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CHRIST IS RISEN!
*Christ is Risen From The Dead, Trampling
Down Death By Death and To Those In The
Tomb's Bestowing Life!*
INDEED HE IS RISEN!

May 5, 2019

Volume IV

2nd Sunday of Pascha: St Thomas Sunday

9:20 – Paschal Canon; 9:30 – Divine Liturgy Tone 1 Liturgical Color: **White**

Epistle: Acts 5:12–20; Gospel: John 20:19–31

Breaking of the Artos / Additional Collection for our Community Outreach / Semi-Annual meeting

SERVICES, SAINTS, AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 6 – 9:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast of St. George

The opportunity for the Holy Mystery of Confession is available following every service.

Monday	Holy Glorious Great-martyr and Wonderworker George (303)	Acts 3:19-26	John 2:1-11
Tuesday	St. Alexis Toth, priest of Wilkes Barre, PA (1909)	Acts 4:1-10	John 3:16-21
* Wednesday	Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark (63)	Acts 4:13-22	John 5:17-24
Thursday	St. Stephen, bishop of Perm (1396)	Acts 4:23-31	John 5:24-30
* Friday	Hieromartyr Symeon the Kinsman of the Lord (107)	Acts 5:1-11	John 5:30-6:2
Saturday	Apostles Jason of the Seventy (1st. c.)	Acts 5:21-33	John 6:14-27

** Let us Imitate Christ and the Saints and Fast as they did!*

No Kneeling in Prayer for 50 Days – Replace “O Heavenly King” with the Paschal Tropar

May 12 – 3rd Sunday of Pascha: Sun. of the Myrrbearing Women; Joseph of Arimathea & Nicodemus

9:20 – Paschal Canon; 9:30 – Divine Liturgy Tone 2 Liturgical Color: **White**

Epistle: Acts 6:1–7; Gospel: Mark 15:43–16:8

Mother’s Day / Additional Collection for our Capital Improvement Fund / Panachida

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A Warm Welcome To Our Visitors!

Christ is risen! (*responded with: Indeed He is risen!*)

Christos Voskrese! (*Voistinu Voskrese!*)

We are happy that you have joined us today! **Please join us downstairs** for coffee and a bite to eat. It is our pleasure to have you in our presence this morning and we wish God’s Blessings to all who visit with us today and hope you stop in again soon!

If you have any questions in regards to our worship or Orthodoxy, please see Father Dave and he will gladly answer any of your questions to the best of his ability. He looks forward to meeting you!

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LOOKING AHEAD LOCALLY



Sunday, May 19 – YOUTH Sunday / Cemetery Grave Blessings following our coffee social

Wednesday, May 22 – 9:30 Divine Liturgy on the Feast of Mid Pentecost

Sunday, May 26 – Additional Collection for our Community Outreach

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PARISH BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS



(Please have submissions for this section to Father by Wednesday.)

Clergy Convocation – Fr Dave will be at Camp Nazareth from Tuesday to Friday, **May 7-10**. For hospital calls, please contact **Fr. Tom Soroka** from our sister OCA parish at **412-299-3942** or **frthomas@OrthodoxPittsburgh.org**. Please call the **camp** with any emergencies (**724-662-4840**).

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Calling All Graduates – if you will be graduating from High School, a University, or a Trade School this year, please contact Father ASAP.



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Cemetery Grave Blessings – We will bless graves this year on **Sunday, May 19th**. We will celebrate a Panachida at Church and head to the cemetery after the coffee social to bless the graves.

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Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials were offered last week by Tim Martin; Viola Peifer; Melanie Shuster; Lawrence Martin; Kathy Schrmack; Jim Potoski; Mary Jane Hudak; Joanne Nelson; Patty Watson; Rich Mirilovich; Cindy Pavilonis.

"I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." - John 8:12

Paschal Greeting

(used instead of 'hello', before 'good morning', etc.)

Christ is risen!

(responded with: Indeed He is risen!)

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Relocation Update – ALL are invited to take a drive and look at the recent property that the Relocation Committee has discussed and looked at:

**1520 Shipley Lane
Franklin Park, Pa 15143**

The 17 acres is zoned as Residential-1 and a *Place of Worship* is "contingent". The owners responded that they "would entertain an offer with a zoning contingency on it. In that case, the Church would be able to break the deal if the zoning application was denied."

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Please continue to talk with the Relocation Committee or Father with any thoughts or concerns about our next steps in our journey together. *(Committee includes: Sharon P, Larry M, Carol L, John K, John Righetti, Lynn M, Matt P, Peggy Rusnak, Rich M, Sharon D, Tim M, & Todd Tusick)*

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Family Day (June 2nd) Raffle Tickets have arrived. **We Are Looking For Someone To Handle Selling These – Please See Father ASAP If You Are Able.** This is the

only diocesan-wide fundraiser for camp and it is a significant source of income for the Camp Nazareth program and our children. Raffle tickets are \$20 each with prizes exceeding \$20,000. Support our camp: buy *(at least)* one. + + + The Family Day flyer is hanging in the church hall with details for the day!

