

# CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

Christos Anesti!  
Alithós anésti!  
Greek

Hristos a-înviat ;  
adevărat a-înviat  
Romanian

Kristu amefufuka ;  
kweli amefufuka  
*Swahili*

Al'Masiah qam  
haqqan qam  
Arabic



Christos Voskrese!  
Voistinu Voskrese!

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



**Sunday, May 12, 2019**

**Gospel:** St. John 20:19-31

**Tone 2**

**Epistle:** Acts 5:12-20

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pascha / Holy Myrrh Bearing Women  
St. Epiphanius, Bp. of Cyprus / Martyr John the Wallachiani**

**May Bulletin Sponsor: Fr. Andrew Bartek**  
In Remembrance of Holy Ordination

### *Liturgical & Events Schedule*

**Sunday, May 12 - Mother's Day**

9:15 am: Resurrection Matins followed by  
Divine Liturgy / Panachida for all  
mothers / Social

**Tuesday - Wednesday, April 14-15:**

8:30-4:30pm both days Police Chaplain  
Program Basic Training - London, Ohio

**Saturday, April 18**

4:00 pm: Great Vespers

**Sunday, April 19**

9:15 am: Resurrection Matins followed by  
Divine Liturgy / Memorial Sunday /  
Social

### **CANDLE / BULLETIN SPONSORS OFFERED FOR MAY**

**Chandelier (\$50):** Valerie-In honor of Joe's  
Birthday

**Altar Candles (\$50):** Basil-In loving  
memory of his brother, Norman

**Candles on the Tomb (\$25):** Basil in memo-  
ry of his brothers & sisters

**Eternal Light & Icon Screen (\$25):** Diane-  
In loving memory of Norman

**Bulletin (\$50):** Fr. Andrew-In remembrance  
of my ordination to the Holy Priesthood



### **VIGILS- 5-5**

**Basil Glovinsky (1)** Blessings to Father Andrew  
on his ordination to Holy Priesthood (14 years)

**Tim Glovinsky(1)** Graduation Blessing for Kiya

**Laura Kovach (3)** In memory of Mom; For health  
of Roland; For health of Greg and Joe

**Sandy Martin (1)** Special intention

**David and Roddie Mazurik (3)** Special intentions

**Darlene, Nick and Gabe Mazurik (2)** Health and  
recovery of cousin Rachel for brain surgery  
scheduled Monday May 6; Special intention

**Joe and Valerie Schutt (2)** For health of Christy  
Schutt

**Twarek family(8)** Anniversary Blessings to Father  
Andrew; In memory of Father Andrew's cousin  
Melanie; Health and recovery of Charlie  
Nowak, Brad, Dick, Diane, Julia and Nancy; In  
loving memory of Dad and Grandpa George  
(birthday May 3); In loving memory of Dad  
and Grandpa John (birthday May 6); Health of  
Stella, Ron, Steve, John, Becky, Jake and Hel-  
en; Birthday Blessings to Missy (5/8); Birthday  
Blessings to Laura (5/8)

**Dorothy & Lew Poggiali and family** 7 branch  
Tomb Lampada for Mother's Day; In loving  
memory of our mother, Sophia Monak, who is  
so deeply loved and missed.

# Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

Parish Council President: Matthew Adamcio

Fr. Andrew Bartek, Rector



# PRAYER LIST Updated 5-2

## Clergy:

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius  
His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman  
Archbishop Nikon from New England  
Yves Babich  
John Duranko (*Father's home pastor*)  
James Gleason (*Father's Spiritual Father*)  
Joseph Gibson  
Emilian Hutnyan  
John Jones  
Josef Von Klarr  
Joe Kopka  
Vladimir Lecko  
John Matusiak  
Zachariah Trent  
Peter Tutko  
Deacon Paul Mitchell  
Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

## Matushkii:

Pani Patricia Duranko  
Barbara Kopka  
Virginia Lecko  
Sonya Tutko

## Parishioners / & their Family:

John Beadle (Elcishko)  
Carol Chevenger (*Roddie's mom*)  
MaryAnn Cook (Cousin to Twarek's)  
John Richard Elchisco  
Debbie Garnek (*Roddie's sister*)  
Michael Glovinsky (*Basil's nephew*)  
Ernest Gresh (*Basil's nephew*)  
Shirley Gresh (Wife of Ernest)  
Julia Guzy  
Joseph Habegger (*Laura brother-in-law*)  
Margi Habegger (*Laura's sister*)  
James Heffernan (*Jennifer father-in-law*)  
Judy Heffernan  
Brenda Hiser (*Mary's mom*)  
Michael Kouznetsov (*Mary Hiser's son*)  
Kristen (*Cassell's daughter*)  
Helen Lis  
Stanley Lis  
Walter Litzie (*Fr.'s cousin*)  
Maria (*Terrie's mom*)  
Greg Mazur  
Judy Mazurik (*Paul Mazurik's*)

