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BULLETIN OF MAY 5, 2019 ***CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!***

NEW SUNDAY/MAY 5

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

MONDAY/MAY 6

“Radonitsa – Day of Joy” (May 7)

6:30p.m. Paschal Memorial at cemetery
(Rain date: Tues, 6:30p.m.)

TUESDAY/MAY 7

St. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre

8:00a.m. Akathist to St. Alexis

WEDNESDAY/MAY 8

7:00p.m. Vespers

THURSDAY/MAY 9

**Translation of Relics of
St. Nicholas to Bari, Italy**

8:00a.m. Divine Liturgy

FRIDAY/MAY 10

7:00p.m. Compline & Akathist to
Risen Jesus; Confessions

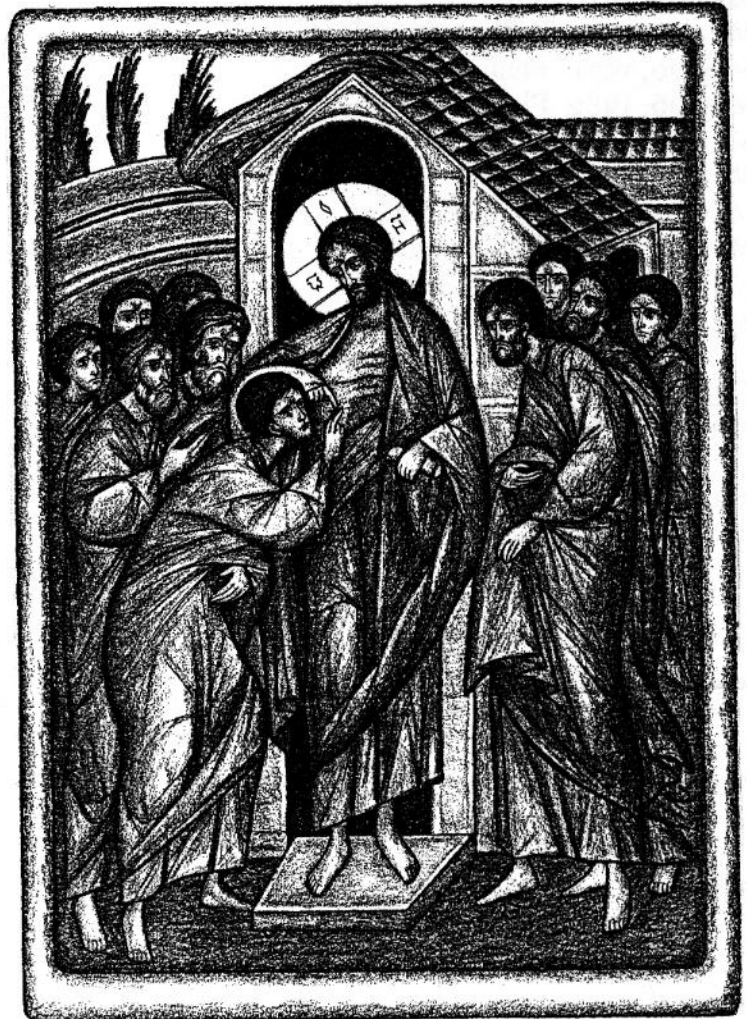
SATURDAY/MAY 11

5:00p.m. Vespers at Mother of God
Church in Princeton

SUNDAY/MAY 12

3rd Sunday of Pascha

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



Offerings Week of May 5

Relics candle: in memory of Ivanna; in memory of Michael, Justina, Rosalie, Anastasia, and Ivanna; in memory of Nicholas, Eleanore, Jerome, John, & Ann Marie.

Olive Oil: in memory of Sarchisian and Bocai families; health of Richard (birthday); for the health of Stephanie (birthday)

Wine: for safe travel; for the health of Zachary.

Flowers: in honor of the Theotokos, our great protectress.

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

May 05, 1961 John Ivaniec
May 05, 1970 Katherine Nebozinsky
May 05, 2012 William Neudachin
May 06, 1971 Basil Pawlik
May 06, 1982 Philip Recetz
May 08, 1917 Demetrius Polegonsky
May 09, 1972 Pauline Lasin
May 10, 1984 Ignatius Chwat
May 11, 1962 Olga Kluchink
May 12, 1999 Peter Grenther
May 12, 1990 John Yalsh

Coffee Hour Schedule

May 12 Peterson, Bakaletz, Mattei, Stone
& Erkman
May 19 Kita, Nevitt, Keller, Turri, Torrisi
& Kachek

Counters Schedule

May 12 Ciprian C. & Jill P.
May 19 Irina S. & Lisa K.

Ushers Schedule

May 12 Jerome S. & Adrian M.
May 19 Dennis F. & Robert E.

Names Day Greetings

St. Irene/May 5: Irina Staina
St. Emilia/May 8: Emilia Fedechko
Many Blessed Years!

