

CHRIST IS RISEN!



**INDEED HE HAS
RISEN!**



Sunday, April 19, 2020

Gospel: St. John 1:1-17

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST
Beginning of the Pentecostarion / Ven. John of the Ancient Caves in Palestine

APRIL Bulletin Sponsor: *Father Andrew in memory of his mother, Dorothy on the occasion of her birthday*

Liturgical & Events Schedule

FOR WEEK OF APRIL 19TH

Due to the Corona Virus all services are suspended until further notice.

For Your Prayers

Julia Guzy (96 ½ yrs old)
1601 Church Rd
Marblehead, OH 43440

Diane Tryon
109 Joslyn Street
Arcadia, OH 44804

Please remember our shut-ins especially now during this National Crisis.



June 12 - 13

Deanery celebration of 50th Anniversary of OCA.

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church Parma, OH

Friday, June 12

6:30pm: Akathist to All American Saints followed by a talk about the journey of the OCA.

Saturday, June 13

9:00am: Greeting of the Bishop followed by Divine Liturgy and a All American Breakfast Buffet. RSVP required. Watch for sign up sheet.

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

- March 29:** Mountain Apache officer David
- April 5:** Victims from the Milwaukee Shooting
- April 12:** FF Tommy from AZ
- April 26:** 2 marines Moises & Diego killed in Iraq and 2 Americans killed in Iraq / Police officer from Philadelphia
- May 3:** Police officer killed in Ohio
- May 10:** Police officer from Phoenix

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- Bulletin:** (\$50) Fr. Andrew on the occasion of my 15th Anniversary to the Holy Priesthood
- Chandelier:** (\$50) Open
- Altar Candles:** (\$50) Fr. Andrew in memory of Metropolitan Nicholas, my ordaining Bishop and my parents George & Dorothy
- Candles on the Tomb:** (\$25) Open
- Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** (\$25) Open

APRIL BULLETIN AND CANDLE SPONSORS

- Bulletin:** (\$50) Fr. Andrew: In memory of my mother, Dorothy on the occasion of her b-day
- Chandelier:** (\$50) Basil: In loving memory of Jean
- Altar Candles:** (\$50) Laura: In loving memory of her mother Margaret
- Candles on the Tomb:** (\$25) From Basil
- Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** (\$25) Open



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MONTHLY TITHING ONLY APRIL

Goal Pledged per month: \$4,600

Sunday, April 5: \$670

OTHER INCOME FROM APRIL

Sunday, April: \$60 Vigils; \$50 Special Collection for march (mission box)

DANBURY FOOD PANTRY - MAY

Suggested donation of tomato, chicken noodle or vegetable soup (and other non-perishable goods) will be collected through May 10.

Donations will be delivered to the food pantry Thursday, May 14.

Metropolitan Tikhon and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople Speak by Phone on Lazarus Saturday

On April 14, 2020, Holy Tuesday, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon spoke by phone from his residence at the [Monastery of Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk](#) with His All-Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople.

His Beatitude extended greetings to His All-Holiness for a blessed continuation of Holy Week, and a joyful and spiritually fulfilling Great and Holy Pascha.

His All-Holiness extended the same greetings to Metropolitan Tikhon, and warmly remembered the visit of Metropolitan Tikhon to Constantinople and Cappadocia last summer.

Metropolitan Tikhon and His All-Holiness shared with each other information related to the response of their churches to the [COVID-19 pandemic](#) on the synodal and parochial level.

His Beatitude and His All-Holiness exchanged final greetings for mutual health and well being.

Metropolitan Tikhon and Patriarch Kirill of Moscow Speak by Phone on Lazarus Saturday

On April 11, 2020, Lazarus Saturday, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon spoke by phone with His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Russia from his residence at the [Monastery of Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk](#).

His Beatitude extended greetings to His Holiness for the Feast of the Raising of Lazarus, and the upcoming Palm Sunday.

His Holiness congratulated Metropolitan Tikhon on the [fiftieth anniversary](#) of the granting of the [Tomos of autocephaly](#) of the Orthodox Church in America, which was celebrated on Friday, April 10.

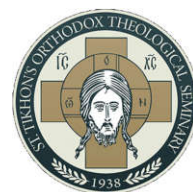
His Beatitude and His Holiness discussed the current status of their churches in relation to the [COVID-19 pandemic](#), and necessary actions taken by their Holy Synods.