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ORTHODOXY AROUND DA 'BURGH & OUR DIOCESE

Upcoming Orthodox Food Festivals:

- **May 5-11** – St Nicholas (419 S Dithridge St., Pittsburgh) *Greek*
- **May 11** – St Vladimir (73 S 18th St., Pittsburgh, PA 15203) *Ukrainian*

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Carpatho-Rusyn Society 25th Anniversary – Everyone is welcome to join us **Friday, May 17 & Saturday, May 18**. Some events are free while others have a cost, please see the flyer in the church hall. For reservations and information please visit www.c-rs.org or call 412-567-3077. Here are highlights for the weekend: **Friday May 17:** 6:30pm Slavjane Folk Ensemble; 7pm Concert By Harmonia Band. **Saturday May 18:** 8am **Rusin Slavonic Divine Liturgy** (At St. Michael's Orthodox Church, 146 Third Ave Rankin, Pa 15104); 9-11am **Meet And Greet With Prof. Paul Robert Magocsi**; 11am **Rusyn Bus Tour**; 11am **Wooden Churches Of The Carpatho-Rusyns**; 1pm **I Am Carpatho-Rusyn, I Lived In Five Different Countries And Never Moved**; 6pm **Awards Dinner And Dance Honoring Prof. Paul Robert Magocsi And Robert Hanich, M.D.**

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Designer Purse Bash – The 3rd Annual Purse Bash will be on **Saturday, May 18th** at St. Nicholas Church (903 Ann St., Homestead, PA 15120). Doors open at 4pm with the Buffet served at 4:30. Tickets are \$30 per person which include a full meal and 4 chances at the prizes. For more info, see the flyer in the Church Hall or contact Jessica Krchmar at 412-290-3526 or jessicakrchmar@gmail.com.

Our Stewardship Gifts To God

Stewardship/Dues:	\$ 1047
Candles/Eternal Lamp:	\$ 143
Envelopes:	\$ 3731
Pirohi Sales:	\$ 150
Community Outreach Matching:	\$ 338
Parish House Offering:	\$ 80

Total Collections: \$ 5489
Relocation Fund: \$ 1550

Give Generously: "For they gave according to their means... and beyond their means, of their own free will." 2 Cor 8:3

April Financial Report:

Donation Income = \$ 10,791.57

***Expenses = \$ 8,760.47**

Net Income = \$ 2,031.10

**details listed on the church hall bulletin board*

Average at Sunday Divine Liturgies: 50

March Financial Report Correction: Please note that the report for March was in error and that we had a **Net Income** of \$565.78.

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Coffee Social Steward Schedule

May 12: **Open / "Pot Luck"**

May 19: **Open / "Pot Luck"**

May 26: **Open / "Pot Luck"**

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P Faith Night at PNC Park – this year will not actually be at night, but an afternoon game!
Saturday, June 22nd at 4:05 (Pittsburgh Pirates vs. San Diego Padres). We will be organizing a group of tickets (and extending this offer to our Pittsburgh and Tri-State Deaneries as well.) Please contact Wendy Martellotti at martellotti11@verizon.net or 412-583-6254 to reserve your tickets. *(Please plan to pre-pay.) And Let's Go Bucs!*

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Visit Our Diocese On-Line

Diocesan Website: www.acrod.org
Camp Nazareth: www.campnazareth.org
FB: www.facebook.com/acroddioecese
Twitter: twitter.com/acrodnews
You Tube: youtube.com/acroddioecese

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Family Camp will be on **May 31 – June 2**. Here is the link to all the information. <http://campnazareth.org/summercamp/news/family-camp-2019> Registration for this event is now open.

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Archangel Icons Studio presents Icon Workshops - Iconographer Michael Kapeluck will conduct 3 workshops (**June 10-15; July 22-27; or August 12-17, 2019**) which will be an intense 6 days where the student will create an icon using acrylic/gouache techniques. Learn basic color mixing, drawing and painting techniques. Be instructed in the history and theology of the icon. Receive personal instruction and demonstration for each stage of painting. Gain a deeper understanding of the mystical art of the icon and its place in the Church. For more information, contact Michael at kapeluck@verizon.net.

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LIVES OF THE SAINTS

Source: www.orthodoxpittsburgh.com/parish-calendar/orthodox-calendar © 1996-2001 by translator Fr. S. Janos

Martyr Leonidas of Alexandria (202)

Commemorated on May 5 / April 22

He was the father of Origen, the great early Christian writer. For his constant faith in Christ, he was first deprived of all his property, then condemned to death. Origen wrote to his father in prison: "Father, do not worry about us, and do not flee from martyrdom on our account."



