

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



Hristos a-înviat ;
Adevărat a-înviat

Romanian



Sunday, May 10, 2020

Gospel: St. John 5:1-15

Tone 3

Epistle: Acts 9:32-42

Fourth Sunday of Pascha / Apostle Simeon the Zealot

Martyrs Philadelphus, Cyprian, Alphius, Onesimus, Erasmus, and 14 others, in Sicily

May Bulletin Sponsor:

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

Liturgical & Events Schedule
For week of May 10

Sunday, May 10

9:30 am: Resurrection Matins followed by Divine Liturgy (Tentative, by invitation & rotating basis)

Sunday, May 17

9:30 am: Divine Liturgy followed by the blessing of graves (Tentative, by invitation and rotating basis)

CHRIST IS
RISEN!
INDEED HE
HAS RISEN!

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

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.

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

June 7: Security guard killed in Flint, MI

CHRISTOS
VOSKRESE!
VOISTINU
VOSKRESE!



MONTHLY TITHING ONLY MAY

Goal Pledged per month: \$4,600

Sunday, May 3: \$1,138

OTHER INCOME FROM MAY

Sunday, May 3: \$50 Altar Candles; \$25 Eternal Light; \$110 Vigils; \$50 Bulletin; \$100 Special Collection (St. Tikhons; \$25 Special Collection (Heart Beat); \$25 Cemetery

VIGILS -May 3

Susan Guzy (3) Health of all parish members, families and friends; In loving memory of Uncle Tony, Vishnaya Pamyat; For health of mom and brother Gary

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, Greg, Dana, Bohdi, Chuck, Steve, Richard, and Doug; God's Anniversary blessings to Michael and Stephanie; Special intentions

Sandy Martin (1) Special intentions

Jim Mazur(2) For health of family and friends; In memory of departed family and friends

Janice Timko (1) In Blessed and loving memory of my precious parents Sophia and Peter Monak on Mother's Day. "Vechnaya Pamyat"

Diane Tryon (1) In loving memory of Uncle Tig (anniversary)

Twarek (6) God's Blessings and Peace; In Loving memory of dad and grandpa George (birthday 5/3); In Loving memory of dad and grandpa John (birthday 5/8); Birthday blessings to Missy (5/8); Birthday blessings to Laura (5/8); Health of Jeanne Roth Snowball, Doug Millinger, Betty, Nancy, Mary, Margi & Joe, Tom, MaryAnn and Bob, Judy, Chuck, Steve, Bohdi, Heidi, Liz, Joe, Sonya, Julia, Diane, Stella, Ron, Jake, Helen.

Metropolitan Tikhon Speaks With Ancient Faith Radio; All OCA Church School Schedule Available

On Saturday, May 1, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon was once again a guest on a [special pop-up edition of Ancient Faith Radio's "Today Live"](#) with Archpriest Thomas Soroka. Metropolitan Tikhon spoke about the recent [decisions and directives](#) of the [Holy Synod](#), and the [decision](#) to postpone the 50th anniversary celebrations of the reception of autocephaly and the glorification of Saint Herman. Metropolitan Tikhon entertained questions from callers, including a few from children who participate in the All OCA Church School. You can listen to that [interview here](#). (OCA website) You can listen to Metropolitan Tikhon's March 21 [interview on OCA website](#).



Christos Anesti!

Alithós Anésti!

Greek

PRAYER LIST Updated 5-5

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
George 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

Holy Synod Issues Pastoral Letter and Directives

On Friday, May 1, 2020, meeting under the Presidency of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, the [Holy Synod](#) of the Orthodox Church issued the following [Pastoral Letter](#), and [Synodal Directives](#) related to [COVID-19](#).

Each Diocesan Bishop will be [releasing diocesan specific guidelines](#) shortly.

To the clergy, monastics, and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America,

*Today is spring filled with sweet fragrance
And creation, renewed, does exult. Today,
the keys are removed from the doors, As is
the unbelief of Thomas, the friend of Christ,
Who crieth, 'My Lord and my God.'*

We are completing the second week of our celebration of the great feast of feasts, Holy Pascha, in which we are reminded of the blessed unbelief of Thomas. All of us have longed to touch the life-giving side of the risen Christ with an eager hand even as Thomas did when our Lord came to the apostles through closed doors. And yet, many of us were deprived of the opportunity, not only to touch His side, but even to enter the temple in order to sing: “Bless God in the congregations, the Lord, O you who are of Israel’s fountain.” (Psalm 68:26)

Our encounter with the pandemic brought about by the coronavirus came upon us in the midst of our journey through the desert of Great Lent. The struggle remains with us during the bright season of the resurrection but now we sense the fragrance of the eternal and physical spring, which brings with it the hope of good things to come. Indeed, with you, the Holy Synod of Bishops longs for the full opening of our churches, missions, monasteries, and seminaries so that we all might return to the fullness of our church life, and with Thomas, offer our worship to the Lord by crying out: “My Lord and my God!”

