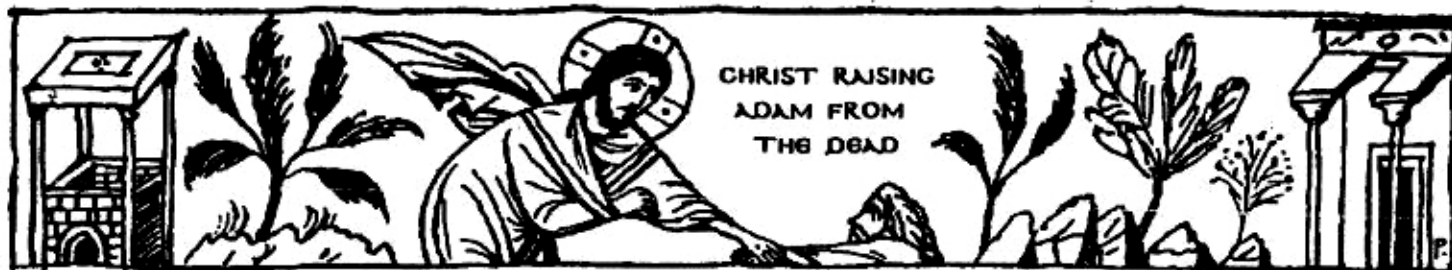


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**BULLETIN OF APRIL 22, 2012**  
**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!**



**SUNDAY/APRIL 22**

**NEW SUNDAY OR ANTI-PASCHA**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour; Church School & Teen Class  
11:45a.m. Movie: "Behind the Sun"

**MONDAY/APRIL 23**

**Great-Martyr St. George**

10:00a.m. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy  
with Bishop Michael and clergy of the  
NJ Deanery at Ss. Peter & Paul Church  
In South River  
6:30p.m. Paschal Memorial Service at  
Our parish Cemetery (Rain Date: Tuesday)

**SATURDAY/APRIL 28**

9:30a.m. Akathist; Confessions  
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

**SUNDAY/APRIL 29**

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA**

**MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour and Question & Answer Period

**THE DAY WITHOUT EVENING**

Pascha is the inauguration of a new age. It reveals the mystery of the eighth day. It is our taste, in this age, of the new and unending day of the Kingdom of God. Something of this new and unending day is conveyed to us in the length of the paschal services, in the repetition of the paschal order for all the services of bright week, and in the special paschal features retained in the services for the forty days until Ascension. Forty days are, as it were, treated as one day. Together they comprise the symbol of the new time in which the Church lives and toward which she ever draws the faithful, from one degree of glory to another.

O Christ, great and most holy Pascha,  
O Wisdom, Word and Power of God,  
grant that we may more perfectly partake of Thee  
in the never-ending day of Thy kingdom  
(Ninth Ode, Paschal Canon).

The V. Rev. Paul Lazor

### **Offerings for the week of April 22**

**Olive Oil** – in memory of Michael and Justina; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia.

**Wine** – for the health and salvation of Daniel and Maria; for the health of Edward (birthday); in memory of Joan and Sandy; for the health of Teresa; for the health of Nicholas (birthday).

**Flowers** – in memory of Mary and John and Jack; for the health of Elizabeth Dao (1<sup>st</sup> birthday).

### **Parish Synodicon – Memory Eternal!**

May 24 40<sup>th</sup> Day Helen Gregovitch  
Apr. 22, 1986 Julia Andrews  
Apr. 22, 1997 Olga Verkon  
Apr. 22, 1999 Ann Tacak  
Apr. 23, 1959 Vladimir Hnatuk  
Apr. 23, 2003 Peter Hnatuk  
Apr. 25, 1970 Vera Welenteychik  
Apr. 28, 1983 Joseph Onushak  
Apr. 28, 2001 Margaret Gustich

### **Coffee Hour Hosting**

Apr. 22 - Motoviloff, Torrisi, Kachek, Stone  
Apr. 29 - Combs, Mantzafos, Parsells and Sokol  
May 06 - Hunchar, Erkman and Turri

### **Ushers Schedule**

Apr. 22 - E. Sarchisian and L. Khuzaurashvili  
Apr. 29 - T. Gorbatuk and J. Stone  
May 06 - T. Smith and P. Bakaletz

### **Incense Fragrances In Usage**

Week of Apr. 22 “Flowers of Cyprus”  
Week of Apr. 29 “Optina”  
Week of May 06 “Skvir”

### **Memory Eternal!**

On Pascha, April 15<sup>th</sup>, Helen Gregovitch of Manville, reposed in the Lord. Our sympathy is expressed to her husband of 60 years, Frank Gregovitch. May her Memory be Eternal!