Reader's Schedule

May 12 Zachary S. / May 19 Ciprian C.

Cemetery Grave Price Increase

Parishioners may still purchase a grave at the cost of \$1,200. On June 1st, the price becomes \$1,500.

Check On-Line Calendar on website

May 06/Mon. 6:30p.m. Paschal Memorial at cemetery (Rain date: Tues. 6:30p.m.)
May 12/Sun. Church School
May 16/Thurs. Parish Council Meeting 7:00p.m.
May 19/Sun. Church School & Teen Class
May 23/Thurs. Study Class – 7-8:30p.m.
May 24-27/ Fri. – Mon. 115th Memorial Day Pilgrimage to Monastery of St. Tikhon
May 25/Sat. Entrance into Church of Timothy Z. & Daniel D. 11:00a.m.
June 01/Sat. 10:00a.m. Workshop for Parish Council Members at Ss. Peter & Paul, So. River
June 1&2/Sat. & Sun. Archbishop Michael Visitation to our parish

50th Anniversary of Autocephaly of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA) and 225th Anniversary of Orthodox Mission to North America – Symposium May 11 & 12 Opening Symposium May 11-12

The Church of the Mother of God in Rocky Hill will host this event. It is free and open to all (except the banquet). Spend the whole day or part of the day.

Saturday- May 11

10:00a.m. Akathist to All Saints of North America
11:00a.m. Welcome by Archbishop Michael & Address by Fr. Chad Hatfield (St. Vladimir's Seminary)
12:30p.m. Lunch
2:00p.m. Address by Metropolitan Tikhon
3:00p.m. Response by Jim Winkler
3:30p.m. Q. & A. Period
5:00p.m. Vespers
6:00p.m. Reception
(No Sat. Evening service in Manville, go to Rocky Hill, Mother of God Church for Vespers)
Sunday – May 12
9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy with Metropolitan Tikhon & Archbishop Michael
1:30p.m. Banquet at Nassau Inn in Princeton

A Very Sincere Thank You for All Your Good Works and Ministries!

In the most important and busy days of the Great and Holy Week, there were many tasks, great and small that needed to be accomplished. All these necessities were taken care of in very good order.

Sincere appreciation to all – Protodeacon Paul, the altar servers, Diaconissa Patricia and the choir, the ushers, the bakers, those that kept vigil watch, all those brought eggs for distribution; foods for our gathering, those that helped in arranging and re-arranging the Tomb, Katherine for her diligence at the vestibule stand; the counters in the hall; those that set-up the hall and the later clean-ups and Lisa for coordinating the Bright Monday Luncheon, and all of you who gave your time, talent and treasure. It was wonderful that everything went smoothly. The Lord bless and again, many thanks!

"That I might know Him and the power of His Resurrection." (St. Paul – Phil. 3:10)

By the Resurrection of Christ we no longer belong to ourselves but to Christ. This is not a matter of some legal contract or moral ideal; it is a mysterious and spiritual reality that encompasses our whole being: body, mind, soul and spirit. In the power of the Resurrection the whole of humanity is snatched from death and given back to God the Father. In reality, on the level of our personal and responsible participation, this mystery becomes "ours" by faith: and by the primary operative sign of that faith: our baptism and unction by the Holy Spirit.

We are thus given a new being, a new ontological existence which comes from God. Our deified being in Christ is not an ideology but a reality. The Resurrection concerns above all the divine meaning and destiny of human life.

- Patriarch Ignatius IV of Antioch

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. Amen.



THE TESTIMONY THAT CHRIST ROSE FROM THE DEAD

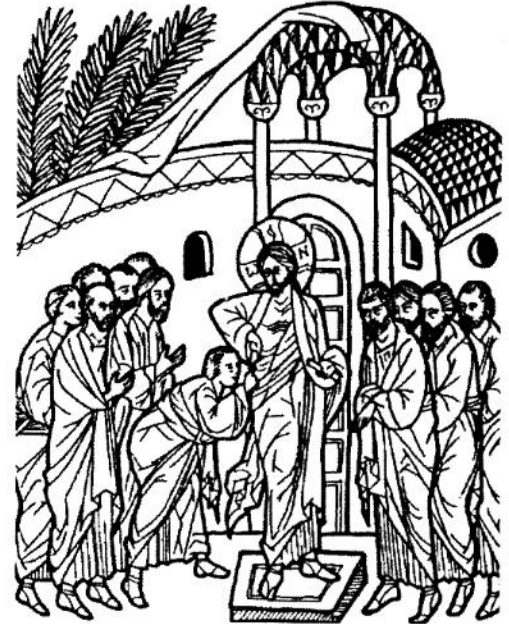
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It may come as a surprise that one of the most reliable testified events in the ancient world is the resurrection of Christ, recorded in writing within a generation after the event (see 1 Corinthians 15) and fully testified within two generations while 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.