

## **SAINTS PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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### **BULLETIN OF MAY 19, 2013**

#### **3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA/MAY 19**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour; Church School & Teen Class

#### **MONDAY/MAY 20**

7:00p.m. Vespers  
**Ss. Constantine & Helen(May 21)**

#### **TUESDAY/MAY 21**

7:00p.m. Movie: "Suing Satan"

#### **SATURDAY/MAY 25**

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

#### **4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA/MAY 26**

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

#### **TUESDAY/MAY 28**

7:00p.m. Vespers  
7:45p.m. Lesser Blessing of Waters

#### **WEDNESDAY/MAY 29**

**Mid-Pentecost Feast**  
9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
7:00-8:30p.m. Adult Study Class

#### **SATURDAY/JUNE 1**

5:30p.m. Vespers

#### **5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA/JUNE 2**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour

·THE MYRRHBEARERS·



**CHRIST IS RISEN!**

**ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΒΟСКРЕСЕ**

**ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΙ**

**CHRISTOS Ε ΗΥΙΑΤ!**



### **Offerings Week of May 19**

**Olive Oil** – in memory of Michael, Justina, and Rosalia; for the health of Constantine (namesday); for the health of Michael (birthday); for the health, protection and salvation of Vera and John.

**Wine** - in thanksgiving to God and for protection during travel; in memory of Joan and Sandy.

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

May 19, 1939 Gregory Halkovich  
May 21, 1985 Julia Grigorieff  
May 22, 1939 Ephraim Demianov  
May 22, 1951 Joseph Fenuck  
May 23, 1925 John Korolovich  
May 23, 1954 Wasyl Mlientz  
May 23, 1962 Thomas Cimpko  
May 24, 1941 Semeon Kozak



### **Coffee Hour Hosting**

May 19 Kita, Nevitt & Keller  
May 26 Inga, Eka, Marina & Nona  
June 2 Combs, Mantzafos, Parsells & Sokol

### **Ushers Schedule**

May 19 D. Fedechko & C. Dunaenko  
May 26 E. Sarchisian, N. Popa & L. Khuzaurashvili  
June 2 T. Smith, P. Bakaletz & A. Moldoveanu

### **Altar Servers Schedule**

**Alpha:** Nicholas T. George J., Nicholas M., Matthew P. Andre & Mattei M.  
**Beta:** Zachary S. George J. Nicholas M. Matthew P., Antoni & Alexandru C.  
**Alpha:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays.  
**Beta:** 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.  
**Alpha & Beta:** June 16 & June 23

### **Namesday Greetings!**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pascha/May 19: Susan Gorbatuk;  
St. Constantine/May 21: Constantine Gorbatuk;  
St. Helen/May 21: Helen Lapchuk

### **Open Church Doors Ministry – The Months of May and June**

In the months of May and June (for most Sundays), we will again have the “Open Door Ministry.” Between the hours of 12:00p.m. and 2:00p.m., we keep (weather permitting) the doors

of the church open, so those passing by, people who wish to pray, and those led in by the Lord, may benefit and receive the blessing of our Lord.

On these Sundays, we seek 2 people each week simply to be at the church any greet anyone entering. It is also a great opportunity for those greeting to spend time in prayer, reflection and spiritual reading. A sign-up sheet is on the vestibule stand.

### **Archpastoral Visit of Bishop Michael to our Parish – June 15 and 16**

On this, “Father’s Day” weekend, our Spiritual Father, Bishop Michael will be with us. Please plan your calendar accordingly. We will also recognize “graduates” on this Sunday and a light festal meal will follow in the Parish Center.

### **Graduates of the Year 2013**

Please let Father James know the names of those who are graduating this year from high school, college, special schools; graduate school, etc. Thanks.

**May Film Presentation: May 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00p.m.**  
“Suing the Devil,” this 97 minute film is the story of a certain salesman, turned night law student who decides to sue Satan for 8 trillion dollars. The “Trial of the Century” takes place and Satan defends himself. Recommended for ages 12 and up, the film offers hope and inspiration, especially as we all face the storms of life. Highest Rating by the “Dove Family Approved” rating. Bring a friend!

