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Christ IS Risen! Indeed He IS Risen! Christos Voskres! Voistinu Voskres!

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 Smolynec, Father Lawrence & Matushka Sophia Daniels, Father Joe & Protinica Linda Cervo, Father John Harrold [Saint Sylvester], Igumen Patrick, Father Jim Orr, Father Rick Seilier, Panimatka Laryssa Charest, Fr. Vasyl Sendeha, Father George & Dobrodijka Oksana Bazylevsky, Father Angelo Artemas, Father John Haluszczak, Dr. Christina Nellis, Father Joshua [Anna], Father Justin (Todd) Mokhiber, Pani Cathy Danczak, Protopresbyter Gerald Ozlanski, Father James Norton Joshua Agosto and his family, Father Dan & Matushka Myra Kovalak, Chaplain Rachelle Zazzu, Eva Malesnick, Nick Behun, Grace Holupka, 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, Theresa Ditto, Mary Ann Musial, Yvonne Christy, Father Deacon Myron & Barbara Spak, Julia Duda, Lisa Pandle, Kris & Julie Hanczar, John Kennedy, 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, 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 Zeliszczuk, Donna Davis, Jackie Crimbchin, Marta Charron, Mary [Corba], Margie Sekelsky, Gary Howell, Fran Fulton, Gina Catanese, Bill Vizza, Jamie Swarm, Kevin Allen (from Ancient Faith Radio), Kathy Flaherty, Tori Reade-Henry's niece, Derick-Glen Burlack's neighbor, Michael, Nichole & Christopher, Ben Douglas, Dianne Donahue, Zachary, Natasha, Noah Willard, Jodi Hanczar, Gregory Cervo, Lisa Bruce, Martha Nezolyk, Kathy Cvetkovich, Judy, Will, Emma, Ginny, Ye-Jin, Maria, John & JoAnn, Jim & Kitty, Phil Bouse, Ralph & Beverly Stoker, Noah Willard, Nikola, Natalie, Nikola, & Nevenka Jovonovich, Julia Collier, Amy Kemerer, Thomas Smith, Tracy Slaugenhaupt, Louis & Terri Berceli, Tom Nolan, Silvia Martin, Dena & George, Georgia, Lawanda [Evelyn's niece], Maureen Sams, John Kendall, Judi Danser, Darcy, 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, Sharon Torick, Carol Behun, Erv Frye, William Lusherand, Colin Kirton—Stage 4 pancreatic cancer, Clifford, Paul Riley, Tonee &

Sydnee Turner, Annette Paluh, Theresa Paluh, Cathy Lotinsky, Monk Andrew, Jeff & Buschra Kerr, Margaret Sekelsky, Robert Sekelsky, Robert Rodriguez, Rita & 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, Father Joe Uzar, Tim—surgery, John Wakin, Olivia—young girl with a brain tumor, Rick & Sharon Morgan, John Stasko, John, Kris & Kait, Kristi Wilson, Wendy LaGamba, Melissa Gross [hip replacement], Amy Forbeck, David Salazar, Kitty Mary, Dr. Paul Riley, David Hess, Serena, Wyatt, Makenzie, Jennifer, Alexandra Roberts, Candace Irvin, Carol Muschick, Grace Love [knee replacement], Stacie Riley, Joseph Paul Cervo, Jr. [infant], Elizabeth [5-year-old], Lillian Skowvron, Sue & Greg Heinen, Paul Simpson [Father Bob's cousin], Sharon Curtis Rivas, Kathy Milcic, Lisa Bolan, David G. [cancer], Donna [dementia] & Darla, Adam Snow, the McKenna family, David Gazella, Brian & Michele Cannone, Robert Rodrigues & family, Father Deacon James & Diakonissa Kari Rossetti, Michael Welsh, Nick Solominsky, Samantha & Lisa Houser, Sarah Stepanovich Clark, Julia Baloga, Brett Crosby, Randy Lapuh, Henry & Shirley Tkacik, Diane & Arthur Chaklis, Denny Mader, Zoe Oswald—Fr. Bob's cousin [cancer], Barbetta [cancer] & Scott, Kristin [cancer], Erm Hartmann, Barbara Bookser [cancer], Bob Mazzuca [cancer], Marko, Taylor, Terri Crosby-Vega [knee replacement], Christine Mohamed & family, 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, Andrew Zelleznick, Byron & Cecilia Scott, Vespina, Michelle Russo, Julie Tripodi, Alby Oxenreiter, Debbie—HTUCC [knee], Jackie May, Barbara Morvay, David Salsar, N&O, Randy & Adrienne Kuny, Vince Berardinelli, Mason Martin [Karns City HS QB] & family, Martin Mrvos, Jeff McCoy, Lauren & Sloane Valentina Persico, Alexis & baby Colton Rosati, Jessica Shirley, Mark [kidney cancer], Steve Milcic, Wilbert Wagner, Bob Wojciechowski, Ashley, Beth Skowvron, Sharon Svitek, Laura, Christopher, & Baby Jane Dickson, Luke D, Diane Murphy, Kristin Vaughn [Harry's daughter], George Petronsky, Doug & Darcie Burkholder, Michael, Jeane, and Katie Byerly, Richard & Daniel Scharba [Metropolitan Antony's brothers], Edie McGrath, Samantha Lopez, Syble Elliott, and Jill Morocco. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our May babies: Pani Gina on the 9th, Nathaniel Scott on the 16th, Martha Persico on the 19th, Christie Shirley on the 24th, and Mary Anne Kuznik on the 25th. May God grant them all Many Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Blessed Years! M'nohaya Lita! God Bless them and their families!