Baby Stella Miller  
Katelyn Pipenur (*Niece of Jean*)  
Helen Jean Rofkar (*Elchisco*)  
Joe Rose  
Margaret Rose  
Steven Schirtzinger (Soski)  
Christy Schutt (*Joe's sister*)  
Joe Schutt  
Nancy Sitzler (Amber)  
Christi Soski  
Peter Truta (*Jean H's cousin*)  
Diane Tryon  
Greg Tryon  
Lauren Jerome & her unborn baby (*Jean H's daughter*)  
Nikki and her unborn baby  
Brianna and her unborn baby (*Trudy's daughter*)  
Katie and her unborn child  
(Cassell's daughter-in-law)

## Other Requests:

Alexia  
Dick Biro (Natalie's friend)  
Anna Burch (*Wayne's friend*)  
Danielle (*Cassell's friend*)  
Chris Fallon  
Ben Franklin (*Laura friend*)  
Theodore Geletka  
(*St. Michael OC-Broadview Heights' choir director*)  
Brad George (Christi's friend)  
Donald Gresh (Basil)  
Tom Hutnyan (Fr. Emil)  
Elliot Joy (*Police chief's son*)  
Jake Lipstraw (Twarek)  
Tommy Leonchick (*Fr's friend*)  
Jim Mahler (*Laura's neighbor*)  
Anna Maiani (*Friend of Wayne*)  
Pauline Meath (*Fr's friend*)  
Charlie Nowak (Avery's)  
Marsha Ontko (Sonya's friend)  
Beth Reinhard (*Diane friend*)  
Sandy Scafaria (friend of Jean)  
Matthew Sterling (Tyron)  
Janice Timko  
Becky Vermillion (Kovach)  
Becky Yatsko (Twarek)  
Rachel (Darlene M.)

Bonnie (Cassell)  
Kim (Cassell)  
Sharon (Cassell)  
Cheyenne Welch & her two newborn babies: Luke & Lydia  
Katie & her unborn baby  
(*manager at Bruno's wife*)

## Military:

Craig Cassell  
Nathan Brown

## Captives:

Metropolitan Paul  
(*Orthodox Archdiocese of Aleppo*)  
Archbishop John  
(*Syriac Archdiocese of Aleppo*)

The UN & IOCC humanitarian aid workers in & around Syria; Those suffering persecution in Iraq, Syria, Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and throughout the world

*NOTE: Please let Fr. Andrew know when someone needs to go on list and come off.*

## For Your Prayers

Julia Guzy (95 ½ yrs old)  
1601 Church Rd  
Marblehead, OH 43440  
Please remember her & Susan (her daughter) in your prayers. Send a card of greeting.

## 40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

**May 12:** Larry Tawrek  
**May 26:** Victims from Terror Attacks in Sri Lanka  
**June 9:** Victims of Ca Synagogue shooting  
June 16: Brad Bauer (Natalie)

## ATTENDANCE - MAY

**Wednesday, May 1:** 12 people Agape Vespers

**Thursday, May 2:** 8 attended Liturgy

### **Sunday, May 5:**

23 people total (20 members; 1 child; 2 guests; 20 Communicants; 9 attended Vespers)

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## WEEKLY TITHING ONLY

Goal Pledged per month: \$4,100

Sunday May 5: \$758

## OTHER WEEKLY INCOME

**Sunday May 5:** \$23 Candles; \$95 Vigils; \$11 Special Collection (Heartbeat); \$10 Tomb Candles  
**TOTAL DEPOSIT:** \$897

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## DANBURY FOOD PANTRY - May

Suggested donation of Tomato, Chicken or Vegetable Soup (and other non-perishable goods) will be collected through May 12.

April donations will be delivered to the food pantry Thursday May 16. Thank You & God Bless



## A Mother's Love

There are times when only a mother's love can understand our tears, can soothe our disappointments and calm all of our fears. There are times when only a mother's love can share the joy we feel, when something we've dreamed about quite suddenly is real. There are times when only a mother's faith can help us on life's way and inspire in us the confidence we need from day to day. For a mother's heart and a mother's faith and a mother's steadfast love were fashioned by the Angels and sent from God above.