### **Photos of Bright Monday Celebration**

Are posted on the parish website.

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### **Witnessing to the Risen Lord**

And the apostles gave witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power.



And great grace was on them all. Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly...

(Act 4:33; 6:7)

## A HARMONIZATION OF THE GOSPEL ACCOUNTS OF THE VISITS OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS TO THE TOMB

By St. Theophan the Recluse (+1894)

After examining all the accounts of the movements, visions and testimonies of the Myrrh-bearing women, the following conclusions present themselves:

- 1) The Myrrh-bearers did not go all together to the tomb, but in separate groups and at different times. The first visit was of Mary Magdalene (Gospel of St. John); the second visit was of Joanna with other women (Gospel of St. Luke); the third visit was of Mary, the mother of James and Salome (Gospels of Ss. Matthew and Mark). All of this is evident and clearly apparent from the details of the Gospel accounts.
- 2) The time sequence of the holy women's visits to the tomb unfolds itself as follows: Mary Magdalene, while it was still dark; Joanna, with the others, very early in the morning; Mary the mother of James and Salome, when the sun was rising. This is thus a series of non-simultaneous events. And all these events embrace a time span of several hours – from the dark before the dawn to the rising of the sun.
- 3) **First Visit:** Mary Magdalene alone goes to the tomb while it was yet dark. She saw the stone rolled away, her first thought is, "They have taken the Lord away." She runs to tell the Apostles Peter and John, who set out for the tomb.

**Second Visit:** While the Apostles Peter and John are on their way to the tomb, Joanna and the other women arrive at the open tomb. Angels explain to them the mystery of the absence of the Lord's body. They leave and go tell the Apostles. Meanwhile, Apostles Peter and John with Mary Magdalene reach the tomb without having met Joanna and her companions. After the Apostles leave, Mary Magdalene remains at the tomb and is blessed with an appearance of the Lord. She then sets out again to the Apostles.

**Third Visit:** After Mary Magdalene's departure, Mary the mother of James and Salome comes to the tomb, with companions. An angel reassures them that the Lord is risen. They enter the tomb and another angel repeats what the first had told them. The angel tells them to go and tell the Apostles everything related to them. As they were running, the Lord Himself appears to them.

In the meantime, the following events took place among the Apostles: After Peter and John returned from the tomb, Joanna with some other women came and told them what they had experienced at the tomb. Mary Magdalene came back from her second visit to the tomb and related her joy. Finally, Mary the mother of James and Salome arrived and confirmed what the others had seen. By now, all the Myrrh-bearing women had gathered with their glad tidings: Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome, Joanna and the others whose names are not mentioned.

Yet to the Apostles, "their words seem to them as idle talk and they believed them not" (Luke 24:11). Apostle Peter again goes to the tomb, seeking for some decisive evidence. He found none. Most probably he was very dejected spiritually. Was it not, then, at this moment, that the Lord appeared to him, to comfort and pacify his heart? Any vision must have taken place between this time and the return of Luke and Cleopas from Emmaus. Because, when they came back to the other Apostles, they were met with the joyful tidings: "The Lord is risen, indeed! He has appeared to Simon (Peter)" (Luke 24:34).

In this way, all the accounts of the Gospel turn out to be in full harmony with one another and all the individual events and details find a proper place.



NOW UPON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK, VERY EARLY IN THE MORNING, THEY CAME UNTO THE SEPULCHRE, BRINGING THE SPICES WHICH THEY HAD PREPARED, AND CERTAIN OTHERS WITH THEM.



## THE MINISTER AND THE TAXI DRIVER

A minister has just died and is standing in line waiting to be judged and admitted to Heaven. While waiting he asks the man in front of him about himself. The man says, "I am a taxi driver from New York City."



The angel standing at the gate calls out next, and the taxi driver steps up. The angel hands him a golden staff and a cornucopia of fruits, cheeses, and wine and lets him pass. The taxi driver is quite pleased, and proceeds through the gates.

