easy.

And give, give a glass of cold water to everyone who has need of it; give a glass filled to the brim with simple human companionship to everyone that lacks it, the very simplest companionship...

"O wondrous path of little things, I sing thee a hymn! Surround yourselves, O people, gird up yourselves with little works of good—with a chain of little, simple, easy, and good feelings which cost us naught, a chain of bright thoughts, words and deeds. Let us abandon the big and the difficult. That is for them that love it and not for us for whom the Lord in His Mercy, for us who have not yet learned to love the greater, has poured forth the lesser love everywhere, free as water and air."

God's Will

Matthew 6:10- Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. (KJV)

The Lord's Prayer is always very dear to the hearts of serious Christian believers. God's will is completely integral to the Lord's Prayer and requires careful thought. Each believer needs to consider God's will being done on earth each day of life. Having God's will be the guide for each believer is the daily challenge of life. Christians are required to address putting God's will first and foremost in life. The heart and mind are to fully desire, freely welcome and embrace God's will.

Matthew 26:42-He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. (KJV)

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Christian's foremost guide in accepting God's will. Christians draw courage from the Lord when facing life's most difficult decisions. Complete confidence rests in following God's will when making hard choices. Joy emanates from knowing that following God's will is always most beneficial. Confidence replaces hesitancy once the decision is made to embrace God's will. God's reassurance is manifested when decisions made are pleasing to the Lord.

Hebrews 10:7-Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. (KJV)

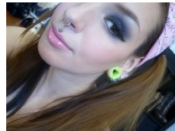
Daily interactions reveal when the believer ardently desires to embrace God's will. Thoughts, behavior, and daily actions demonstrate the truth in the believer's heart. Whether the Lord's Prayer is taken seriously by the believer soon becomes evident. Lukewarm commitment to adhering to the Lord's will results in half-heartedness. Christians being less than fervent in faith are not viewed well by the Lord. (Rev.3:16) Fervency in faith is consistent with welcoming God's will as life's primary guide.

Hebrews 10:9-Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. (KJV)

Unity in mind with the Lord God is necessary to welcome and follow God's will. Careful and attentive prayer prior to each action facilitates following God's will. Believers having the Lord foremost in mind reduce putting the soul in great peril. Patience is necessary in turning to the Lord God for guidance in daily actions. Listening carefully for directions from God provides the certainty for steps to take. Attentive listeners seek to follow God's will and avoid the dangers of self-will.

Holy Apostle James, the Son of Zebedee, Mid-Pentecost. April 30/May 13, 2020. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania Father Rodney Torbic

Pho



She is the kind of girl you might meet at Walmart or Target. She has tattoos and piercings and maybe two or three colors in her hair. If you get a chance to talk to her, you find that she's not stupid and she even has some things to say about God and religion. Though she's had a number of relationships, she's not married but living with her boyfriend. She has several children and there is a third one on the way. They call her "Pho," which is short for Photini. I ask her if she is Greek, and she smiles and says that she is just a little Greek. She has some Russian friends who call her Svetlana.

She is a member of a growing group called "Nones." If ask to check a box about religious affiliation, she marks, "**none** of the above." She is a product of her time and like so many of her generation, she is a "spiritual" person. She wants little to do with organized religion. When you try to explain Orthodoxy to her, it sounds to her like the epitome of organized religion. What do you say to such a girl? How do you reach her?

We might take a clue from the Master. He met a Photini at the well and it changed her life. From the story, we can figure out a few things

about her. She came to the well at a time when the other women were not present. Obviously, she was not well thought of due to her lifestyle and the pious women avoided her. She was a hungry soul, hungry for love and a meaningful relationship. After all, she had five previous marriages and they all had failed. Even in the present relationship, there was no clear commitment. They were just living together, or shacking up as the modern Pho might say. This Photini was a spiritual person, and knew her theology, but she realized that she was in the presence not only of a Jew, but a true Rabbi. The Master let her know that he was aware of her situation, and perhaps she switched to a religious discussion to avoid embarrassment.