While the dates for a full opening are still unknown, we are convinced that the time has come for us to begin the preparatory work that will bring us closer to those days. This preparatory work will be difficult as we make our way through the spiritual,

emotional, and psychological effects of isolation and quarantine. This preparatory work will also be slow, for we must test the procedures and steps that we will collectively take in restoring our church life, so that we might responsibly navigate the many challenges that will confront our communities on the local level.

Above all, we issue a spiritual call to the clergy and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America. While the spread of this virus has caused death, sickness, anxiety, and economic distress, this time has offered us, and continues to offer us, an opportunity to strengthen our prayer life, to perform works of charity, and to show compassion and love to our brothers and sisters in the Church and in our communities. All Orthodox Christians should remember in their prayers those who have fallen asleep, those who are sick, those who have recovered, those who are suffering from fear, anxiety, and distress brought upon them by this virus. Further, we should offer our prayers and sincere gratitude to all those laboring to insure the necessities of life, healthcare workers and first responders, food supply workers, and other essential occupations who have sacrificially offered themselves for the benefit of their neighbor.

The Holy Synod also provides the following fundamental principles that will guide our steps forward:

- As we have always acknowledged, each diocesan bishop is entrusted with the spiritual and pastoral care of the clergy and faithful, protecting their well-being as he determines necessary, while always remaining of one mind with the Holy Synod. The same principle applies in the process of re-opening the churches. Any interpretation or clarification of the following guidelines should be directed to the diocesan bishop. Decisions requiring approval of the Holy Synod will be addressed as needed.
- To provide for unity and to allow the bishops greater guidance and support regarding how and when to re-open their churches and institutions, the Holy Synod has [adopted new directives](#) for use throughout the Orthodox Church in America. This detailed document, entitled, “Towards a Re-opening of our Churches,” is provided as a reference point for the bishops and should be carefully reviewed by all levels of diocesan leadership (Chancellors, Deans, Diocesan Councils, Rectors, and Parish Councils). Implementation of these synodal directives takes place under the authority of the diocesan bishop.

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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.



Al'Masiah qam

Haqqan qam

Arabic

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)	



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- It should be understood that there may be variations in the application of these new directives. These variations will parallel those that are found among regions, states, provinces, counties, and municipalities. It is incumbent therefore upon the church leadership, under the direction of their bishop to be familiar with and understand both the civil guidelines and the Church directives that appertain to their local circumstances.
- We must continue to adhere to the civil guidelines, beginning with those of our federal governments and then the particular and localized guidelines from the civil authorities, recognizing that there is a diversity from state to state, province to province, county to county, and even municipality to municipality. While the civil authorities have been reluctant to impose restrictions on the churches, our communities are expected to respond in a way that is consonant with the public welfare. The Holy Synod, concerned for the health and well-being of all, intends to follow in the spirit in which those decrees are given.
- During these initial stages of re-opening, when church attendance will, of necessity, remain limited, the clergy are instructed to consult their diocesan bishop for direction on the celebration of the holy, life-giving mysteries of the Church (the eucharist, baptism and chrismation, marriage, etc). The Holy Synod will consider the need for further church-wide directives in these areas as the process of re-opening unfolds.

The above principles, in conjunction with the synodal directives, are offered with the understanding that they are general principles and directives that may provide for the possible opening of parishes, as long as the local conditions warrant this, and with the consent of the bishop. These are not mandatory steps that must be taken by a certain calendar date.

Finally, we note that there is much to cause anxiety in the current circumstances, from political debates to scientific quarrels and the pitting of experts against other experts. We remind the clergy and the faithful that this current pandemic is unprecedented and that even the experts, faithfully following the scientific method, must have time to gather and analyze data. In such a fast-moving situation, even these

studies are provisional and subject to correction. This is the nature of the scientific model.

While being mindful of all this, we also offer a word of encouragement to our clergy and faithful by reminding them of the words of the psalmist: *Thy mercy, O Lord, shall follow me all the days of my life.* Let us trust the Lord to guide us, rely on each other to support and help one another, and kindle in our hearts the fire that Luke and Cleopas felt burning in themselves when the risen Lord appeared and spoke to them on the road to Emmaus.