Next, the minister steps up to the angel who hands him a wooden staff and some bread and water.

The minister is very concerned and asks the angel, "That guy is a taxi driver and gets a golden staff and a cornucopia! I spend my entire life as a minister and get nothing! How can that be?"

The angel replies, "Up here we judge on results – all of your people sleep through your sermons – in his taxi, they pray."

*From Belief Net.*



## ABOUT THE TESTIMONY OF RELIABLE WITNESSES

*A Homily By St. Nikolai Velimirovich*

**"But we have been eyewitnesses of His mighty glory"**

**– 2 Peter 1:16**

When the apostles speak about the glorious resurrection of the Lord, they speak in plurality. For each one of them gives his testimony and the testimony of other companions. Thus, the Apostle Peter writes: "We do not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty" (2 Peter 1:16).

Nathaniel did not want to believe only by hearing. That is why the Apostle Philip invited Nathaniel to "Come and see!" (St. John 1:46). Nathaniel came, saw and believed. So it was with the other apostles, until they approached Christ, until they heard, and until they saw, they did not want to believe. Cleverly devised myths did not attract the apostles. Their common sense sought visual facts and not myths.

O my brethren, our Faith is well established and proved. The trail of God is well blazoned in the world. No one has need to doubt. Christ's resurrection is well witnessed. No one need to despair. Doubt and despair are two worms that are born of sin. He who does not sin, clearly sees the blazoned trail of God in the world and clearly recognizes the resurrection of Christ.

O resurrected Lord, strengthen us by the power of Thy Holy Spirit so that we sin no more and that we do not become blinded to Thy trail in the world and to Thy glorious resurrection. To Thee be glory and thanks always. Amen.

## An Easter Greeting

The lark at sunrise trills it high -  
The greeting Christ is Risen!

And through the wood the blackbird pipes  
The greeting Christ is Risen!

Beneath the eaves the swallows cry  
The greeting Christ is Risen!

Throughout the world man's heart proclaims  
The greeting Christ is Risen!

An echo answers from the graves  
In truth, yes, He is Risen!

by **A. Maikov**

Illustration by **Momir Nestorovic**





# Building Bridges

*a tale from long ago*

Once upon a time two brothers who lived on adjoining farms began to quarrel. It was the first time in 40 years that it became so serious. They would always work side by side. They shared machineries. They traded labor and goods as needed without a hitch.

Then it all fell apart. It began with a small misunderstanding and it grew into a major difference. Finally it exploded into an exchange of bitter words. After that there was only silence.

One morning there was a knock on John's door. He opened it to find a man with a carpenter's toolbox. "I'm looking for a couple of days work" he said. "Perhaps you would have a few small jobs here and there that I could help with?"

"Yes," said John, the older brother. "I do have a job for you. Look across the creek at that farm. That's my neighbor, in fact, it's my younger brother, Mark. Last week there was a meadow between us. But he took his bulldozer to the river levee and now there is a creek between us. Well, he may have done this to spite me, but I'll go him one better. See that pile of lumber by the barn? I want you to build me a fence -- an 8 foot fence -- so I won't need to see his place or face anymore."

The carpenter said, "I think I understand the situation. Show me the nails and the post hole digger and I'll be able to do a job that pleases you."

The older brother had to go to town, so he helped the carpenter get the materials ready and then he was off for the day. The carpenter worked hard all that day measuring, sawing, nailing.

About sunset when the farmer returned, the carpenter had just finished his job. The farmer's eyes opened wide, his jaw dropped. There was no fence there at all. It was a bridge -- a bridge stretching from one side of the creek to the other! It was a fine piece of work, handrails and all. And the neighbor, his younger brother, was coming across, with his hand outstretched.

"You are quite a brother to build this bridge after all I've said and done."

The two brothers stood at each end of the bridge, and then they met in the middle, taking each other's hand. They turned to see the carpenter

hoist his toolbox on his shoulder.

"No, wait! Stay a few days. I've a lot of other projects for you," said the older brother.

"I'd love to stay on," the carpenter said, "but, I have many more bridges to build."

