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***Sunday May 23, 2021 4th SUNDAY OF PASCHA –
Tone 3. Paralytic. St. Michael the Confessor, Bishop of
Synnada (831). Synaxis of the Saints of Rostov – Yaroslavl’.
Ven. Euphrosynē, Abbess of Polótsk (1173). Ven. Páisii,
Abbot of Galich (1460). Martyr Michael “the Black-robed”
of St. Savva Monastery (9th c.).***

This Week’s Schedule

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Thursday 5/27 Study Group 10:00 a.m.

Saturday 5/29 Great Vespers 5: 00 p.m.

Sunday 5/30 5th Sunday of Pascha Hours 8:40 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Followed by Coffee Hour

Please Note Services will also stream Online

Reader Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>3RD HOUR</u>	<u>6th Hour</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
May-23	SKOMORUCHA	VOJACSEK	CAREY
May-30	LEWIS	DORAZIO	LEWIS
Jun-6	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
Jun-10		HOLY ASCENSION	
Jun-13	DORAZIO	PECK	PECK

Hymns and Prayers

Priest: "Blessed is the Kingdom..."

Choir: "Amen."

Priest: "Christ is risen... " (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 *(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 *(Pentecostarion)*

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

(Ps. 32:22)

V. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps. 32:1)

Epistle Acts 9:32-42

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. 88:1-2)

V. For You have said: Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be prepared in the heavens. (Ps. 88:3)

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 Hymn

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 God, 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...

This Week's Announcement

Moliben of Thanksgiving Following Divine Liturgy this morning we will offer the Moliben of Thanksgiving for answered prayers. His Eminence Archbishop MARK has encouraged every parish and parishioner to offer thanksgiving prayers saying, "*Let us give thanks to the Lord that He has heard the voice of His people and stretched forth His healing hand!*"

Coffee Hour We will continue moving forward with our coffee hour for any who wish to participate. We are now at the point that we would like to create a volunteer rotation schedule once again for this duty. Please email Juliana Peck to help with coffee hour. We are hoping to put a schedule together in the next couple weeks. Thank you in advance for your help and hospitality!

Friday Night Family Fun Join us for an outdoor family fun night on Friday June 11th from 6-8 p.m. Join for some games and refreshments. Please see Fr. Barnabas or Mat. Daria if you are interested in helping.

Parish Council Meeting Our parish members should see Jeff Kendall so we can set the date for our June meeting. Thank you council member for your continued work!

Study Group Our study group will meet this Thursday morning at 10 a.m. on Zoom We will continue our reading and discussion the gospel of St. Matthew chapter 22. Join us!

Questions Everyone Should ask themselves Before coming to In-Person Worship: Do you have a fever, cough, shortness of breath, and or trouble breathing? Persistent pain, pressure or tightness in chest? Any recent loss of taste/smell or gastrointestinal upset? Any contact with anyone with C-19? **If you answer YES to any of these questions you should stay at home.**

Christ is Risen!

As we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord and enjoy the festal services, is a good time to think about the deepest meanings of Christ's saving actions for us.

Metropolitan Hilarion Alfeyev's book "The Mystery of Faith: An Introduction to the Teaching and Spirituality of the Orthodox Church" can guide us in this thinking. Originally published in 2002, the book has also been offered in a later (2011) edition by Saint Vladimir's Seminary Press, with a foreword by Bishop Kallistos of Diokleia.

The book's final chapter, entitled "The Life of the Age to Come", discusses death and resurrection, prayer for the departed, the last judgment, and hell.

The Christian tradition, the author writes, inherited its belief in the resurrection of the dead from the Old Testament. A striking example of the Old Testament belief is in the words of the brothers facing martyrdom in the book of Maccabees. One brother addresses the king who is about to execute him: "Thou like a fury takest us out of this present life, but the King of the world shall raise us up, who have died

for His laws." The mother of the martyred brothers declares that the Creator who made the world "will also of His own mercy give you breath and life again..."

Metropolitan Hilarion writes that the practice of praying for the dead is based on the understanding "that the fate of the soul after death is not clear before the final, universal resurrection, and that the situation of the departed might be changed for the better by the prayers of the living." He cites traditional sources to show that there is a chance—he does not say a certainty—that prayer can deliver some people from hell. Saint Gregory Dialogos prayed for the emperor Trajan, a persecutor of Christians, and "received confirmation from God" that his prayers had been heard.

Universal salvation is the subject of several currently popular books. Metropolitan Hilarion summarizes the Orthodox teaching: "It would be a heresy to insist on the necessity of the salvation of all, as if this were compulsory for both God and human beings, but it is not a heresy to believe in the possibility of the salvation of all, and to continue to pray and hope for that."

The words of Saint Silouan of Mount Athos quoted in the book are a warning against hoping that our enemies will burn in hell:

You say that so-and-so is an evildoer, and may he burn in Hell-fire. But I ask you—supposing God were to give you a fair place in Paradise, and you saw burning in the fire the man on whom you had wished the tortures of Hell, even then would you really not feel pity for him, whoever he might be, an enemy of the Church even? Or is it that you have a heart of steel? But there is no place for steel in Paradise. Paradise has need of humility and the love of Christ, which pities all men.

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>.

Prayers for the Departed: *Mitred Archpriest Eugene Pianovich, Mitred Archpriest Daniel Ressetar*

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: *Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Daniel Kovalak, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Myra Kovalak, Lemlem Resat, Olga Riley, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Luke Wales, Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Maria & Doug Dozier, Mona Elia, Mary Anne Farrell, Stephanie Hojnicky, Harry Kutch, Dimitrios Jim Petrides, Albert Shock, Elizabeth Melnik, Alexandra Grishin, Sam Sylvest, Paula Daubert, Elizabeth Clause, Jamie Clause, David Telep, Ned Minnich*

Prayers for Catechmens *Kristin Mackenzie, John Hill*

Date	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>
23-May	Bunitsky/Morjana	Bunitsky/Finck
30-May	Riley/Riley	Farrell
6-Jun	Sulpizi	Clause/Whalen
13-Jun	Hojnicky/Najemy	Hines

Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind

Ascension.....June 10th

Pentecost.....June 20th

Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul.....June 29th

Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

The soul that loves God has its rest in God and in God alone. In all the paths that men walk in in the world, they do not attain peace until they draw nigh to hope in God.

(St. Isaac the Syrian, Homily 56, 89)