Here is what impresses me about the Master's way of evangelizing Photini. Before any discussion began, he asked her for water. This is a curious way to evangelize someone, don't you think? No, it is the right way to reach out. You make a human contact; in this case a contact that acknowledges a shared human experience-thirst. Once this contact was made, the Lord let her know that he understood her thirst not only for water, but for love. So he told her that he had a different kind of water, living water, that would quench her thirsty heart. Brilliant!

So, I look at Pho and I wonder how I, an old man in black dress, can make contact and share a common human need. It's a challenge, for sure. I have to tell you of an event in my life that mirrors this idea. The family and I were visiting the inner harbor of Baltimore. Matushka and Elizabeth were off in some store and I was standing outside in my black priestly garb and hat. I look off into the distance and I saw a group of Goth kids coming my way. I smiled wondering how they would react. Sure enough one of them saw me and then told the rest. They stood there for a minute, and then suddenly ran up to me. "Man," they said, "This is radical! Where can I get a hat like that. And where did you get that robe? You are blacker than we are!" I can't say that I converted them, but we did have a short talk when I told them I was a priest so I tried to plant a few seeds.

Sometimes, it amazes me how conservative I have become, not so much in my dress as in my attitude. Is it just the way things go as you get older? I want younger people to behave themselves and act like me. I want them to come in and take care of things for me. I deserve it after all I have done and sacrificed. Let some young person clean the church, or cut the grass, or take care of the money, etc.

The problem is that while we throw open our doors, few young people are coming through those doors. This is a truth that we must hear. If we do not get out there among the Phos' of this world and bring to them the glory of Orthodoxy, we too will perish with time. Of course, God will not forget all that we have done, and closing is not necessarily defeat. After all,

the Church that Paul founded in Corinth or Ephesus is no longer there, but we would never say that St. Paul was a failure.

What I am saying is that we must be ready to meet the Photinis of the world. We need to be where they are and learn how to speak to them. You remember the story of the strict nun who terrorized everyone in the Church about their behavior in the service. Then one day, a Photini walks in, and the nun rushes to her side. The congregation trembles at what Mother will say to her. Surprisingly, Mother smiles and puts her arm around her and quietly answers her questions. Later, when they get a chance, they question Mother about this. She replied, "With ourselves, we must be strict; but those outside of our faith, we must always show love."

My friends, let us learn from the Master. Everyday, as we live our normal lives, God brings people into our world with whom we share a common human need or experience. If we would recognize that God is at work in this, maybe we would not be so shy about it. We may fail many times, but we must learn how to speak to the Photinis that come our way, and offer them the living water of Holy Orthodoxy. It will be impossible to reach them if we sit in judgment of their piercings and tattoos. Photini is quick to sense rejection which to her is hypocrisy.

May the Master help us or this generation may be lost to us. We will age out until someone comes to buy our church building to start a business.

As I look at Pho, I wonder if I should ask her for a drink of water?

This is an online journal of Father John Moses, an Orthodox priest of the Russian Orthodox Church.

The Sunday of the Samaritan Woman John 4:5-42

Then cometh He to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with His journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. (For His disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) Then saith the woman of Samaria unto Him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of Him, and He would have given thee living water. The woman saith unto Him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast Thou that living water? Art Thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water

springing up into everlasting life. The woman saith unto Him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw. Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly. The woman saith unto Him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. The woman saith unto Him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when He is come, He will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am He. And upon this came His disciples, and marvelled that He talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her? The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ? Then they went out of the city, and came unto Him. In the mean while His disciples prayed Him, saying, Master, eat. But He said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought Him ought to eat? Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours. And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did. So when the Samaritans were come unto Him, they besought Him that He would tarry with them: and He abode there two days. And many more believed because of his own word; And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard Him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world. (KJV)

Hristos Voskrese!! Christ is Risen! Hristos a inviat!

Believers have the opportunity to hear the Holy Gospel proclaimed at each Divine Liturgy. Constant opportunities to learn from and about the Lord Jesus Christ exists within God's Holy Church.

Experiencing the Lord God directly occurs in God's Holy Church at all times, in locations around the world and in each century. In the present Gospel, the Lord Jesus Christ speaks about the water of everlasting life.

We learn about everlasting life from the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ offers everlasting life. Today's Gospel reading is proclaimed every year in order for believers to firmly learn of and seek everlasting life.

Worldly cares take believers' minds far from everlasting life. Personal concerns, goals and interests lead people far from the serious life in Christ. Daily sins put the soul in peril and take believers down roads far from God's Kingdom.

Thank God for the Church and the proclamation of the Holy Gospel to keep life focused in Jesus Christ. Thank God for faithful believers, saints, martyrs and clergy through the centuries.

Today let us draw deeply from the Lord Jesus Christ and drink of the nourishment benefitting our souls. Let us open our hearts to the words, life and teachings of Christ.

This is the day to firmly reject our sins and to focus completely and attentively on Jesus Christ. The Samaritan woman's attentiveness to Christ brought others to Him and they became convinced He was the Saviour of the world.

The remaining time of our lives belong to the Lord Jesus Christ. We committed ourselves fully to the Lord Jesus Christ at Holy Baptism. Every moment of life after Baptism is to be lived faithfully in Christ.

The Lord, through His Holy Church, provides the guidance and nourishment to faithfully follow Jesus Christ throughout all of life. We need only be attentive and faithful.

When we fail, immediate repentance is necessary. The Lord Jesus Christ makes change possible even in the most sinful believers. The heart, mind and soul must accept change, reject sin, and begin anew in Christ.

The Church is full of joy in celebrating Christ's Resurrection at this time. We experience this joy to the fullest when we earnestly believe in Jesus Christ and live in Him at every moment.

The Holy Gospel guides and nourishes believers. Drink from the Holy Gospel, Drink from the words of Christ. Satisfy the longing of the soul and experience peace.

Hristos Voskrese! Christ is Risen! Hristos a inviat!

The Sunday of the Samaritan Woman. Holy Virgin Martyr Pelagia of Tarsus. May 4/17, 2020. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic

**Commemoration List of departed clergy who have reposed as a result of the
Coronavirus**



Last Updated May 17, 2020

1. Deacon Alexander Gousev, (cleric of Holy Royal Martyrs Church in Sparks, NV) age 57, on April 9th
2. Archimandrite Nektary (Kovalenko; cleric of the Kiev Caves Lavra) age 73 on April 12th
3. Hierodeacon Naum (Fedyakin; cleric of the Kiev Caves Lavra) age 42 on April 13th
4. Priest Illya Gun (Longtime ROCOR cleric, particularly at the New Kursk Root Hermitage in Mahopac, NY) age 94 on April 15
5. Archpriest Alexander Ageykin, (rector of Holy Epiphany Diocesan Cathedral in Moscow) age 48 on April 21st
6. Archpriest Vladimir Veriga, (cleric of Holy Protection Convent in Khotkovo, Russia) age 70 on April 23rd
7. Protodeacon Eugene Trofimov, (cleric of Holy Epiphany Diocesan Cathedral in Moscow) age 61 on April 25th
8. Bishop Benjamin of Zhelesnogorsk & Lgov, age 54 on April 26th
9. Abbot Ignatius (Amelkovich; cleric of Holy Trinity-St. Sergius Lavra in Russia) age 75 on April 26th
10. Priest John Gorodinsky, (cleric of the Diocese of Ternopol (Ukraine) age 54 on April 27th
11. Hierodeacon Nikifor (Ovchinnikov; cleric of the Moscow Metochion of the Holy Transfiguration Solovets Monastery) age 55 on April 28th
12. Priest Gennady Butko, (cleric of the Diocese of Minsk), age 56 on April 29th
13. Archpriest George Breev, (rector of Nativity of the Mother of God Church in Krylatskoye (Moscow) age 83 on April 29th
14. Schema-Archimandrite Nikon (Deyev; cleric of Holy Trinity-St. Sergius Lavra) age 84 on April 29th
15. Archpriest Eugene Korchukov, (cleric of Holy Protection Convent in Khotkovo, Russia) age 65 on May 3rd
16. Deacon Andrey Molchanov, (cleric of Sts. Zosimas and Savvatey in Golyanovo, Russia) age 55 on May 3rd
17. Metropolitan Jonah (Karpuhin, former ruling bishop of the Diocese of Astrakhan & Kamyzyak) age 79 on May 4th
18. Archpriest Leonid Delikatny (rector of Holy Archangel Michael Church in Chernovtsy, Ukraine) age 49 on May 4th
19. Archpriest John Oleynik (cleric of the Diocese of Chernovtsy & Bukovina, Ukraine) on May 4th
20. Archpriest John Horoshevich (rector of St. Mary Magdalene Church in Minsk, Belarus) age 87 on May 6th
21. Abbot Tikhon (Barsukov; cleric of Holy Trinity-St. Sergius Lavra) age 65 on May 6th

