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Sunday May 19, 2019 4th SUNDAY OF PASCHA –
Tone 3. Paralytic. Hieromartyr Patrick, Bishop of Prussa,
and his companions: Presbyters Acacius, Menander, and
Polyenus (2nd-3rd c.). Ven. Cornelius, Abbot of Komel'
(Vologdá – 1537). Ven. Cornelius, Abbot of Palestrov
(15th c.). Rt. Blv. John, Prince of Uglich, tonsured as
Ignatius (Vologdá – 1523). Ven. Sergius of Shukhtomsk

This Week Schedule

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Wednesday 5/22 Little Angels 9:30 a.m.

Thursday 5/23 Study Group 10:00 a.m.

Saturday 5/25 Great Vespers 5: 00 p.m.

Sunday 5/26 Hours 8:40 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

followed by Coffee Hour

Reader Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>3RD HOUR</u>	<u>6TH HOUR</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
May-19	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
May-26	SOUDER	SULPIZI	CAREY
Jun-2	LEWIS	SOUDER	LEWIS
Jun-6	ASCENSION		
Jun-9	SULPIZI	PECK	PECK

Hymns and Prayers

Priest: "Blessed is the Kingdom ... "

Choir: "Amen."

Priest: "Christ is risen from the dead ..." (2 ½ times)

Choir: "and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!"

(The Divine Liturgy is begun in this manner until the Leavetaking of Pascha.)

Tone 3 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let the heavens rejoice!

Let the earth be glad!

For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.

He has trampled down death by death.

He has become the first born of the dead.

He has delivered us from the depths of hell,

and has granted to the world//

great mercy.

Tone 3 Kontakion *(from the Pentecostarion)*

By Your divine intercession, O Lord,

as You raised up the Paralytic of old,

so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts;

so that being saved I may sing to You://

"Glory to Your power, O compassionate Christ!"

Tone 8 Kontakion *(Pascha)*

You descended into the tomb, O Immortal,

You destroyed the power of death.

In victory You arose, O Christ God,

proclaiming: "Rejoice!" to the Myrrhbearing Women,//

granting peace to Your Apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the

fallen.

Tone 1 Prokeimenon

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You!

(Ps 32/33:22)

v: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps 32/33:1)

Epistle Acts 9:32-43

Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda.

There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed.

And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately.

So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did.

But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room.

And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them.

Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them.

But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up.

Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive.

And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

Tone 5

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation. (Ps 88/89:1)

v: For You have said: "Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be prepared in the heavens." (Ps 88/89:2)

Gospel John 5:1-15

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches.

In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water.

For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.

Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"

The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me."

Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk."

And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath.

The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed."

He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'"

Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?"

But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place.

Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you."

The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

(Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:)

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, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem!

The glory of the Lord has shone on you.

Exult now, and be glad, O Zion!
Be radiant, O pure Theotokos,
in the Resurrection of your Son!

Communion Hymns

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the Fountain of immortality!
Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest: "In the fear of God ... "

Choir: "Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord ... "

Priest: "O Lord, save Your people ... "

Choir: "Christ is risen from the dead ... " (sung once, instead of "We have seen the True Light ...)

Priest: "Always, now and ever ... "

Choir: "Let our mouths be filled ... "

(At the Dismissal, the Priest says: "Glory to You, O Christ....," and the choir sings "Christ is risen from the dead...." (thrice).

And unto us He has given eternal life.
Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day.

This Week's Announcement

Memory Eternal! Last Sunday our brother in Christ, Peter Melnik, fell asleep in the Lord. Funeral service was held at St. Michael's yesterday. Burial services will be Monday at St. Mary Orthodox Church in Chambersburg, PA at 11:00 a.m. May the servant of God Peter find blessed repose with all the saints. Memory Eternal!

Blessed Moving to the Souders! We want to offer Cathy and Kevin Souder our love and prayers as they make their move to Florida this week. We will certainly miss them! We want to wish them health and happiness in their new home and we hope to see them soon. May God grant them many blessed Years!

Vacation Church School Meeting We will have a Vacation Church School Meeting today during coffee hour. We are asking all parents who are interested in having VCS to attend and share in this work.

Council Meeting Our parish council will meet on Thursday, June 6th at 7:00 p.m. Please see Jeff Kendall if you are unable to attend.

Study Group Our Study group will continue this Thursday May 23rd at 10 am. We will continue with the Gospel of St. Matthew chapter 6. All are welcome to join us. Please note our study group will not meet May 30th.