Author- unknown



- Money does not grow on trees.
- Don't make that face or it'll freeze in that position.
- If I talked to my mother like you talk to me....
- Always change your underwear; you never know when you'll have an accident.
- Be careful or you'll put your eye out.
- What if everyone jumped off a cliff? Would you do it, too?
- Close that door! Were you born in a barn?
- If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all.
- Don't put that in your mouth; you don't know where it's been!
- Be careful what you wish for, it might come true.
- Don't eat those, they will stunt your growth.
- If you don't eat those, you will stunt your growth.
- It doesn't matter what you accomplish, I'll always be proud of you.
- I hope that when you grow up, you have kids "Just Like you"! (Also known as the "Mother's Curse")
- If I've told you once, I've told you a thousand times.

## MAY CELEBRATIONS

<b>BIRTHDAY</b>	<b>ANNIVERSARY</b>	
2- Sub-deacon Wylie Meath 4- Fr. Matthew Stagon 5- Joseph Schutt 8- Laura Kovach 24- Avzi Dardovski 26- Quincy Kowal	5-1-2004: Archbishop Benjamin of San Francisco 5-5-2012: Archbishop Alexander of Dallas 5-6-1967: Retired Metropolitan Theodosius (Consecration) 6- Fred & Teri Cassell 5-8-2010: Archbishop Michael of NY & NJ 13- Craig & Katie Cassell	16- David & Sandy Martin 17- Tony & Tina Monastra 20- Joseph & Valerie Schutt 24- Jason & Trisha Monschein 25- Denny & Marguerite Bird 5-25-2002: Archbishop Nikhon of New England 5-28-2005: Archbishop Alejo of Mexico 5-30-1987: Retired Bishop Tikhon of San Francisco
<i>If there are those names to be added or removed, please contact Fr. Andrew. He would like to list all members of your family Orthodox and non-Orthodox.</i>		

### Holy Synod of Bishops confirms Andrew D. Smith as OCA Treasurer

During the [first day of their Spring Session](#) at the Chancery May 7, 2019, the members of the Holy Synod of Bishops confirmed the nomination by His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon of Andrew D. Smith as Treasurer of the Orthodox Church in America.

Endorsed by the Metropolitan Council at a special meeting on Thursday, April 18, he succeeds Melanie Ringa, who has served faithfully as Treasurer since 2009.

Received into the Orthodox Faith at Holy Apostles Church, Columbia, SC in 2012, Andrew earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration in 2004 and a Master of Accounting Degree—the following year from the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill. He also holds a Master of Divinity Degree from Yale Divinity School, from which he graduated in 2010. Most recently, he served as Assistant City Administrator and Finance Director for the City of Forest Acres, SC. Previously, he was Director of Administration and Finance at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary at Lenoir-Rhye University, Hickory, NC/Columbia, SC. He also served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority, Columbia, SC.

Andrew and his wife Shannon [Maria] have two sons, Nikolas and Kassian.

“It’s both deeply humbling and an honor to have been entrusted with the responsibilities entailed with this position, and I can think of no better alignment of my professional experiences and sense of vocation,” Andrew said as he anticipates beginning his duties. “I look forward to attending to the financial health of the OCA while assisting in the fulfillment of its apostolic work.”

### MAY Reposed List

4- Norman Anthony Glovinsky (2016) 6- Bishop Innocent (2002) 12- Elaine Whitham (2012) 15-George Glovinsky (1986)	15- Fr. Michael Rosco (2013) 21- Anna Mazurik (2008) 24- Helen Greshko (1980) 25- Anna Mazurak (1966)	27- John Gresko- (2008) 30- Anna Elchisco (1977) Christos Karniotis (1992) Julia Onyock (1921) Andrew Onyock (1922)
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## St. Thomas Sunday: Keeping the Joy of Pascha Alive

by Father Christopher Foley

I am sure many of us experience what I have come to call the “post-Paschal funk.” We spend long hours in church during the Great Fast and Holy Week. We experience the intensity of the Lord’s final days in Jerusalem. We stand at the foot of the Cross and see Him laid in the tomb. We experience the palpable joy of our Lord’s Resurrection from the dead. We feast together in our own resurrection with Christ. And then, the let down. We have a hard time keeping the Paschal joy intact. Liturgically, Bright Week in parish life is rarely observed. A repeat of the Paschal Liturgy is called for every day, as is the celebration of Paschal Matins and Vespers. It is hard to sustain another week of a full liturgical cycle in a parish context, but the result is that we can very easily sink into the “post-Paschal funk.”

How are we to keep the joy of Pascha alive within our hearts after Pascha and, for that matter, the whole year? We go through times of doubt, despair and difficulties, and somehow the Bright Light of Pascha begins to fade. We return, not to the empty tomb of Christ, but to Holy Saturday, that unique moment between death and resurrection.

Thankfully, the Church, inspired by the Holy Spirit, has given us many days to continue pondering and celebrating the Resurrection of Christ. This is why we are given Saint Thomas Sunday as the first Sunday after Pascha. The Church knows how quickly we forget, how quickly we fall into the darkness of doubt, and how that can squeeze out all of the joy of the Resurrection.

Saint Thomas is sometimes called the doubter, but if we are attentive to the Holy Gospels, we see that he was also the one who, as Metropolitan Anthony Bloom reminds us, “When the Apostles and the Lord heard of the illness of Lazarus, Christ said to them: Let us return to Jerusalem. To which the others said: But the Jews wanted to kill you there. Why should we return? Only Thomas the Apostle answered: Let us go with Him and die with Him. He was prepared not only to be His disciple in words, not only to follow Him as one follows a teacher, but to die with Him as one dies with a friend and, if necessary, for a friend. So, let us remember his

greatness, his faithfulness, his wholeness.”

Saint Thomas was faithful, and his doubt becomes the very means by which we all have come to behold the Resurrection of Christ. In fact the hymns even praise his doubt.

*The disciples were assembled on the eighth day, and the Savior appeared to them. He gave them peace and said to Thomas: “Come, Apostle! Feel my hands, which were pierced by the nails!” Most wonderful doubt of Thomas! It brought the hearts of the faithful to knowledge.*

*And with fear he cried: “My Lord and my God, glory to You!” O most glorious wonder! Doubt bore certain faith!*

The Lord confirmed Thomas in faith through his doubt. We read this in the Gospel given for this Sunday: “And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, ‘Peace to you!’ Then He said to Thomas, ‘Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.’ And Thomas answered and said to Him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’”

The other theme given to us for this particular Sunday is that of the closed doors. Christ appears to His disciples even though the doors were shut. The closed doors, through which Christ appears, are linked to the sealed tomb from which Christ has shown forth.

*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!*

It is always striking to close the doors before Vespers on Saint Thomas Sunday. The service books instruct us to close all of the doors of the iconostasis, which had been open throughout Bright Week, before the Ninth Hour preceding the Vespers of Thomas Sunday. Then we hear all of the references to the closed doors through which Christ appears. And then it dawns on us—Christ can manifest Himself to us even when our doors are shut. Is this not the key to the joy of Pascha remaining with us? We recall lines from the Lamentations from the Matins of Holy Saturday as we stand at the sealed tomb.

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**Fr. Chris Con't**

*Oh Life, how canst Thou die, how canst Thou dwell in a narrow tomb? When Thou wast placed in a tomb, O Christ, the foundations of hell shook and the graves of the dead were opened. Thou didst descend to earth to save Adam, not finding him on earth. O Master, Thou didst descend as far as Hades in search of him. O the joy, O the boundless delight, with which Thou didst fill those who lay bound in hell, When Thou madest light blaze throughout its murky depths. Thy tomb, O Christ, is the fountain of our resurrection!*

Christ indeed comes, searching for us even in our doubt, even in our “post-Paschal funk.” He comes to us even though the doors of hearts are shut. Even when we are in a terrible place and have closed our doors – He still comes. We put our hands in the wounds in His hands and we touch His side. He comes to dispel all sorrow and sadness. Again, from the services of Thomas Sunday, we sing

*O Lord, shining with the splendor of Thy divinity, Thou camest through closed doors to Thy disciples, showing Thy pierced side, the wounds from the nails, dispelling all sadness and sorrow! “O friends, see that I am not a spirit, but truly man!” Thou didst command the disbelieving disciple to look, saying: “Prove to yourself, then come and believe!” He touched Thy side with his own hand and cried in faith and fear: “My Lord and my God, glory to Thee!”*

Christ’s coming to the disciples through closed doors is the effect of Christ’s Resurrection. What He accomplished through the power of His Resurrection is still being accomplished today. Pascha is not merely a commemoration of an event in the past, but one in which we continue to participate in daily. Christ comes to us every day. He comes to us today through closed doors.