His Beatitude and His Holiness [exchanged greetings, words of brotherly support, and mutual prayers](#) for a prayerful and spiritually uplifting Holy Week and Pascha of Jesus Christ.

VIGILS -APRIL 5

Sandy Martin (1) God's Blessings and Peace for all suffering during this pandemic

Twarek (7) God's Blessings and Peace; Good health for our parish family and our family and friends; In loving birthday memory of dear friend Sue; Health of Carter, Nancy, Mary; Health of Margi & Joe, Tom, MaryAnn and Bob, Christine, Judy, Chuck, Steve, Bohdi, Heidi; Health of Liz, Joe, Sonya, Julia, Diane, Stella, Ron, Jake, Helen; Special intentions; Special intentions



APRIL SPECIAL COLLECTION

Saint Tikhon's Seminary

PRAYER LIST Updated 4-15

Clergy:

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius
His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman
John Duranko (*Father's home pastor*)
James Gleason (*Father's Spiritual Father*)
Moses Barry
Steven Frase
Joseph Gibson
Gregory Grivna
Emilian Hutnyan
Josef Von Klarr
Dan Kovolick
Vladimir Lecko
David Lis
Myron Manzuk
Philip Lasbrook
Christopher Phillips
Dan Ring (St Joes)
Benjamin Tucci
Peter Tutko
Deacon Nicholas Denysenko
Deacon Paul Gansle
Deacon Gregory Krutchak
Deacon Paul Mitchell
Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

Matushkii:

Pani Patricia Duranko
Myra Kovolick
Virginia Lecko
Maura McCartney
Jillian Rettig
Snezana Ruzic
Sonya Tutko

Parishioners / & their Family:

John Beadle (*Elcishko*)
Newborn Samuel Calzone (*fr.s cousin*)
MaryAnn Cook (*Cousin to Twarek's*)
John Richard Elchisco
Ruthe Flewelling
Debbie Garnek (*Roddie's sister*)
Michael Glovinsky (*Basil's nephew*)
Heidi Golob
Shirley Gresh (*Wife of Ernest*)
Julia Guzy
Joseph Habegger (*Laura brother-in-law*)
Barb Heffernan

Tom Hileman
Alice Jackson (*Mazurik*)
William Jappsen (*Diane T.*)
Michael Kouznetsov (*Mary Hiser's son*)
Kris Kollar (*Fr.'S cousin*)
Betty Kovach
Kristen (*Cassell's daughter*)
Terri Lariccia (*fr's cousin*)
David LaValle (*Fr.'s cousin*)
Helen Lis
Greg Mazur
Judy Mazurik (*Paul Mazurik's*)
Toddler Stella Miller
Katelyn Pipenur (*Niece of Jean*)
Earl Rindfleisch
Helen Jean Rofkar (*Elchisco*)
Joe Rose
Maryann Royhab
Steven Schirtzinger (*Soski*)
Christy Schutt (*Joe's sister*)
Peter Truta (*Jean H's cousin*)
Diane Tryon
Greg Tryon
Christine Twarek
Tom Twarek
Carter Twarek
Katie and her baby Bodhi (*Cassell's daughter-in-law*)
Pani Stacey Mihaley & her newborn Azariah (*Fr.'s Cousin*)
Nikki & her unborn baby
Katherine & her unborn baby (*Fr.'s cousin*)

Other Requests:

Sandra Alex (*Muzyka*)
Alexia
Infant Baylor
Dick Biro (*Natalie's friend*)
Anna Burch (*Wayne's friend*)
Breeana (Kowal) Teenager who ran away from foster home
Delores Danchisen
Layne Demkosky
Paul Demkosky (*Fr's friend*)
Marge Dziama
Mary Dziak (*Twarek*)