Grave Blessings Fr. Barnabas is available for the traditional grave blessings during the Paschal season. Anyone who would like to have the graves of their loved ones blessed please see Fr. Barnabas.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism Please join us on Sunday, May 26th at 8:00 am for the baptism of baby Rae Dawit Gabriel, daughter of Bisrat Gabriel. May God bless and keep her and her family as we welcome her into the Church!

A Public Saint and a Private Saint

Gregory of Nyssa was a saint who probably preferred solitary thought, study and prayer to public preaching and lecturing. Yet he was called to both public and private activity in his life.

Born in 335 in Caesarea, Cappadocia, Gregory was one member of a family that produced an extraordinary number of saints. He grew up thinking, hearing and speaking about theology and was profoundly influenced by his older brother Basil, known to us as Basil the Great, and by their friend Gregory of Nazianzus.

With his solid theological background, Gregory was ready as an adult to write about deep and complex Church teachings in ways that people could understand. This became especially important when the doctrine of the Trinity was questioned and argued about. Gregory explained that God is One in three undivided Persons who always work together. Part of what he said has been expressed in this way: "Every operation which extends from God to the Creation...has its origin from the Father, and proceeds through the Son, and is perfected in the Holy Spirit." He also said, "Whatever comes to pass does so by the action of the Three. But what comes to pass is one thing, not three things."

In addition to defending and explaining the faith in public, Gregory was, despite his reluctance, appointed Bishop of Nyssa by his brother Basil in the year 372. Basil knew his younger sibling was not altogether suited to such a public administrative role, but he needed someone he could depend on.

As a bishop, Gregory had to deal with the false teachings of the Arians, who constantly challenged him. Seeking to damage his reputation, they accused him of financial mismanagement and got him removed from his episcopal see, and even banished for a time. Though the false charges were dropped, the experience of such publicly-expressed hostility was hurtful and embarrassing.

He was able to come back to his diocese a few years later, and because the necessity was so great, he continued to defend the faith against the Arians in public. He attended the Ecumenical Council of Constantinople in 381, and preached on special occasions. But he turned down the opportunity to become bishop of the important area of Sebaste.

Gregory needed his private time to produce his great theological works. In addition to his writings on the Trinity, he completed Basil's sermons on the six days of creation (unfinished at Basil's death in 379) and gave the world a thorough outline of theology, the "Address on Religious Instruction." There were many other works as well, including mystical writings like the "Life of Moses" which compares the Hebrews' wilderness journey to Mount Sinai to the human soul's journey through this difficult life to a vision of God.

Kontakion - Tone 1 St. Gregory

*You kept watch with the eyes of your soul, holy bishop,
revealing yourself as a watchful pastor for the world.*

*With the staff of your wisdom and your fervent intercession,
you drove away all heretics like wolves.*

You preserved your flock free from harm, most wise Gregory!

This weekly bulletin insert complements the curriculum published by the Department of Christian Education of the Orthodox Church in America. This and many other Christian Education resources are available at <http://dce.oca.org>.

Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

"...Now since you are celebrating the holy Pascha, you should know, brethren, what the Pascha is. Pascha means the crossing-over, and so the Festival is called by this name. For it was on this day that the Children of Israel crossed over out of Egypt, and the Son of God crossed over from this world to His Father. What gain is it to celebrate unless you imitate Him Whom you worship; that is, unless you cross over from Egypt, that is, from the darkness of evildoing to the light of virtue, from the love of this world to the love of your heavenly home?

+St. Ambrose of Milan, 339-397 AD

Prayers for the Departed: Mat Julia Petranin Peter Melnik, Michael Sinovich, Marie Karawulan, Virginia Sekerak Marie Holowatch,

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Fr. Deacon James Carpenter, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Lemlem Resat, Olga Riley, Barbara Hicks, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Maria & Doug Dozier, Mona Elia, Mary Anne Farrell, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Lubov Baldychev, Stephanie Hojnicky, Laura Cristina Najemy, Harry Kutch, Dimitrios Jim Petrides, Albert Shock, David Rex

Prayers for Catechumen: Sue D’Orazio

Prayers for Women and the Child to be born: Ruth Kendall

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
19-May	Riley/Souder	Bunitsky/Morjana	Clause/Whalen	Skomorucha
26-May	Pacienza/George/ Grishin	Riley/Riley	Skomorucha/Lewis Kiflemarian	Maloney
2-Jun	J. Peck/Weins	Sulpizi/Finck	S. Peck	Gundersen
9-Jun	Hojnicki/Flynn/Roberts	Hojnicki/ Souder	Carey	Farrell
16-Jun	Gerissimakis/Bunitsky	Telep/Baldychev	Hines	Skomorucha

Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind

The Ascension of our Lord June 6th

Holy Pentecost June 16th

Ss. Peter and Paul Fast June 24th-29th