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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.

The spirits of evil interfere with children's minds...and try to disturb them. A child should be taught obedience, especially before the fifth year, because that is the period in which a child's character develops. Elder Thaddeus(Strabulovich) of Vitovnica, Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives: The Life and Teachings of Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica p.75

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 26

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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

SUNDAY, June 02 OBEDNITZA—SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM

5TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN; MARTYR THALELAEUS AT AEGEA IN CILICA & COMPANIONS; MARTYRS ALEXANDER & ASTERIUS; MARTYR ASCLAS OF EGYPT

Tone 4

Acts 11:29-26, 29-30

John 4:5-42

Litany in Blessed Memory of Ann Roman, Millie Kerr, Andy Torick, Stella Rossi, Mary Maolie, Dianne Waryanka, Joseph Karas, & Mary "Maxine" Kitch—Fr. Bob

SUNDAY, June 09 OBEDNITZA—SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM
6TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN; HIEROMARTYR
THERAPON-BISHOP OF SARDIS; VIRGIN-MARTYR THEODORA & MARTYR
DIDYMUS THE SOLDIER OF ALEXANDRIA

Tone 5

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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! حقاً قام! (al-Masīḥ qām! Ḥaqqan qām!)

Kristo Amefufukka! Kweli Amefufukka

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!

The discipline of the body must never become an aim in itself, and indeed ascetic practices must sometimes be reduced, sometimes increased, sometimes changed, and sometimes stopped altogether for a time. **Fr. Jack Sparks**, *Victory in the Unseen Warfare* p.60

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!**

God's Holy Church continues to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ with great joy. The present Gospel reading verifies Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. The women going to the tomb learned Jesus had arisen from the tomb. Jesus' Resurrection is the foundation and center of Christian belief. Jesus Christ triumphed over death. His defeat of death is reason for believers to maintain joy that cannot be conquered.

Jesus' defeat of death is the antidote to depression in earthly life. The defeat of death is the basis for believing in eternal life. Jesus' triumph over death gives hope for the general resurrection of the dead.

Gloom and darkness abound in today's world. Depression is very common in the United States. Psychologists, psychiatrists and various types of counsellors struggle with treating wide-spread depression.

The Lord Jesus Christ knocked down the door to death. The Lord Jesus Christ established the Light that cannot be extinguished. The Risen Christ is the joy of all joys.

Believers centering their lives in Jesus Christ travel the path to the Heavenly Kingdom and eternal life. Believers embracing the Resurrection in their hearts, minds and souls journey the pathway to peace and joy in life.

Joseph of Arimathea was a man of great faith. He acted on his faith in seeking possession of Jesus' body. The women who went to the tomb had great faith. They acted courageously and purposely in going to the tomb.

Christians from every century draw inspiration from Joseph of Arimathea and the Myrrhbearing women, Courage is necessary among Christians in every century. Faith in Jesus Christ is to be put into practice.

The journey to Pascha is a journey of enrichment for believers. Believers are to arrive at Pascha living in ways more pleasing to Jesus Christ than when the journey began.

Jesus Christ's Resurrection is the basis for joy to guide believers through the difficulties of life and toward the Heavenly Kingdom. The fasting and prayer of the journey to Pascha yields benefits for the participating believer.

In this period between Pascha and the Feast of the Ascension, Jesus Christ's Resurrection continues to be the primary focus. Now is a time to assess the value of the Resurrection in personal life and in God's Holy Church.

Now is the time for joy to dominate the heart, mind, and soul. Now is the time to give total and unconditional thanks to the Resurrected Christ. Partake of the Precious Body and Blood of Christ and be united with Christ with great joy!

God's Holy Church has withstood the trials and challenges through the centuries. God's Holy Church continues to endure, grow, and spread across the earth.

Parishes are transformed when Resurrection joy fills the hearts, minds, and souls of parishioners. Peace, hope, and joy abound when believers embrace the Risen Christ and make Him central to daily life.

This period between Pascha and the Feast of Ascension is a time of great celebration in God's Holy Church. Jesus Christ's Resurrection merits continuous celebration.

The services of the Church between Pascha and Ascension focus on the meaning and joy of the Resurrection. Jesus Christ's Resurrection has a

lasting and transforming influence on the hearts, minds and souls of attentive believers.

The Church emphasizes the Resurrection during this time. The Church wants believers to make the Resurrection a governing part of daily life. Pascha is called the Feast of Feasts for good reason. Jesus' defeat of death is to be celebrated!

Evaluate the place Christ's Resurrection has in the conduct of daily life. Be serious in assessing life's goals guided by Jesus Christ's Resurrection. Be as courageous as Joseph of Arimathea and the Myrrhbearing Women!

*The Sunday of the Myrrhbearers. Righteous Job the Longsuffering.
Translation of the Relics of St. Sava. May 6/19, 2024. Hidden Valley,
Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic*



When in fear, trembling, and unworthiness we are yet permitted to receive the divine, undefiled Mysteries of Christ, our King, and our God, we should then display even greater watchfulness, strictness, and guard over our hearts, so that the divine fire, the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, may consume our sins and stains, great and small. For when that fire enters into us, it at once drives the evil spirits from our heart and remits the sins we have previously committed, leaving the intellect free from the turbulence of wicked thoughts. **St. Hesychius the Theologian of**



Glendale Hose Company #1 celebrates 150 years of fire protection for Scott Township and the neighboring communities. Dan Romo, Chief Scott Cavey, and our own Matthew Popichak at Acrisure Stadium 05-18-2024



Orthodox Parables and Stories

Mothers know best

- Mom, I don't want to go to church today, I'm not going today!
- No, son, you have to go to church. What, is wrong?
- I'm tired of this! They are all hypocrites. When I look at them, they smile at me, but talk behind my back.
- Well, son, you don't have to pay attention to the people. Get up, get dressed....
- Well, mom, can I not go!?
- Don't be so silly! Get up.
- Well, mom, I have been used in the church. People come up to me only when they need something from me. None of them come up to me and say a kind word. Well can I not go!?
- No, you can't, get up!
- Mom, give me at least one good reason why I have to go to church!
- Well, first of all, you're forty-five years, and secondly, you are the abbot....

All of the virtues can be found within obedience and humility. If one has humility, he has obedience. On the other hand, when someone does not pay attention to details, takes things superficially, and strays here and there indifferently, he ends up saying, What does it matter? This is a fall. Later, we will say, How did this darkness come over me? How is it that I have no appetite for prayer and these thoughts are choking me? Why is it that I am fighting this battle? We cannot understand where it is coming from, but it is from disobedience. **Gerondissa Makrina (Vassopoulou)**, Words of the Heart p.88



- How can you believe in God? Have you seen your God?
- I haven't actually seen God. But I have performed many brain surgeries, and when I opened the skull, I never saw a mind in there either. And I never found a conscience there either.

St. Luke (Voyno-Yasenetsky)



My whole life is a battle between me and me - between as I am and me as God wants me to be.

St. Nikolaj Velimirovic

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.