Ben Franklin (*Laura friend*)
Theodore Geletka (*St. Michael Broadview Heights' choir director*)
Brad George (*Christi's friend*)
Donald Gresh (*Basil*)
Elliot Joy (*Police chief's son*)
Scott Kluding (*Twarek*)
Tommy Leonchik (*Fr's friend*)
Jake Lipstraw (*Twarek*)
Mark Ludvik (*Guzy*)
Anna Maiani (*Friend of Wayne-*)
Claudia McDonald (*Twarek*)
Pauline Meath (*Fr's*)
Tim Nash (*Royhab*)
Charlie Nowak (*Avery's*)
Beth Reinhard (*Diane friend*)
Chris Reinheimer (*Bruno's*)
Sandy Scafaria (*friend of Jean*)
Arby Shenesky (*Pastor Bob's sister*)
Betty (Elizabeth) Slanta (*sister-in-law of Kathy Jacob*)
John Slanta (*brother of Kathy Jacob*)
Matthew Sterling (*Tyron*)
John Sutko (*Fr.'S Friend*)
Devin Thomson (*Jamestown*)
Janice Timko
Philip (Andy) Timko
Steve Turinsky (*Twarek*)
Bob Van Osdol (*Twarek*)
Chuck Wiedenhoft (*Twarek*)
Richard Williams (*Twarek*)
Norma Williams (*Twarek*)
Ian Williams (*Twarek*)
Rachel (*Darlene M.*)
Molly & her unborn baby
Mollie & her unborn baby (*Fr.'s friend*)

Military:

Craig Cassell
Nathan Brown
Alena Grabavoy
Alex
Jake Ellithorpe

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“The Grace of the Holy Spirit has gathered us together”

By His Grace Bishop Alexis

In an earlier age, ascetic monks would have spent their days of Lent fasting and praying alone in the desert beyond the Jordan. And on this day of Palm Sunday, they would return to their monastery with their bodies worn from fasting, but their spirits renewed from inner prayer. This was a day of rejoicing, for their hearts were overflowing with the exhilaration that comes from so many days of conversing with the Lord Jesus, “the joy of all, the truth, the light, the life, and the resurrection of the world” (Kontakion for Lazarus Saturday). And at Vespers, they would sing the hymn that has been sung in our Churches for over a thousand years, “Today the grace of the Holy Spirit has gathered us together, and we all take up Thy Cross and say: Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.” They would sing the hymn, they would feel the grace, and they would be ready to follow their Lord with the waving of Palms, with the breaking of bread, with lamenting by the Cross, by waiting by the tomb, and then by calling out to all the world, “Christ is Risen, trampling down death by death and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.”

Many of us understandably mourn our inability to gather together as a Church for the celebration of Palm Sunday. Many of us are understandably distressed about our inability to receive or celebrate the holy mysteries. Instead of singing, “The Grace of the Holy Spirit has gathered us together” in our homes, we may feel like chanting, “How shall we sing the Lord’s song in a strange land?” (Psalm 137:4). And yet, the grace of the Holy Spirit is even now teaching us something precious during this most strange of Holy Weeks. We are being taught to look to the examples of Saints, ascetics, and confessors who not only underwent much greater deprivations, but also managed emerge from such periods with even greater sanctity. For many, the distance between our lives and those of these saints, were it not for the imposed quarantine, is too vast to be instructive. But the reason it is so vast is not the difference in outer conditions, but the difference in our inner worlds. If we strive to better develop our inner spiritual lives, we will joyfully realize that we can be in deep communion with Christ at any moment. If we more

thoroughly cultivate our ascetic lives, we will learn to effortlessly say, “Thy will be done,” and continue to worship our Lord in whatever conditions He has provided for us. During this time of quarantine, our Lord is giving us the opportunity to become more ascetic Christians with a deeper inner life. And in so doing, He is offering us the keys that open up the mysteries of Holy Week and the glory of Pascha in a way no commentary or text could even touch.

Asceticism and an inner spiritual life. That is the only answer for celebrating Holy Week this year. This may be a disorienting paradigm shift, if our spiritual life has been limited exclusively to gathering together on Sunday and celebrating the Eucharist or receiving Holy Communion. But a paradigm shift is not necessarily bad; it in fact provides us with a new approach to a new problem that opens up a new world making that problem now solvable. Of course, gathering together on Sunday and the reception of Holy Communion are incomparable consolations for the faithful. Nothing can possibly compare to delighting in the feast of the Kingdom, to living in the light of the Eighth Day, to becoming one Body with our brothers and sisters and to partaking of the one Body that is the very fountain of immortality. And yet this upper room in the life of the Christian is situated at the top of a spiritual ladder formed by a life of active virtue and inner prayer. There are no short-cuts to holiness; it is a struggle like moving forward during this time of quarantine.

