

# Al'Masih qam



Haqqan qam

*Arabic*



Sunday, May 3, 2020

Gospel: St. Mark 15:43-16:8

Tone 2

Epistle: Acts 6:1-7

Third Sunday of Pascha / Myrrhbearing Women  
Martyrs Timothy the Reader and his wife Maura of Antinoë in Egypt

May Bulletin Sponsor:

Father Andrew on the occasion of his 15th Anniversary to the Holy Priesthood

*Liturgical & Events Schedule*

FOR WEEK OF MAY 3RD

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

For Your Prayers

Julia Guzy (96 1/2 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.

**CHRIST IS  
RISEN!  
INDEED HE  
HAS RISEN!**

**40 DAY REMEMBRANCE**

May 3: Police officer killed in Ohio

May 10: Police officer from Phoenix

May 31: Police officer from Tx / Mass  
shooting victims from Canada / Mat. Nina  
Bohush-Stroyen

**MAY BULLETIN AND CANDLE  
SPONSORS**

**Bulletin:** (\$50) Fr. Andrew on the occasion of my  
15th Anniversary to the Holy Priesthood

**Chandelier:** (\$50) Basil in memory of his brother  
Norman

**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) Diane in  
memory of Uncle Norman

**CHRISTOS  
VOSKRESE!  
VOISTINU  
VOSKRESE!**

**MAY SPECIAL  
COLLECTION**

**BABY BOTTLES  
FOR HEARTBEAT**



## MONTHLY TITHING ONLY APRIL

Goal Pledged per month: \$4,600

<b>Sunday, April 5:</b>	\$ 670
<b>Sunday, April 12:</b>	\$1,500
<b>Sunday, April 19:</b>	\$5,090
<b>Sunday, April 26:</b>	\$ 900
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$8,160</b>

### OTHER INCOME FROM APRIL

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

**Sunday, April 12:** \$65 Vigils; \$200 Pascha; \$50 Special Collection St. Tikhon's

**Sunday, April 19:** \$25 Candles; \$37 Tomb; \$50 Chandelier; \$80 Vigils; \$250 Special Collection St. Tikhon's; \$100 Special Collection Food Pantry; \$1,050 Catastrophic Relief Fund

**Sunday, April 26:** \$30 Vigils; \$25 Special Collection (St. Tikhon's Seminary)

### VIGILS -APRIL 26

**Laura Kovach (4)** God's blessings and healing to everyone battling or suffering during the COVID-19 pandemic; For health of Betty, Julia, Andrea, Mark, Joe, Margi, Dana, Bohdi, Chuck, Steve, Richard, and Doug; In loving memory of Mom and Russ, and Rob Gevertz; Special intentions

**Sandy Martin (1)** Special intentions

**Jim Mazur(1)** For health of family and friends

**Twarek (6)** God's Blessings and peace, health and recovery of Jeanne Roth Snowball; Health and recovery of Doug Millinger; Health of Nancy, Mary, Margi & Joe, Tom, MaryAnn and Bob, Judy, Chuck, Steve, Bohdi, Heidi; Health of Liz, Joe, Sonya, Julia, Diane, Stella, Ron, Jake, Helen; Special intentions.

## Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women with the Noble Joseph

Commemorated on [May 3](#)

The Myrrh-bearing women are those women who followed the Lord, along with His Mother. They remained with her during the time of the saving Passion, and anointed the Lord's body with myrrh. Joseph and Nikodemos asked for and received the Lord's body from Pilate. They took it down from the Cross, wrapped it in linen cloths and spices, then they laid it in a tomb, and then they placed a great stone over the entrance of the tomb.

According to the Evangelist Matthew (27:57-61) Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joses (Mark 15:40) were there sitting opposite the sepulchre, and they saw where He had been laid. This other Mary was the Mother of God. Not only were these present, but also many other women, as Saint Luke says (24:10).

Today the Church honors Saints Mary Magdalene (July 22), Mary the wife of Cleopas (May 23), Joanna (June 27), Salome, mother of the sons of Zebedee (August 3), Martha and Mary, sisters of Lazarus (June 4), and the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, who was the stepmother of her husband Joseph's sons James (October 23) and Joses (October 30). Today we also also remember Saint Joseph of Arimathea (July 31), who was a secret disciple (John 19:38), and Saint Nikodemos, who was a disciple by night (John 3:3; 19:38).

The holy right-believing Queen Tamara of Georgia is honored twice during the year: on May 1, the day of her repose, and also on the Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women.