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 12 OBEDNITZA—SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM
ANTIPASCHA; SAINT THOMAS SUNDAY; NINE MARTYRS AT CYZICUS:
THEOGENES, RUFUS, ANTIPATER, THEOSTICHUS, AREMAS, MAGNUS,
THEODOTIUS, THAUMASIUS, & PHILEMON; SAINT MEMNON THE
WONDERWORKER OF CORFU**

*******MOTHER'S DAY*******

Tone 1

Acts 5:12-20

John 20:19-31

***Litany in Blessed Memory of Charles Cherepko, Joseph Baloga, Daniel Pysh, Jr.,
Nicholas Homyrda, Anna Metrick, Carol Rose, Bogdan Mural, Esther Tylavsky,
Evdokia Josephine Repa, +METROPOLITAN CONSTANTINE, Metro Warholak,
Khorja Joann Abdalah, Katherine Tomson, Walter Golofski, Jr., Michael
Yarmeak, Anna Vangrin, Stella Cherepko, & ALL DECEASED MOTHERS,
GRANDMOTHERS, AUNTS, SISTERS, ETC.—Fr. Bob***

**SUNDAY, May 19 OBEDNITZA—SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM
3RD SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN;
RIGHTEOUS JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA & NICODEMUS; RIGHTEOUS JOB THE
LONG-SUFFERING; MARTYRS BARBARUS THE SOLDIER, BACCHUS,
CALIMACHUS, & DIONYSIUS IN MOREA; MARTYR BARBARUS THE FORMER
ROBBER IN EPIRUS; VENERABLE JOB-ABBOT & WONDERWORKER OF POCHAIV**

Tone 2

Acts 6:1-7; Galatians 5:22-6:2
Mark 15:43-16:8; Matthew 11:27-30

SUNDAY, May 26 OBEDNITZA—SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM
4TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC; VIRGIN-MARTYR
GLYCERIA AT HERACLEA & MARTYR LAODICIUS-JAILER; MARTYR
ALEXANDER OF ROME; SAINT PAUSICACIUS-BISHOP OF SYNNADE; SAINT
GEORGE THE CONFESSOR OF CONSTANTINOPLE, HIS WIFE, & CHILDREN;
TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF SAINT WONDERWORKER MACARIUS-
ARCHIMANDRITE OF PINSK & KANIV

Tone 3

Acts 9:32-42
John 5:1-15

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 12 MAY 2024

ANTIPASCHA; SAINT THOMAS SUNDAY; NINE MARTYRS AT
CYZICUS: THEOGENES, RUFUS, ANTIPATER, THEOSTICHUS,
AREMAS, MAGNUS, THEODOTIUS, THAUMASIUS, & PHILEMON;
SAINT MEMNON THE WONDERWORKER OF CORFU

*******MOTHER'S DAY*******

Christ IS Risen! Indeed He IS Risen!

Христос воскрес! Воистину воскрес!

Χριστός ανέστη! Ἀληθῶς ανέστη! (Khristós Anésti! Alithós Anésti!)