With our paternal blessing and love,

+Tikhon
+Nathaniel
+Benjamin
+Alejo
+Mark
+Melchisedek
+Irénee
+Michael
+Alexander
+David
+Paul

Holy Synod Postpones Anniversary Celebrations

On Friday, May 1, the [Holy Synod of Bishops](#) of the Orthodox Church in America, meeting via teleconference, under the presidency of [His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon](#), in light of the current pandemic crisis, decided to postpone the celebrations for the [Fiftieth Anniversary](#) of the granting of the *Tomos* of Autocephaly, and the glorification of [St. Herman of Alaska](#) that had been previously announced.

At this point, if the situation permits, the Holy Synod looks to begin the celebration of these anniversaries in mid-November at its regular Fall Meeting. In 2021, the celebrations will continue with the Memorial Day Pilgrimage at [St. Tikhon's Monastery](#) in May 2021, and conclude at the All-American Council in July 2021 in Baltimore, MD. Details for these events will be made available in due time.

Message from His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon for the Sunday of the Myrrbearing Women

On Sunday of the Myrrbearing Women, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon [addressed an Archpastoral word](#) to the faithful of the Orthodox Church in America in [appreciation for the frontline workers](#), especially those who are members of the Orthodox Church in America.

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

This 2nd Sunday after Pascha, we Orthodox Christians keep the memory of the Myrrbearing Women who, with all piety and care, brought spices and ointments to Christ's tomb. We remember Mary Magdalene, Mary the wife of Cleopas, Joanna, Salome, Martha and Mary of Bethany, and along with these devoted women, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. All these together, in the face of a seemingly hopeless situation, courageously did what was necessary for their Lord.

In the ongoing pandemic in our society, we see similar valor, courage, and dedication among our medical and healthcare professionals, as well as among other socially-essential workers: grocery store workers, delivery drivers, factory workers, and others. Our brothers and sisters in these professions are keeping our society going, at the risk of their own health, and for this, we owe them our thanks. Like the

Myrrbearers who took care of Christ's body, our medical professionals and other essential workers are taking care of Christ's world, which as we know, is currently undergoing suffering.

And so, we give thanks for all our brothers and sisters working in the front lines. No matter where we may find ourselves, let us offer up prayers and intercessions for them, and for their safety and strength during this time.

And in offering up such prayers, may we give thanks for all that Christ has done for each of us. Let us continue forward with thanksgiving, and with hope, always bearing in mind His Resurrection!

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

Is Social Distancing a Form of Secular Asceticism? By Fr. Steven Kostoff

The phrase "social distancing," and the practice of doing it have now entered into our everyday discourse and actions, probably never to be forgotten even long after we are free from the coronavirus. All indications are pointing to its success in "flattening the curve" in our battle with this invidious virus. Clearly, it is the right thing to do. At first, to consciously practice social distancing took some focus and the readiness to cooperate with this directive for the sake of ourselves and others. Over a short time, it has perhaps become quite natural as we politely swerve out of the way of another person walking toward us on the sidewalk, or stand back the designated "six feet" when speaking with someone at our front door. (Health care workers, of course, cannot practice social distancing and can only protect themselves with the proper medical equipment). Not to practice social distancing is now seen as socially rude and careless. So, we have learned to discipline ourselves and thus play our own modest role as we, as a nation, struggle against a common enemy.

Yet, discipline - social or personal - does not come naturally to us as Americans. Discipline clashes with our notions of "freedom" and "self-autonomy." It makes us feel restricted in an uncomfortable way, as if our very "rights" are being compromised. The fresh protest movements now growing around the country demanding the loosening of the "stay at home" mandates that most states have issued, in order to get back to work and save jobs and livelihoods by rescuing the economy from stagnation, are building momentum by using historically-resonant words such as "liberate" or "liberty" or "rights." This is not the place and time to make a comment on this highly complex and emotionally-charged debate, but I am simply pointing out how mandated discipline or restrictions - no matter how helpful or how well defended by scientific data - can be resisted by an appeal to the basic right to liberty, freedom and autonomy of choice.

In a certain sense, as Americans we are being asked to practice some form of asceticism. Asceticism implies self-restraint, self-discipline/denial, limitation, and simplification of life, not for its own sake, but all for the purpose of a greater good *Con't Pg 9*