As Orthodox Christians, we confess that our salvation is a synergy between the grace of God and the willingness of God’s children to accept that grace and live according to it. This present crisis has helped us to **Con’t Pg 9**

PRAYER LIST CONTINUED

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

APRIL Celebrations

ANNIVERSARY	BIRTHDAY	
20- Ron & Bobbie Royhab 4-30-2011: Retired Bishop Matthias of Chicago NAMESDAY 4-22: Archbishop Nathaniel of Detroit 4-25: Archbishop Mark of Philadel- phia	1-Shawn Lariccia 2- Fr. Andrew 4- His Grace Bishop Matthias 5-Fr. Herman Kincaid 5- Nicholas Schutt 10- Jean Hileman 13- Jennifer Heffernan 13-Margarita Leso 17- Natalie Twarek	18- Nancy Bunge 18- Diane Tryon 22- Greg Tryon 23- Paul Demkosky Jr 24- Jim Mazur 24-Matt Lariccia III 27- William Jerome 27- Katie Cassell 29- Katie Twarek

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.

APRIL Reposed

1-Andy Basala (1982) 1-Larry Twarek (2019) 4- Sophia Jump (2012) 4- Rose Bartek (1986) 4- Harry Flewelling (2018) 6- John Sabol (2017) 7- Louis M. Benya (1976) 7- Mitered Archpriest Basil Dziama (1969) Former Pastor 7- Bob Mazur (2018) 11- Archbishop John (1982) 11- LaVerne Schutt (2014)	12- Helen Tomko (1989) 14- Paul Glovinsky (1978) 15- Stephen Brooks (2005) 16- Mary Wright (2005) 17- Lois Mazurik (1999) 22- Olga Belenky (1971) 22- John Beadle (1988) 22- Fred Millie (1996) 24- Demasthony Ballan (1968) 24- Fr. Stephen Dutko (2009) 26- Margaret Mazur (1987)	26- Russell Kovach (1981) 28-Ann Kovalick (2018) 29- Olga Kollmeier (1972) 30- Anthony Hubicki (1977) Dolores Martin (1974) Herb Hobson (2004) Charles Rose (2015) Michael Elchisco (1913) Andrew Kopchock (1914) Anna Onyock (1916)
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Hristos a-înviat ;
Adevărat a-înviat

Romanian



Al'Masih qam
Haqqan qam

Arabic



**ARCHPASTORAL MESSAGE OF HIS
BEATITUDE
METROPOLITAN TIKHON
PASCHA - 2020**

To the Venerable Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful
of the Orthodox Church in America,

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

Today we celebrate the feast of feasts, the radiant joyful feast of the Lord's Resurrection. He became a man like us, and was crucified, suffered, and was buried for us. And today, after three days in the tomb, He rises from the dead, offering us all the promise of Resurrection unto eternal life.

Our life in the Resurrection begins even now. Although we still live in the flesh, we should not live according to the flesh, only thinking of our own bodily needs and desires. Jesus Christ's Resurrection calls us, regardless of our situation in life, to live spiritually mature lives even now. The essence of such a spiritual life is to lay down one's life for others, in imitation of Christ who died for the benefit of all. This is the calling of the new life that Christ's Resurrection gives us: "so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life (Romans 6:4)."

This year, our Paschal celebration comes in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, and not one of us is experiencing the full celebration of the services. A few are present at the limited services, while the majority are praying along at home. Yet all of us, wherever we find ourselves, can live according to the Resurrection by putting others' needs before our own. In the Old Covenant, in the same breath in which God urged His people to "keep His Sabbaths," He also urged them to remember the poor and the sojourner, and leave portions of their grain and grapes to them (Leviticus 19:3-10). May we too, in keeping the Lord's Pascha, the First of Sabbaths, remember the poor and needy, the sick and suffering before ourselves, particularly at this time of the economic turmoil caused by the Coronavirus. As many of us are unable to commune of the

heavenly Bread of Christ's Body at this time as is customary, let us at least focus on ensuring that our brothers and sisters around us have enough common bread: food and other basic needs. In so doing, we will follow Christ's example, who made sure that the thousands had enough food to eat, and who worked to heal the diseased and the sick.