Hristos a înviat! Adevărat a înviat!

المسيح قام! حقا قام! (al-Masīḥ qām! Ḥaqqan qām!)

Kristo Amefufukka! Kweli Amefufukka

TROPARION—TONE 7

From the sealed tomb, Thou didst shine forth, O Life!
Through closed doors Thou didst come to Thy disciples, O Christ God!
Renew in us, through them, an upright spirit,
By the greatness of Thy mercy, O Resurrection of all!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever,
and unto ages of ages. Amen.

KONTAKION—TONE 8

Thomas touched Thy life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God,
When Thou didst come to Thy apostles through closed doors.
He cried out with all: Thou art my Lord and my God!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 3

READER: Great is our Lord and abundant in power. His understanding is beyond measure.

PEOPLE: Great is our Lord and abundant in power. His understanding is beyond measure.

READER: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!

PEOPLE: Great is our Lord and abundant in power. His understanding is beyond measure.

READER: Great is our Lord and abundant in power.

PEOPLE: His understanding is beyond measure.

ALLELUIA VERSES

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all the earth.

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 HYMN

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!



ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW'S
ВСЕЛЕНСЬКОГО ПАТРІАРХА ВАРФОЛОМІЯ

Patriarchal Proclamation for
ΠΑΣΧΑ
Патріарше Звернення на
ПАСХУ



+ B A R T H O L O M E W

By God's Mercy Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch

To the Plenitude of the Church: May the Grace, Peace, and Mercy of Christ Risen in Glory be with you All

Most honorable brother Hierarchs and beloved children in the Lord,
By the pleasure and grace of God, the giver of all gifts, having run the race of Holy and Great Lent and spent with compunction the Week of our Lord's Passion, behold we delight in the celebration of His splendid Resurrection, through which we were redeemed from the tyranny of Hades.

The glorious Resurrection of the Lord Christ from the dead is a shared resurrection of the entire race of mortals and a foretaste of the perfection of all, as well as of the fulfillment of the Divine *Oikonomia* in the heavenly Kingdom. We participate in the ineffable mystery of the Resurrection in the Church, being sanctified in its sacraments and experiencing Pascha, "which has opened to us the gates of Paradise," not as a recollection of an event in the past, but as the quintessence of ecclesiastical life, as the presence of Christ ever among us, closer to us than we to ourselves. On Pascha, the Orthodox faithful discover their true selves as being in Christ; they are integrated into the movement of all things to the End Times, "with inexpressible and glorious joy" (1 Peter 1.8), as "children of light...and children of day" (1 Thess. 5.5).

The central feature of Orthodox life is its Resurrectional pulse. Philosophers have wrongly described Orthodox spirituality as "sullen" and "autumnal." By contrast, Westerners rightly praise the refined perceptiveness of the Orthodox in relation to the meaning and depth of the

paschal experience. Yet this faith never forgets that the way to the Resurrection passes through the Cross. Orthodox spirituality does not recognize the utopianism of a Resurrection without Crucifixion, nor the pessimism of the Cross without the Resurrection. For this reason, in the Orthodox experience, evil does not have the final word in history, while faith in the Resurrection serves as the motivation for the struggle against the presence of evil and its consequences in the world, acting as a powerful transformative force. In the Orthodox self-consciousness, there is no place for surrender to evil or for indifference toward the development of human affairs. On the contrary, its contribution to the transformation of history has theological basis and existential grounding and it unfolds without running the risk of identifying the Church with the world. The Orthodox believer is conscious of the antithesis between worldly reality and eschatological perfection. And so he or she cannot remain idle before any negative dimensions of the world. For this reason, the Orthodox Church has never considered the struggle for transforming the world as a meaningless matter. Our faith in the Resurrection has preserved the Church both from introversion and indifference for the world, as well as from secularization.

For us Orthodox, the entire mystery and existential treasure of our piety is condensed into Pascha. When we hear that the Myrrh-bearers "were astonished" upon "entering the tomb and seeing a young man dressed in bright clothes" (Mark 16.5), this characterizes the vastness and essence of our experience of faith as the experience of existential wonder. When we hear that "they were astonished," this means that we find ourselves before a mystery that becomes deeper the more we approach it, in accordance with what has been said, that our faith "is not a journey from mystery to knowledge, but from knowledge to mystery."