### **Easter Candy Sale**

A profit of \$429 was made. Thanks for your support.

### **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee**

Is being formed for the Parish 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2015. Please submit your name to Symeon Combs.

### **Newly-Baptized**

Sophie Avelar, daughter of Ronald and Paulina Avelar, of Bridgewater on Lazarus Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. The Lord protect and guide her in the Christian Faith!

### **The Lord Bless and Many Thanks**

To all of our faithful who helped out in various ways and means in the Great & Holy Week and Pascha. Thanks to those exercising the church ministries of singing, serving, cleaning, volunteering, ushering, and offering donations of time, service and products. Special thanks to Diaconissa Patricia and the choir. Thanks to all!

### **Bright Monday**

Was well attended with some 62 persons. Thanks to all who brought foods and were involved in the preparation and clean-up – as well as the Egg Hunt. The Lord bless!

### **Reliable Landscaper**

The Parish Cemetery and Church Grounds have been recently attended to by a part-time landscaper, who did excellent work. He is presently looking for odd jobs, speak with Father James if you can use his services.

### **Forth-Coming Calendar**

May 2/9/16 - Wednesdays – Adult Study Classes  
7-8:30p.m.  
May 6 - Sunday – Presentation on Mission Trip to Guatemala by Rebecca Oliver  
May 8 - Tuesday – Lesser Bsg of Water, 7:00p.m.  
May 17 - Thursday – Parish Council Meeting  
May 24 - Ascension Thursday  
May 27 - Sunday – Marriage of Peter Parsells and Heather Graver  
June 14 – Thursday – Lecture by Bishop Michael  
7:00p.m. in Lower Hall

### **Sunday Envelope Report**

Budget 2012		Tithe to Diocese
+ \$478	January	\$1,073
- \$1,735	February	\$837
- \$22	March	\$1,004

### **There is No Kneeling or Prostrations**

At church or home for the 50 Days until Pentecost.



AN ILLUSTRIOUS EXAMPLE BY DEED AND WORD OF A SAINT WHO UNDERSTOOD THE SPIRITUAL MEANING OF SUFFERING.

MAY HIS EXAMPLE OF BEARING HIS INFIRMITY OF 30 YEARS BE A SOURCE OF STRENGTH AND CONSOLATION FOR OTHERS IN SICKNESS.

AFFLICTIONS COME TO SAINTS AND SINNERS ALIKE. LET OUR RESPONSE BE LIKE THAT OF SAINT ANTHONY'S.

FROM THE LIFE OF ST. ANTHONY OF OPTINA (+ 1865)

In 1836, on the day of Holy Pascha (the 29th of March), exactly at midnight when Fr. Anthony was hurrying to Matins on the forest path leading to the Monastery, he hit his right foot hard against a small oak stump. In spite of the acute pain, he forced himself to stand during the whole Paschal Matins. His legs, in pain due to standing every day in church for many years, already afflicted him. Now, from this injury and his efforts to stand afterwards, open sores developed. The doctors, eager to help, did not quite understand this sickness, and his legs were irritated by various compresses which caused severe inflammation, and later scurvy developed. No remedies were able to help them. For more than half a year the sick one was unable to leave his cell. Although there was some improvement, the disease remained incurable, and throughout the next thirty years it caused painful sufferings, which Fr. Anthony endured with amazing meekness. His state of mind was expressed in a letter to one of his relatives in Moscow, who became seriously ill at the same time:

"I have been consoling myself with the hope that I might have the pleasure of visiting you soon if I feel better. Yet, God disposes in different ways than we want. In the same way that your travels are only from one room to another, likewise, my trips are only from the stove-couch to the bench. But I am not as concerned about my own sickness as about your sufferings, since I know from the teachings of the Holy Fathers that every temptation or illness is sent to us by God as a cure for our infirm soul. For if our body suffers, God forgives our past and present sins and prevents us from sinning in the future. This is why we should wholeheartedly thank the Lord God Who is so merciful to us and turns everything to our benefit and permits us to be ill. Thus, we shouldn't grumble. This is the reason why I am trying, with the help of God, to endure my illness meekly. If my legs sometimes bother me, I endure it calmly. If my medication runs out, I don't let it disturb me. If I can't sit, I lie down. If my sides grow tired from lying on them, I get up without being annoyed. If something unpleasant happens to me, I try to bear it without becoming upset, because I myself have many times caused others pain, either knowingly or in ignorance. I eat any food served to me whether I like it or not; and for everything I thank God, especially for not depriving me of reading books and offering to Him my unworthy prayers. I have never had as much time for reading soul-profitable books as I have now in my prolonged illness, and therefore I wonder—how shall I thank my God for all that He has granted me!

"This is my state of mind during my sickness, and I have not concealed it from you. I don't know how it is with you. Maybe you carry your cross with more nobility of mind than I do, which would make me happy. When you in your grief are fainthearted from lack of patience, I am not surprised since it is part of our feeble nature to despond and grow faint under the burden of misfortunes. However, faintheartedness and lack of patience do not help in the least, but arouse greater depression. Because of all this, I ask you in the name of God to be as courageous as you can. Since we ourselves cannot acquire either patience, courage, or gratefulness—since these and other blessings do not come from people but are sent down to us by the Father of Lights—we have to lift our inner eyes up to Him Who dwells in Heaven and appeal to His goodness in this way: 'O Lord, Thou knowest what is profitable for me. I hope in Thee, O Lord, and entrust myself to Thy holy will. Deal with me as Thou wishest. If Thou wilt open to me the doors of Thy mercy, I shall be cured. Yet if it shall please Thee that I should further drink the bitter herbs of Thy judgments to drive off the perniciousness of sin, may it be blessed. Not my will but Thine be done! Only grant me Thy help in my grief, and be my refuge in all the tribulations which possess me. As Thou Thyself was tempted, so quickly grant me Thy help and steadfast patience with gratefulness in all my illnesses, misfortunes, afflictions, griefs, temptations, and needs of soul and body!' This is how the Hierarch of Christ, Demetrius [of Rostov] teaches us to pray in all sorrowful circumstances. And when you, in a similar manner, submit yourself to the will of God while being sick, I believe that the grace of God will hasten to visit you and grant peace to your soul and comfort to your heart, as well as relief to your body."

This is the way Fr. Anthony taught others to be patient. The spiritual power of his counsels shows that he gave them from his own experience and that he personally set the greatest example of patience in illness.

**THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN  
SATAN AND DEATH  
IN HYMN 52  
OF ST. EPHREM THE SYRIAN (+373)**

I heard Death and Satan loudly disputing  
which was the stronger of the two amongst men.

Death has shown his power in that he conquers all men,  
Satan has shown his guile in that he makes all men sin.

*Death:* "Only those who want to, O Evil One, listen to you,  
but to me they come, whether they will or not."

*Satan:* "You just employ brute force, O Death,  
whereas I use traps and cunning snares."

*Death:* "Listen, Evil One, a cunning man can break your  
yoke,  
but there is none who can escape from mine."

*Satan:* "You, O Death, exercise your strength on the sick,  
but I am the stronger with those who are well . . ."

*Satan:* "Sheol is hated for there is no chance of remorse  
there:  
it is a pit which swallows up and suppresses every impulse."

*Death:* "Sheol is a whirlpool (*samarta*), and everyone who  
falls in it is resurrected,  
but sin is hated because it cuts off a man's hope."

*Satan:* "Although it grieves me, I allow for repentance;  
you cut off a sinner's hopes if he dies in his sins."

*Death:* "With you his hope was cut off long ago;  
if you had never made him sin, he would have made a good  
end."

*Chorus:* "Blessed is he who set the accursed slaves against  
each other  
so that we can laugh at them just as they laughed at us."

Our laughing at them now, my brethren, is a pledge  
(*rabbona*)  
that we shall again be enabled to laugh, at the resurrection.