Christ’s death and Resurrection is our death and resurrection. We are dead, and Christ comes to bring us back to life, entering again and again into our baptism into Christ. As Olivier Clément reminds us, “Life in the spirit means gradually

becoming aware of ‘baptismal grace,’ and this awareness transforms the whole person. Each present moment has to become baptismal: a moment of anguish and death if I seek to cling to it and so experience its non-existence, but a moment of resurrection if I accept it humbly as ‘present’ in both senses of the word.... We come finally to the moment of agony when we are overwhelmed by the waters of death. Through our baptism, according to the measure of our faith, they will be transformed into the womb of eternity.”

Each day may we continue to rejoice in our Lord’s Resurrection. May we continue to offer our praise and glory—and even offer our glorious doubt—like Thomas. Christ continues to come to us even though the doors are shut, leading us to deeper faith in Him. He not only offers His hands and His side, but He allows us to be partakers of Himself in His Holy Mysteries. O most glorious wonder! As we sing from the depths of our hearts as we did on that bright night,

*This is the day of Resurrection, let us rejoice,  
O people. The Pascha, the Pascha of the Lord.  
For from death to life, and from earth to heaven,  
Has Christ our God led us, as we sing the hymn of victory!*

**Father Christopher Foley** is Priest-in-Charge of [Holy Cross Mission](#), High Point, NC.



### Bishop Paul's Travel Schedule

**May 11-12:** Archangel Michael, Burbank, IL  
**May 13-15:** Annual Clergy Convocation, Darien, IL  
**May 17-19:** St. Nicholas, Kenosha, WI (Or-  
 ordination of sub deacon Jan Farrell to Dia-  
 conate)  
**May 23-24:** Bishop @ Diocesan Council at  
 Christ the Saviour, Chicago, IL  
**May 25-26:** Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL  
**May 26:** Trip to Holy Land Begins

### MAY SPECIAL COLLECTION



**BABY BOTTLE DRIVE  
 FOR HEARTBEAT**  
*Please be generous!*

### MAY

	<u>Cleaners</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Social</u>
5	Natalie	Natalie	Valerie
12	Ed & Irene	Wayne	Teri
19	Laura	Ron	Open
26	Open	David	Open



### ONLY ONE MOTHER

Hundreds of Stars in the pretty sky, Hundreds of shells on the shore together, Hundreds of birds that go singing by, Hundreds of lambs in the sunny weather. Hundreds of dewdrops to greet the dawn, Hundreds of bees in the purple clover, Hundreds of butterflies on the lawn, But only one mother the world wide over.

### Guns in Churches, some pragmatic concerns

When I reflect on the idea of people having permits to carry concealed weapons in church, the following thoughts come to mind.

\*While people may be well trained in using a fire arm, the question remains as to what if someone enters a church and begins to fire openly on parishioners, thereby prompting one who has a firearm to use it to prevent the attacker from killing more people? I think the intensity of such a situation is great. Adrenalin may flow as the need to act is immediate. Reality has “come home,” so to speak.

- The “what if” is no longer, begging a further question — what happens if, out of a sincere desire to protect innocent people, one ends up missing the attacker and instead strikes the innocent person that one was attempting to protect?
- I have heard that in Russian and Serbian Orthodox churches overseas there are occasions in which military personnel have guarded churches with guns. I also understand the guards are posted outside — rather than inside — the church. By “inside” here I mean the sanctuary, the temple, the “holy space” that has been dedicated and consecrated solely to the worship of God. The issue for me here is that the Church is the place of worship, the place that is set aside for this and no other purpose, and cannot be compromised. When I say “set aside,” I mean not resorting to a fallen view of the world and letting that compromise the worship and its space. This is the point I was trying to make last week.

I realize how difficult it is in our time to discuss such matters. Just this morning, I read a story relating how at least 147 Kenyan college students who were Christians had been targeted and slain by Islamic terrorists. I can understand how some may not agree with the thoughts I have shared, and I am sure there are people who sincerely believe the best way to keep churches safe is to allow “trained people” to carry concealed weapons. But from what does that thought proceed? It is not easy trying to come to a middle ground here.

O Lord illumine our hearts, guide and help us to bear witness to Your Gospel message that we proclaim during these 40 days of Pascha. “Christ is risen!”

With love in Christ,  
 The unworthy, +Paul