On this day the Church also remembers All Saints of Thessalonica, Saint Seraphim Bishop of Phanar (December 4, 1610), the New Martyr Elias Arduinis (January 31, 1686), and the New Martyr Demetrios of the Peloponnesos (April 13, 1803).

# Christos Anesti!

# Alithós Anésti!

*Greek*

# PRAYER LIST Updated 5-1

## 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  
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*)  
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  
Tom Twarek  
Katie and her baby Bodhi  
(*Cassell's daughter-in-law*)  
Nikki & her unborn baby  
Katherine & her unborn baby  
(*Fr.'s cousin*)  
Sarah and her unborn Child  
(*Laura's daughter*)

## Other Requests:

Sandra Alex (*Muzyka*)  
Alexia  
Infant Baylor  
Anna Burch (*Wayne's friend*)  
Breeana (*Kowal*) Teenager who  
ran away from foster home  
Delores Danchisen  
Layne Demkosky  
Paul Demkosky (*Fr's friend*)  
Betty Dubbert (*Kovach*)  
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*)  
Andrea Joy (*Kovach*)  
Tommy Leonchik (*Fr's friend*)  
Jake Lipstraw (*Twarek*)  
Mark Ludvik (*Guzy*)

Anna Maiani (*Friend of Wayne*)  
Mark Masica (*Kovach*)  
Claudia McDonald (*Twarek*)  
Pauline Meath (*Fr's*)  
Doug Millinger (*Kovach*)  
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*)  
Jeanne Roth Snowball  
(*Twarek*)  
Matthew Sterling (*Tyron*)  
John Sutko (*Fr.'s Friend*)  
Devin Thomson (*Jamestown*)  
Janice Timko  
Philip (Andy) Timko  
Steve Turinsky (*Twarek*)  
Chuck Wiedenhoft (*Twarek*)  
Rachel (*Darlene M.*)

Molly & her unborn baby  
Mollie & her unborn baby  
(*Fr.'s friend*)  
Those suffering from the  
Coronavirus

## Military:

Craig Cassell  
Nathan Brown  
Alena Grabavoy  
Alex  
Jake Ellithorpe

## 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

## **We Do Not Live in a Vacuum**

How do parents help their children make sense out of what is going on in today's world? What do I mean? Children, when they are younger, ask innocent questions. When they ask, they expect to get a truthful answer from their parents, and they (children) want to do the right thing.

We have all been taught in the Orthodox Faith that the foundation of Truth is not to be found in an ideology, a thought, or a philosophy; but in a person: *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me."* (John 14:6)

*"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."* (John 16:13-15)

So when we speak of the truth on any matter, we can't separate "truth" from the Source of all Truth, Jesus Christ; who is the image of God the Father, and who sends the Spirit to lead us into all truth. So it behooves us that in our journey to know the truth, we need to make every effort to do those things that keep us connected to Christ, the source of all truth. This is the lens through which we come to understand the world we live in. When we separate "truth" from the Truth, we run the risk of being deceived.

We live in a world that was affected by the "fall of Adam." We have been shaped by experiences of living in a fallen world that have distorted our vision of the truth made known to us by Christ and His Holy Church. Having a distorted view of this world causes us to pick and choose those "facts" that will further confirm that distorted worldview. What happens is we develop multiple lenses by which we view the world. This can compromise the lens the Church seeks to impart to us through Jesus Christ. Mind you, the lens of one's culture is not necessarily the issue here.

Examples of this have been given in my weekly notes through the last two years. But now, we are beginning to see this being played out in the tensions that have begun to arise over how the governing

authorities and even churches have coped with this recent Covid 19 crisis. The longer the stay-at-home orders from the state continue, the more people seem to be questioning the process by which states and churches are making their decisions and the "facts" they are basing them on. As usual, people from certain ideological camps then take the "facts" they read about as a means to justify their presupposition. You have read about protests in several states in the Midwest over the stay-at-home orders of the Governor. There are now even "medical experts" that are questioning the process that the current restrictions are based on.

So what can be done to help our children walk through this challenging mine field of polarity, especially in addressing the Covid 19 issue? I will take a stab at this in next week's note. I will give you a hint; it lies in the word "dispassion."

Christ is risen! Forgive me a sinner,  
The unworthy +Paul

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### **Comments on "We Do Not Live in a Vacuum"**

Thank you, Your Grace. Just a quick comment: I find that our children (at least in my household, who are younger) are much less affected by the problem you are describing than the adults. I have decided to minimize or perhaps cease my use of social media in the midst of this crisis, largely due to all the ugliness displayed, even by my fellow Orthodox Christians. This is unfortunate in a time when it seems like a primary way that we could be connecting, so many are using it to tear down that it becomes unusable, and the kinder and subtler voices are marginalized. I would love to hear from guidance for the adults as well as the children.

