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**BULLETIN OF APRIL 29, 2012**  
**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

**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

**WEDNESDAY/MAY 2**

6:30p.m. Compline

7:00-8:30p.m. Adult Study Class:

*"The Significance of Christ's Decent Into Hades"*

**SATURDAY/MAY 5**

10:00a.m. Celebration of St. George Day at the  
Georgian Church in Manville

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

**SUNDAY/MAY 6**

**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA**

**THE PARALYTIC AT THE POOL**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour and Presentation on Mission

Trip to Guatemala by Rebecca Oliver



6:30p.m. Compline and Akathist to

***St. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre (May 7)***

***Tropar to the Myrrh-Bearing Women***  
***Tone 2***

The Angel came to the Myrrh-bearing women at the tomb and said:  
"Myrrh is meet for the dead; but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption!  
So proclaim: 'the Lord is Risen! Granting the world great mercy!'"

### **Offerings for the week of April 29**

**Olive Oil** – in memory of Michael and Justina; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; for the health of Kalyn (birthday); for the health of Barbara Kulick (birthday).

**Wine** – in memory of Sandy and Joan; in memory of Deacon Gregory.

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

May 24 40<sup>th</sup> Day Helen Gregovitch  
Apr. 29, 1949 Joseph Bulat  
Apr. 29, 1964 Infant Bodyl  
Apr. 29, 2008 Genevieve Tindall  
May 01, 1986 Mary Julio  
May 02, 1989 Deacon Gregory Lapchuk  
May 02, 1998 Rose Lorenick  
May 03, 1926 John Petrovich  
May 03, 1984 Olga Saffron  
May 03, 1985 Helen Kudelko  
May 04, 1973 John Holovach  
May 05, 1961 John Ivaniec  
May 05, 1970 Katherine Nebozinsky

### **Coffee Hour Hosting**

Apr. 29 - Combs, Mantzafos, Parsells and Sokol  
May 06 - Hunchar, Erkman and Turri  
May 13 - Sarchisian, Dunaenko and Hando

### **Ushers Schedule**

Apr. 29 - T. Gorbatuk and J. Stone  
May 06 - T. Smith and P. Bakaletz  
May 13 - T. Gorbatuk and J. Stone

### **Incense Fragrances In Usage**

Week of Apr. 29 "Optina"  
Week of May 06 "Skvir"  
Week of May 13 "Fern"

### **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.

### **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 Blsg of Water, 7:00p.m.  
May 17 - Thursday – Parish Council Meeting  
May 19 - Saturday – 10:00a.m. Gazebo Work Project (20 workers sought)  
May 24 - Ascension Thursday  
May 27 - Sunday 9:30 a.m. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Bishop Peter of Cleveland  
May 27 - Sunday – 2:00 p.m. Marriage of Peter Parsells & Heather Graver  
June 3 - Sunday - Pentecost  
June 3 - Sunday - 4:00p.m. Memorial at Parish Cemetery  
June 14 – Thursday – Lecture by Bishop Michael 7:00p.m. in Lower Hall

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

At church or home for the 50 Days until Pentecost.

### **Lenten Offerings**

- OCMC (Orthodox Christian Mission Center) Coin Boxes. 17 boxes were returned with the amount of \$352.00
- Special Collection for Christ the Saviour Mission in Berlin, Maryland, the amount of \$4,100.00 was sent.

The Lord bless your offerings!

### **Congratulations!**

To Timothy and Rebecca Gorbatuk, on the nativity of their daughter, Kristebella Ann on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Namesday Greetings**

St. George/Apr. 23 – George Janiashvili  
St. Alexandra/Apr. 23 – Alexandra Long and Alexandra Erkman  
St. James (Jacob)/Apr. 30 – Frank Bongiorno  
Sunday of Myrrh-bearers – Susan Gorbatuk  
Many Blessed Years!

### **"Mystagogy" – One of the Very Best Weblogs: – [www.johnsanidopoulos.com](http://www.johnsanidopoulos.com)**

Check it out for many interesting posts. The post of April 24<sup>th</sup>, has a 14 minute video, *The Holy Sepulcher, a 3D Journey Back in Time.*

THE CHURCH AS COMMUNITY

+ THE NET OF THE FAITH

**T**he kingdom of heaven is said to be like a net let down into the sea. This net gathers all kinds of fish, and when it is full it is brought to shore where the good fish are sorted into baskets and the bad ones thrown away.

It is our holy church that is compared to a net. The church has been entrusted to fishermen, and draws all people out of the turbulent waters of the present age to the eternal kingdom lest we drown in the depths of endless death. It gathers all kinds of fish because it calls to the forgiveness of sins the wise and foolish, free and slave, rich and poor, strong and weak. The psalmist says to God, *Every human being will come to you!* This net will be completely filled when it enfolds the entire human race at the end of time.

The fishermen bring it in and sit down on the shore. Just as the sea signifies this present age, so the shore signifies its end. At the end of this present age, the good fish are to be sorted into baskets and the bad thrown away. Then all God's chosen will be received into their eternal dwelling, and the rejected will be led away into outer darkness since they have extinguished the light of the kingdom within them.