22. Hieromonk Onesimus (Maltsev; cleric of the Moscow Metochion of the Optina Hermitage) age 57 on May 6th
23. Archimandrite Ambrose (Yurasov; spiritual father of the Entry of the Mother of God Convent in Ivanovo, Russia) age 81 on May 7th
24. Hierodeacon Dimitry (Nikolaev; cleric of St. Daniel's Monastery in Moscow) age 49 on May 7th
25. Archimandrite Lawrence (Postnikov; cleric of Holy Trinity-St. Sergius Lavra in Russia) age 87 on May 8th
26. Hierodeacon Callistus (Kosulin; cleric of Holy Trinity-St. Sergius Lavra) age 57 on May 8th
27. Archpriest Vladimir Bushuyev (rector of Holy Protection Church in Izmaylovo, Moscow) age 67 on May 9th
28. Archpriest Alexander Voskoboinikov (rector Sts. Peter & Paul Church in St. Petersburg, Russia) age 59 on May 9th
29. Archimandrite Illian (Plemenjuk; cleric of Holy Trinity-St. Sergius Lavra) age 76 on May 11th
30. Schema-Archimandrite Raphael (Ivanov; cleric of Holy Trinity-St. Sergius Lavra) age 64 on May 12th
31. Archpriest Alexey Penkov (cleric of Holy Trinity Church in Konkovo, Moscow) age 52 on May 13th
32. Hieromonk Peter (Gribov, cleric of the Diocese of Shuisk, Russia) age 55 on May 13th
33. Archpriest Alexander Gridunov (cleric of Diocese of Vologdonsk) age 73 on May 13th
34. Archpriest Vasily Alexandrov (cleric of Holy Trinity Church in Moscow) age 45 on May 13th
35. Hieromonk Peter (Grinin; cleric of the Diocese of Shuisk) age 58 on May 13th
36. Archpriest Alexey Irodov (rector of St. Vladimir of Kiev Church in Vinnytsa, Ukraine) age 48 on May 14th
37. Hieromonk Modest (Panchenko; cleric of Holy Trinity-St. Sergius Lavra) age 45 on May 14th
38. Monk Siemon (Baiko; cleric of Novospassky Monastery in Moscow) age 68 on May 14th
39. Abbot Therapont (Appolonov; cleric of Holy Trinity-St. Sergius Lavra) on May 15th

May their memories be eternal! Christ is Risen!

SOME THOUGHTS: ALL CLERGY of our church will be "attending" a video clergy conference on Wednesday, May 20th, with His Eminence, Metropolitan Antony, and His Eminence, Archbishop Daniel. I will give an update as soon as I can, but it will not physically make it into this particular bulletin. I hope that the discussion will include

plans for reopening our parishes across the US, but our own in Slickville as well. Please, be patient, kind, and loving as you always are—and pray for our bishops and priests! Christos Voskres! Christos Anesti! Al Maseeq `Am! Christ IS Risen! God Bless you all! Fr. Bob, Pani Gina, Reader Alex, and EMT Matt

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.

BULLETIN NOTE: Vestal Publishing Company is taking a four-week break from publishing our weekly bulletin covers—this is the last one of the set that we have. For the next four weeks, I will publish a bulletin with a different format—8.5”x11” folded in half, with a color icon cover and a blank last page for mailing! Please bear with me as we are all trying to get a system to work for our parish family. Hopefully, we will return to normal publishing for the first Sunday in July!