My beloved children in Christ, the manner in which we celebrate Pascha this year, whether in our homes or in limited services, should suggest to no one that our Lord's Pascha has been canceled or in any way diminished. Giving thanks to Christ for the mystery of his salvation, let us all boldly cry out in full knowledge and assurance, "Christ is Risen!" Let us respond, indeed, by courageously walking in the "newness of life" that Christ gives us today.

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

+Tikhon
Archbishop of Washington
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

**2020 PASCHAL MESSAGE FROM HIS GRACE
BISHOP PAUL**

As I began to reflect on what to write this year during this abnormal and unusual time, a number of scripture verses grabbed hold of me that I want to speak on. The first is from St. Matthew's gospel.

Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved. (Matthew 24:11-13)

The next is from Psalm 42.

As a hart longs for flowing streams, so longs my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while men say to me continually, "Where is your God?" These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God. (Psalm 42:1-5) The above verses point to a choice to avoid and one to embrace. The one to avoid is something we are facing today. *Con't next page*

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The lawlessness we face in the world especially in the choices we make in how to live our lives has resulted in the love of many growing cold. The pathway to self-centeredness, greed, and self will has resulted in many finding fault with each other instead of loving each other and respecting that each one of us is created in the image of God. Self-justification, and self-righteousness has resulted in people demanding the right to live a certain way. It has also resulted in a pseudo form of righteous behavior that condemns those who don't live the way they are supposed to live. This is according to a distorted understanding of the gospel we have embraced in how we treat those who don't live like we do. So the fruit of this lawlessness is that our love for each other has grown cold. During this Lenten season it is my prayer and hope that we have gotten in touch with that lawlessness by which we have lived our own lives and repented. But more importantly I pray and hope that we have repented of the sin of our love having grown cold. This leads me to Psalm 42, which I cited above; and here lies the solution to getting out of this bad habit of living. If we have done what we are supposed to during Lent, and especially in this time where our lives have been drastically affected by the Coronavirus, then there is no better place to be on this Pascha of our Lord than to be thirsting for the living God. Please hear from some of our Church fathers on this theme.

God has everything that will refresh you. He is able to fill anyone who comes to him. This is what I am thirsting for, to reach him and to appear before him. I am thirsty on my pilgrimage, parched in my running, but I will be totally satisfied when I arrive. (St. Augustine on Psalm 42:1)

The person, however, who has once tasted virtue and has come to understand its nature by his own experience of the good is no longer the kind of person who must be dragged away from his passionate attachment to evil by necessity and warning and compelled to look to virtue. On the contrary, he has an excessive thirst for what is superior . . . He "thirsts" for participation in God more than "the hart" longs for "the fountains of water." (St. Gregory of Nyssa on Psalm 42:2)

There is a weeping that springs from contemplating eternal good and longing for future light, and tears of joy and desire cannot help but break out as the soul is athirst for the mighty living God. (St. John Cassian on Psalm 42:3)

In God's home there is an everlasting party. What is celebrated there is not some occasion that passes; the choirs of angels keep eternal festival, for the eternally present face of God is joy never diminished. This is a feast day that does not open at dawn or close at sunset. (St. Augustine on Psalm 42:4)

As tragic as this virus has been and the loss it has brought into our lives, it has also given us the opportunity to return to a way of living our lives that we may have lost sight of; to thirst for the living God because our love has grown cold. Have we been able to experience and believe what Christ said to Martha when he raised Lazarus? "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this? (John 11:25-26) " The above words from the gospel of Matthew and from Psalm 42, point to a way that leads to death, and way that leads to life. This way to life is embodied in the words Jesus expressed to Martha at the raising of Lazarus. This brings me to some words from Psalm 104 that are read at all Vesper services.

These all look to you, to give them their food in due season. When you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your Spirit they are created; and you renew the face of the ground (or earth). (Psalm 104: 27-30)

These verses from Psalm 104 point to the Death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ who God the Father has raised from the dead in the power of the Holy Spirit, having become the first-born of the dead. St. Gregory of Nyssa gives this assurance of the resurrection of the soul and body quoting his sister St. Macrina:

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