While the denial of mystery existentially reduces human nature, the respect of mystery opens to us the gates of heaven. Faith in the Resurrection is the deepest and clearest expression of our freedom; or rather, it is the birth of freedom as a voluntary acceptance of the supreme divine gift, namely of deification by grace. As "experienced Resurrection," the Orthodox Church is the space of "authentic freedom" that for the Christian life is the foundation, way, and destiny. The Resurrection of Christ is the good news of freedom, the gift of freedom, and the guarantee of "shared freedom" in the "eternal life" of the Kingdom of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

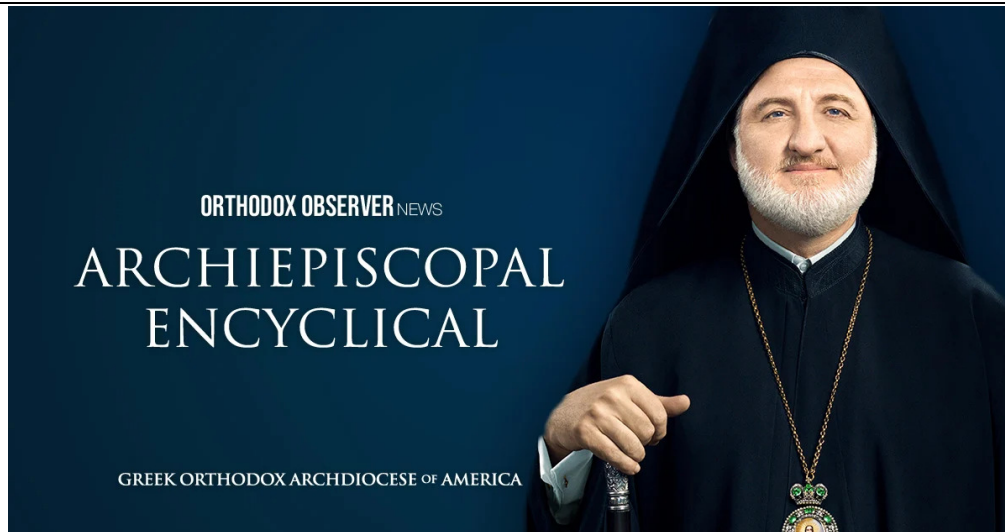
With these sentiments, most precious brothers and beloved children, filled with the complete joy of participating in "the feast that is shared by all," having received light from the unwaning light and given glory to Christ risen from the dead and brought life to all—even as we remember during this all-festal "chosen and holy day" all of our brothers and sisters in

difficult circumstances—we pray to our Lord “who trampled down death by death,” the God of peace, that He might bring peace to the world and guide our steps toward every deed that is good and pleasing to Him, proclaiming the all-joyous hymn “Christ is Risen!”

At the Phanar, Holy Pascha 2024

+ Bartholomew of Constantinople

Fervent supplicant for you all to the Risen Lord



Prot. No. 104/2024

Archiepiscopal Encyclical on Great and Holy Pascha, 2024

May 5, 2024

Unto the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs, Pious Priests and Deacons, Monks and Nuns, Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils, Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Members of Leadership 100, Day and Afternoon Schools, Philoptochos Societies, Youth, Greek Orthodox Organizations, and entirety of the Christ-loving Plenitude of the Sacred Archdiocese of America:

You who fast, and you who fast not, rejoice today!

The table is laden; let all fare sumptuously.

(Catechetical Oration of the Holy Chrysostom) [i]

My beloved sisters and brothers in the Risen Lord,

Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη! Christ is Risen!

On Pascha night, the gilded voice of the legendary Archbishop of Constantinople cries out in every church throughout the Orthodox Christian world. In this only sermon ever preached on this “first of Sabbaths” (μία τῶν Σαββάτων) and “feast of feasts” (ἑορτῶν ἑορτή), the Holy Chrysostom invites one and all to partake of “the banquet of faith” (τὸ συμπόσιον τῆς πίστεως).

His grand call to everyone to share in the joy of the Resurrection comes without price, like the call of the Prophet who said, Let everyone who

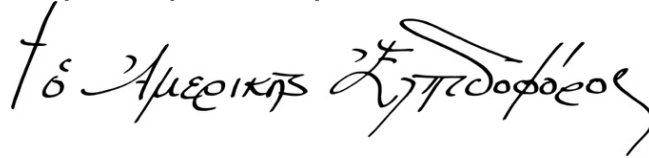
thirsts, come to the waters; and those who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price (Isaiah 55:1). [ii] For as we chant on this Holy Night, “let us all forgive all things in the Resurrection,” [iii] from the smallest to the greatest of failings, no price is exacted for the abundance of God’s grace, even grace upon grace (John 1:16).