### **Bishop Paul's response**

Christ is risen! You are right in what you say about younger children and your approach there makes sense. My point was to help people get in touch with presuppositions that may have that could distort one's understanding of the truth. So when kids get older and start asking some of these difficult questions, we need to be well connected to Christ, be aware of our own biases, and be dispassionate in how we respond to them. Social media can be used for good or to deceive (consciously or unconsciously). That fact clergy and other lay people from the Diocese are on it, motivated me to write this note. The blessing of the Lord be upon you.

## MAY Celebrations

Anniversary	Birthday
5-1-2004: Archbishop Benjamin of San Francisco 5-2-2005: Fr. Andrew 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 5-28-2005: Archbishop Alejo of Mexico 5-30-1987: Retired Bishop Tikhon of San Francisco	2- Sub-deacon Wylie Meath 4- Fr. Matthew Stagon 5- Joseph Schutt; Justin Issler 8- Laura Kovach; Missy Schlotterer 12- ProtoDcn Bob Northrup; Mike Kovach 15- Holly Gast 17- Brian Turner 20- Philip Ellmore 24- Avzi Dardovski 25- Quincy Kowal; Archbishop David of Alaska 29- Carol Krochta

*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.*



Hristos a-înviat ;  
Adevărat a-înviat

*Romanian*

## MAY Reposed

1- Melaine Michaels (2019)	14- Stanley Lis (2019)	27- John Gresko- (2008)
4- Norman Anthony Glovinsky (2016)	15- George Glovinsky (1986)	30- Anna Elchisco (1977)
6- Bishop Innocent (2002)	15- Fr. Michael Rosco (2013)	Christos Karniotis (1992)
8- Brad Bauer (2019)	21- Anna Mazurik (2008)	Julia Onyock (1921)
12- Elaine Whitham (2012)	24- Helen Greshko (1980)	Andrew Onyock (1922)
	25- Anna Mazurak (1966)	



## Metropolitan Tikhon Opened Spring Session on Wednesday, April 29

The [Holy Synod of Bishops](#) of the Orthodox Church in America, under the presidency of [His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon](#) will hold by video conference call their Spring Session on Wednesday, April 29, and Friday, May 1.

Participating in the meeting will be [His Eminence Archbishop Nathaniel](#) of Detroit and the Romanian Episcopate, [His Eminence Archbishop Benjamin](#) of San Francisco and the West, [His Eminence Archbishop Mark](#) of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania, [His Eminence Archbishop Melchisedek](#) of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania, [His Eminence Archbishop Irénée](#) of Ottawa and Canada, [His Eminence Archbishop Michael](#) of New York City and New York and New Jersey, [His Eminence Archbishop Alexander](#) of Dallas, the South, and the Bulgarian Diocese; [web-site](#) [His Eminence Archbishop David](#) of Sitka and Alaska, [His Grace Bishop Paul](#) of Chicago and the Midwest. Metropolitan Tikhon received a letter of regret for [His Eminence Archbishop Alejo](#) of Mexico City who is quarantined outside of Mexico City with limited internet connectivity.

Participating in the session by invitation will be [His Grace Bishop Daniel](#) of Santa Rosa; [His Grace Bishop Alexis](#) of Bethesda, [His Grace Bishop Andrei](#) of Cleveland; and Archpriest Alexander Rentel, Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America.

During their meeting the Holy Synod will give consideration to reports on a number of matters including the Synodal Directives for [COVID-19](#), the financial health of the central church and the dioceses and parishes, 50th anniversary celebrations, and a review of the resolution of the Metropolitan Council regarding the relocation of the Chancery.



## On Creation and the Environment by His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon

*Today is Earth Day, April 22. As the focus of this day is mostly on the climate crisis, or connections between COVID-19 and climate change, we wonder, where is the Creator, where is Jesus Christ, in all our talk about care of the Earth? In a brief reflection His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon helps us to refocus our hearts on the majesty of creation that we encounter in our liturgical hymns and in our actual day-to-day existence, and on Jesus Christ.*

Christ is “the source of life and immortality, and the Maker of all creation, both visible and invisible,” but today, the topic of creation is too often narrowly restricted to controversies surrounding the environment, to which only polarized and politicized answers seem acceptable: is global warming real? Are humans responsible for the melting of the ice-caps? Are we protecting endangered wildlife? But the relationship of humans to the creation is a fundamental relationship which finds its roots in Paradise, where the primary task of the first created man was to tend a garden, name the animals and live off of the fruit of certain trees.

When it saw Adam leave Paradise, all of the created world which God had brought out of non-being into existence no longer wished to be subject to the transgressor. The sun did not want to shine by day, nor the moon by night, nor the stars to be seen by him. The springs of water did not want to well up for him, nor the rivers to flow. The very air itself thought about contracting itself and not providing breath for the rebel. The wild beasts and all the animals of the earth saw him stripped of his former glory and, despising him, immediately turned 1 Prayer of St. Basil the Great, first pre-Communion prayer. of what life do we speak? 36 savagely against him. The sky was moving as if to fall justly down on him, and the very earth would not endure bearing him upon its back. —St. Symeon the New Theologian.

The sacred hymns of the liturgical year overflow with references to the creation, not as a self-contained element, but always in relation to the Creator and, by extension, to humanity. In the beginning, it was creation that was first brought into existence

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## Matushka Nina Bohush-Stroyen

Matushka Nina Bohush—Stroyen, wife of the late Archpriest W. Basil Stroyen fell asleep in the Lord on Bright Thursday evening, April 23, 2020.

Born June 10, 1924 in Endicott, NY to John and Anna (Chura) Bohush. Matushka Nina was a graduate of Union-Endicott High School, and also a Registered Nurse who graduated from the nursing program at Wilson Memorial Hospital in Johnson City, NY.

Matushka Nina was married to the late Archpriest W. Basil Stroyen, who served as Dean of Saint Tikhon's Seminary, rector of many parishes throughout the United States and Dean of many deaneries. Fr. Basil was also the first Orthodox U.S. Air Force Chaplain, in which she faithfully stood by him through his military assignments.

Matushka Nina is survived by her brother Archpriest John D. Bohush and sister Elizabeth Whitaker. Many nieces and nephews, especially her two nephews Deacon Mark Bohush (Matushka Patricia) and Matthew (Kristine) Bohush, along with many great nieces and nephews, their spouses and great-great nieces and nephews, godchildren and many friends.

She is predeceased by her husband Archpriest Basil, her parents John and Anna Bohush, brothers Archpriest Peter, Alexander; and nephew Priest John D. Bohush III.

Matushka Nina along with Father Basil were co-editors of the world renowned "The Orthodox Herald" and she authored the famous cookbook, "Hanya's Kitchen" that is used by people throughout the world. Up until her passing, she was a member of the Board of Trustees of St. Tikhon's Seminary.

Matushka was a parishioner of the Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church in South Canaan, PA. She had a great love for the Church, stemming from her childhood of singing in the choir to being a member of the Board of Trustees at Saint Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary. Everyone has always said that she brought great joy and happiness to their lives when she was around, whether it was at Church or at Spring Hills Assisted Living in Cherry Hill, NJ, where she lived out the last days of her life.

It is difficult to summarize a lifetime of works. Those who knew her and loved her will be able to smile as they recount their experiences with her. Many times we hear at funerals that it is the "dash" between the dates that define us. She always believed it wasn't so much what you did in your "dash", but what you have done during that "dash" to pass the baton to others to keep the good works going and make their "dash" count.

May Matushka Nina's memory be eternal!

### *On Creation Con't*

by the Word and Spirit of God. Man, created at the conclusion of this work, and placed within this creation, as in a garden, fell and was unable to remain worthy of God's blessing, turning away from Him through disobedience. As a result, the renewal of creation is dependent on the renewal of mankind:

[The Creator] wills that all creation serve man for whom it was made, and like him become corruptible, so that when again man is renewed and becomes spiritual, incorruptible, and immortal, then creation, too, now subjected to the rebel by God's command and made his slave, will be freed from its slavery, and, together with man, be made new, and become incorruptible and wholly spiritual. - Saint Symeon the New Theologian

In other words, we cannot express care for the creation unless we first take care for the healing of our own bodies and souls. An "environmentalism" that is concerned only for cute and furry animals, or for the financial impact of environmental policies, falls far short of the majesty of creation that we encounter in our liturgical hymns and in our actual day-to-day existence. This applies even more directly on the local level: our diocese, our deanery, our parish, and the wider community. It is in our local community that we can have the most direct impact on the creation that we inhabit.

So let us care for the environment that we live in, recognizing the beauty and importance of God's creation as well as the local needs in our neighborhood, our parishes, and diocesan communities, finding inspiration particularly in our monastic communities.