At the present time the net of the faith holds all of us, good and bad alike. We are mingled, like the different kinds of fish. On the shore is revealed to the church what she has been drawing in. The fish, when they have been caught, are unable to change; but we who are wicked can become good. Let us bear this in mind while we are still in the process of being caught, lest we be thrown aside on the shore!

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Twice in the gospel we read that the Lord told his disciples to let down their nets while they were fishing, once before his passion, and once after his resurrection. Before our Redeemer suffered and rose, he ordered them to let down their net, but did not say whether they were to cast it on the right side of the boat or on the left. When he appeared to his disciples after his resurrection, he ordered them to let down their net on the right side. In the earlier catch they took so many fish that their net was torn, but in the later, even though they took an enormous number of fish, the net was not broken.

You know that at the judgment the good are to be placed at the Lord's right side and the wicked at his left, and from this we infer the significance of right and left in Scripture. The first catch of fish, in which no directions were given regarding where the net should be cast, represents the church in this present age. The church encompasses both the good and the bad, and cannot pick and choose because she is ignorant of those she has to choose from. The later catch, however, coming after the Lord's resurrection, takes place only on the right side of the boat, because the gathering of the chosen at the end of time, when they behold God's glory, knows nothing of the deeds represented by the left side of the boat.

In the first catch, the net was broken because of the huge number of fish it took in. In the present age the ranks of the unjust coexist side by side with the virtuous in professing the faith, and in the process the church is torn apart with their heresies. In the later catch many large fish are caught, but the net remains unbroken. The church of the chosen continues in the uninterrupted peace of its Creator, with no dissensions to tear her apart.



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## THE TESTIMONY THAT CHRIST ROSE FROM THE DEAD

*From Mystagogy: johnsanidopoulos.com*

It may come as a surprise that one of the most reliable testified events in the ancient world is the resurrection of Christ, recorded in writing within a generation after the event (see 1 Corinthians 15) and fully testified within two generations while the majority of the witnesses were still alive. To understand how rare this is in the ancient world, one need only look at such a historical figure as Alexander the Great, whose earliest biography was not written until about 400 years after his death, after the earliest written testimony for Jesus.

### Twelve Resurrection Appearances in the New Testament

There are twelve indisputable resurrection appearances recorded in the New Testament which spanned a time period of forty days following the event of the resurrection. They are to the following people:

- ❖ Mary Magdalene (Mk. 16:9-11; Jn. 20:11-18)
- ❖ The Myrrh-bearing women (Mt. 28:9-10)
- ❖ Two disciples on way to Emmaus (Mk. 16:12-13; Lk. 24:13-32)
- ❖ Peter (Lk. 24:34; 1 Cor. 15:4)
- ❖ Ten disciples (Lk. 24:36-43; Jn. 20:19-25)
- ❖ Eleven disciples (Mk. 16:14; Jn. 26-29)
- ❖ Seven disciples (Jn. 21: 1-23)
- ❖ Eleven disciples on the mountain (Mt. 28:16-20)
- ❖ Over five hundred disciples (1 Cor. 15:6)
- ❖ James, the brother of our Lord (1 Cor. 15:7)
- ❖ Disciples in Bethany at Ascension (Lk. 24:50-53; Acts. 1:2-12)
- ❖ Paul (1 Cor. 15:8)



We should mention that Acts 1:3 records that the Lord appeared many times over a forty day period following His resurrection from the dead, so the appearances are not limited to only twelve.

### How many saw the resurrected Christ?

Over a period of forty days Christ rarely appeared to only one individual disciple. Usually many were present, and He gave ample evidence that His resurrection was in His physical body (they touched His wounds and saw Him eat). From the testimony in the New Testament, we know that well over five hundred people saw the risen Jesus, usually in groups, and there are no contradictions in the accounts nor recorded disputes about these appearances by those who saw Him.

### When did they see the resurrected Christ?

Interestingly, all the resurrection appearances occurred either during the day, afternoon or towards evening. Never is a resurrection appearance recorded at night, lest it be confused with a dream.

### Where was the risen Christ seen?

The risen Christ appeared in many different areas, both indoors and outdoors. He was seen:

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| ❖ Near His tomb            | ❖ Inside a home | ❖ Outdoors |
| ❖ On a well travelled road | ❖ A mountain    | ❖ Judea    |
| ❖ The seashore             | ❖ A city        | ❖ Galilee  |

### How did they see the risen Jesus?

The appearances of Christ were not passing visions, but they lasted over many hours to people of different backgrounds and occupations, where He would eat with those He appeared to and have conversations with them. None of them had previously believed that He would rise from dead, so initially the appearances confirmed the event and clarified teachings they may not have understood.

- ❖ The Apostle John writes in 1 Jn 1:1-4 that they heard, they saw, and they handled the risen Christ.
  - ❖ The Apostle Peter says in Acts 10:41 that they ate and drank with the risen Christ.
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