Indeed, we may not have kept the Fast as we first intended. And some do not keep the Fast at all. However, our invitation to “the banquet of faith” isn’t simply contingent upon the quality or quantity of the foodstuffs from which we partake or abstain. Instead, our participation in the Table as co-banqueters presupposes a high measure of philanthropy and compassion for our fellow neighbor.

Thus, the saintly Golden-Mouth calls all to the Table, the Holy Table, without regard for our fulfillment of the laws around fasting. For on the night of Pascha, the law of love transcends every shortcoming—if only we will extend the same love and forgiveness that God grants to us to others.

My beloved Christians, do not pass by the invitation of Saint John Chrysostom! Accept it without pride in whatever you think you have attained, and without shame or regret for how you may have fallen short of your intentions. The Table is laden! Let all fare sumptuously of God’s eternal mercy and love!

Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη! Christ is Risen!

A handwritten signature in Greek script, reading "Ὁ Ἀμερικανὸς Ἐπιδοφόρος", which translates to "The American Elpidophoros". The signature is written in a fluid, cursive style.

†ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America

Joy resounds throughout the world! Joy fills the heart, mind, and soul! The Lord Jesus Christ is Risen! All Creation rejoices! Those in the tombs welcome the good news! Those in the villages, hills, and cities rejoice over the news!

Christ is Risen exceeds the full comprehension of the human mind. Christ is Risen affects the welcoming heart, mind, and soul. Christ is Risen changes believers' lives forever.

God's Holy Church on earth is beyond the earth to the heavens and beneath the earth to those in the tombs. Christ's Holy Church is part of that Great Mystery and is very present.

Paschal joy exceeds all joy! Pascha is the Feast of Feasts! God's Holy Church radiates the Light of Christ! God's Holy Choirs exudes the Love of Christ!

God's Holy Church proclaims the Truth of Christ.

Those in despair experience Hope! Those depressed welcome Christ's Joy!

Hunger in the soul is satisfied. Hunger in the soul seeks more of Him Who Defeated Death and is no longer in the Tomb.

The Cross pointed to the victory that was to come! The Cross demonstrated the humility that was present from the Divine birth. The Resurrection is the miracle of miracles.

Time is transcended. Time stands still. Believers savor the Resurrection and the Resurrected Christ. Believers see the Resurrected Christ in each other. Believers know of the Resurrection in God's Holy Church.

God reveals to believers the Resurrection as far as the mind can bear it. God assures and reassures believers. God's presence is everywhere for those with eyes to see and ears to hear.

The Empty Tomb sets in motion a new time and the time to come. Christ is, was and always will be. The Resurrection opens the mind to life eternal. The general resurrection comes to mind.

Rejoice today! Rejoice in the days ahead! The Church rejoices! Believers rejoicing change the world and change each other. Believers share and verify the truth of the Resurrection.

Love radiates from the Empty Tomb! Love is everywhere in the Church. Love fills believers' homes. Joy is in the air, the heart, mind, and soul. Peace encircles and encompasses believers.

Time unites with the centuries. Time reaches into eternity. Only God can help unfold the mystery for believers. Everything is new. Every moment is new.

Believers are renewed.

God unfolds the day. Believers know the difference. Believers know the Way, the Truth, and Life. Barriers that separate are taken away. Walls that keep believers apart are no more.

The Risen Christ moves through barriers to touch the human heart. The Risen Christ is there for those in prison cells, psychiatric wards, and those in intensive care units.

The Risen Christ is on the battlefield. The Risen Christ is in the homeless shelter. The Risen Christ is in Kosovo. The Risen Christ is in Jerusalem. The Risen Christ is in hearts open to the Resurrection.

Thank God for the New Day of the Resurrection. Thank God for the love that transcends all love. Thank God for the never-ending light and joy of the Resurrection.

Christ is Risen. Death is defeated. Joy and hope replace depression and despair. Light replaces darkness. Good triumphs over evil.

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

Pascha. April 22/May 5, 2024. 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.