Church Slavonic:
Christos Voskrese!
(Voistinu Voskrese!)
If greeted in a language you are unfamiliar with, translate & respond in English (then learn the response)

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LIVING ORTHODOXY

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

My favorite day of the entire year is Pascha. Like most Orthodox Christians that I know, just mentioning Pascha puts a big goofy grin on my face.

Now, don't get me wrong. When I was a Protestant Christian, I loved Easter, too. **The joy of the Resurrection is something that all Christians share and that shapes our entire lives.** I just always wanted Easter to last longer.

It seemed to me that Easter should be more than just a sunrise service and an egg hunt on one day of the year.

Then I became Orthodox.

And I realized that the Church, in its great wisdom, had always thought that the Resurrection was more than just a one day celebration. In fact, there is an entire 40 day Paschal season focused on the joy of Christ's victory over death.

Over the past few years, my husband and I have found some simple ways that we can bring this Paschal joy into our family life—helping our children participate in this season of the Church.

7 Ways to Celebrate the Resurrection

(For More Than Just a Day!)

1. Say and Sing "Christ is Risen"

On Pascha and over the entire Paschal period (until the Feast of the Ascension 40 days later), Orthodox Christians greet each other with "Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!" Teach your children this greeting and say it frequently to one another. In our house we always end each prayer (in the mornings, at mealtimes, and in the evenings) by joyfully shouting it. **You can teach your children how to say "Christ is risen" and**



respond in various languages as a way of showing how diverse the Church is.

Families can also sing the tropar "Christ is risen" frequently. Sing it when waking the children up in the morning, after every prayer, in the car, and before bed. Fill your entire house with the joy of the Resurrection as you sing:

"Christ is risen from the dead Trampling down death by death, And to those in the tombs Bestowing life!"

To hear some beautiful versions of this hymn, check out [this site](#) or [this one](#).

2. Learn "The Angel Cried"

Another fantastic hymn to teach the children during the Paschal season is "The Angel Cried." We sing this hymn during our Evening Prayers each night for the 40 days following Pascha (and in the car and other

random times because they love it so much!), and I am always amazed at how quickly the children pick it up. Even my two-year-old was singing along after a few days.

"The angel cried to the Lady Full of Grace: Rejoice, O Pure Virgin! Again I say: Rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb. With Himself He has raised all the dead! Rejoice, all you people! Shine, Shine! O New Jerusalem! The Glory of the Lord has shone on you. Exalt now and be glad, O Zion. Be radiant, O Pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of Your Son!"

You can listen to the hymn [here](#).

3. Read the Resurrection Gospels

Read and reread the Resurrection Gospels often during the 40 day Paschal season. In the past we have read one Gospel each night during Bright Week (the week immediately after Pascha), and by the end of the week the children

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could almost quote it! **You could also read the Resurrection story in a children's Bible**, such as the beautiful Orthodox Children's Illustrated Bible. This retelling may be simpler for younger children to understand, and the pictures will capture their attention.

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK WITH:

4. **Display the Resurrection Icon**
5. **Feast with Good Food**
6. **Read Children's Books**
7. **Fill the House with Flowers**

Full Article and links found at:

http://www.orthodoxmotherhood.com/ways-celebrate-resurrection/?fbclid=IwAR0W_ALnSZ0ZzZ4vUuuuotjlcY00ZMfc2ajmsPqCK0D8BiSgyAWsmTExl-c

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STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET



The Forgotten Most Important Stewards of the Orthodox Church: Our Youth

If our youth and emerging adults do not understand and practice true Christian stewardship, we have sealed the regrettable fate of many of our churches. And yet, we have a relative dearth of resources or information available to teach true Christian stewardship to this most critical group of parishioners/stakeholders.

Holy Scripture teaches us: **“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6)**. So, what are some of the keys to training up our youth and emerging adults and what information and resources are available?

The May 1, 2019 Stewardship Calling 1st Wednesday program on Ancient Faith Radio features some of the latest research and resources to assist with this most critical need. We also explore some effective strategies and information with my special guest, Steve Christoforou, GOA Director of Y2AM (the Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries).

You can also find some helpful information, resources and presentations on this topic at www.stewardshipcalling.com under the Internet Radio Tab (<http://stewardshipcalling.com/internet-radio/>) by scrolling down to the May 1, 2019 program notes.

Thanks, and God bless.

Bill Marianes

Please talk with members of the Church Council, Fr. Dave, or leave thoughts anonymously in an envelope on the desk in the vestibule as we continue to learn and grow in stewardship together.

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SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

“Of all the afflictions that burden the human race, there is not one, whether spiritual or bodily, that cannot be healed by the Holy Scriptures.” +Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle: Acts 5:12–20

The Apostles Heal Many

¹²Now many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. ¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, ¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

The Apostles Are Persecuted

¹⁷But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy ¹⁸they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. ¹⁹But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, ²⁰“Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.”

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Greek:

Khristós Anésti!
(Alithós Anésti!)

Gospel: John 20:19–31

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

Jesus and Thomas

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger

