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christ is risen **ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС!** **ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!**
! קם במת! קם המשיח! **KRISTUS IR AUGŠĀMCĒLIES!** **ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΒЪЗКРЕСЕ!**
基督復活了! **ХРІСТОС УВАКРЭС!** **CRISTO ES RINASCHIEU!**
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May 22, 2011 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
May 28 Saturday
May 29 Sunday of the Blind Man

Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**
Great Vespers 4:00 pm
Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Saints of the Day: Hieromartyr Basiliscus, Bishop of Comana (308). Saint John-Vladimir, Martyr and Ruler of Serbia (1015). Blessed James, Youth of Borovichi (Novgorod) (1540). New Hieromartyr Priest Michael (1942). Commemoration of the Second Ecumenical Council (381). New Hieromartyr Zachariah of Prusa (1802). Righteous Melchisedek, King of Salem. Martyrs Markella and Codratus. Martyr Sophia the Healer. New Monk-martyrs Paul and Demetrius of Tripoli near Kalavryta (1818). Monk-martyr Boethian of Pierrepont. Abbot Conall (Coel, Conald) of Inniscoel. Saint Helen (Elen) of Carnarvon. Virgin Martyr Quiteria.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Andrew and Nina (Kappanadze) Dudek, being wedded today, were offered at Liturgy at the request of Father John Udics.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of newborn Samuel Werner and his parents Father Thaddaeus and Matushka Valerie were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of cousin Tom Ketzak, Mark and Cathy Nestor, Archimandrite Isidore and Michael Uzawa were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

God Bless America! Prayers for all those serving in the Armed Forces were offered at Liturgy today, at the request of Father John Udics.

Thanks be to God! Prayers of Thanksgiving for health through surgery were offered at Liturgy today for James Gomes and Alex Kavalkovich at the request of Father John Udics.

Christ is Risen! Prayers for the repose of the soul of Edward J Higgins (90) were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of Father John Udics.

Christ is Risen! Prayers for the repose of the soul of newly-departed Oleh A. Tarnawsky were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of Father John Udics.

Christ is Risen! Prayers for the repose of the souls of Harry, Mary, Anna, Katherine and Theodore Stryjek were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of Stephanie Litwen.

Christ is Risen! Prayers for the repose of the souls of Helen, Michael and Stephen were offered May 15 at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of Barbara Daley.

Christ is Risen! Prayers for the repose of the soul of Edmund Mamrosch Sr were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of his family.

Christ is Risen! Prayers for the repose of the soul of John Ille were offered May 15 at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of Dr. David Albrecht.

Christ is Risen! Prayers for the repose of the souls of Anne Williams, Kazmir Karpowich, John Mezick, Metro Hrynda, Nicholas Tynda and Walter Alexczuk were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya.

Please remember in your prayers: Katherine, Hilda, Reader Matthew, Archpriest Jason, Ada, Don, Rea, Aaron, Daniel, Mark, Jennifer, Nina, Priest Sergius, Nadine, Helen, Anna, Thomas, Archpriest Vincent, John, Mother Raphaela, Catherine, Ron, Albert, Michael, Gregory, Emma, Cathy, John, Mykola, Dan, Wayne, Nina, Dan, Isaiah, Robert, Robert, Kevin, Andrew, David, Warren, Archimandrites Athanasy, Isidore, Nectarios, Pachomy.

REMINDERS FOR YOUR CALENDARS:

- **May 27 - 30, 2011: 107th Annual Pilgrimage Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery South Canaan, PA**
- June 11: 5-7 pm. Pin-O-Rama in Utica for our young people. 2 games, shoe rental, pizza and soda: \$12 each

Thank You! Thank you, Bishop MICHAEL, for coming to lead us in prayer and to visit us in your capacity as our spiritual father. Thank you Deacon John and Matushka Joanna Bohush, Subdeacon Alexei Schmidt and Paul Kappanadze and our own Subdeacon Demetrios and James Richards for serving with us and helping to make a moving and proper divine service. Thank you to our guests, Father Michael Taratuchin and Father Deacon Nicholas Kolasz, our neighbors, who came to show their friendship, and Father Deacon Vitali Akmolin. Thank you to Director John Hawranick and the Choir for their singing. Thank you to our Saint Anna Sisterhood for preparing a delicious and bountiful Paschal Dinner. Thank you to our groundskeepers and gardeners especially – well you know who. Thank you to our Church School Teachers and Leaders for figuring out that we could do an Egg Hunt indoors and for making the day for our Young Egg Hunters. And thank you to all of you for making our special day a most holy, glorious, happy, familial and fine event.

A word from the desert. 'Strive for peace with all men, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord' (Heb. 12:14), Why did he say 'strive'? Because it is not possible for us to become holy and to be saints in an hour! We must therefore progress from modest beginnings toward holiness and purity. Even were we to spend a thousand years in this life we should never perfectly attain it. Rather we must always struggle for it every day, as if mere beginners. Saint Symeon the New Theologian

THE HOLY MARTYR BASILISCUS was a kinsman of Saint Theodore the Recruit (Tiro). He was tortured together with Eutropius and Cleonicus. When the latter two [Eutropius and Cleonicus] were crucified, and expired (March 3), then Basiliscus was again returned to prison. At that time, there occurred a change in the emperor's deputy so that Basiliscus remained imprisoned for a long time. With tears, Basiliscus prayed that God not deprive him of a martyr's death. After lengthy prayers, the Lord Jesus Himself appeared to him, promised to fulfill his wish and sent him to his village to bid farewell to his mother and brothers. At that time Agrippa, a new deputy, was appointed and ordered that Basiliscus be brought from the village immediately. En route from the village to the town of Amasea the Lord, through His martyr, worked a great miracle and, as a result, many people believed in Christ. Agrippa ordered the martyr to offer a sacrifice to the idol Apollyon. Basiliscus said: "Apollyon means 'one who kills - the destroyer,'" and with fervent prayer turned the idol into dust and with a heavenly fire burned the temple. The frightened Agrippa attributed this to magic and ordered Basiliscus beheaded. At that moment, Agrippa went insane and, in his madness, went to the scaffold, found a little blood of the martyr in the dust, placed it under his belt and he was healed. Coming to his senses he was baptized. Later on, Marinus, a citizen of Comana, the place of the execution of Basiliscus, built a church over the relics of the saint where many afflicted people found healing.

THE HOLY MARTYR JOHN VLADIMIR, KING OF SERBIA was of princely lineage from Zahumlje. His grandfather was called Hvalimir and his father Petrislav. As a ruler, he was wise, merciful, meek, chaste and brave. He fervently prayed to God and voluntarily built churches and supported them. However, he had difficult struggles both internally and externally. Internally, from heretics and the Bogomils and externally from Tsar Samuel and Tsar Basil who wanted to conquer him. Samuel deceitfully captured him and cast him into prison. While he languished in prison an angel of God appeared to him and foretold that he would shortly be freed, but that he would die a martyr's death. Getting to know him better, Samuel grew to like him and gave his daughter Kosara to be his wife. When Samuel died, his son Radomir was crowned Tsar. But Vladislav, his twin brother, slew Radomir and deceitfully summoned Vladimir and beheaded him in the year 1015 A.D. The relics of this saintly king repose uncorrupt in his monastery near Elbasan and over his relics, throughout the ages and even today, numerous miracles occur. In 1925, a church was built to honor this crowned martyr adjacent to the monastery of Saint Nahum since John Vladimir was the benefactor of this glorious monastery.

A word from the desert. "Why do they put rubber tires with inner tubes on cars? So that they give in, collapsing a little with every little stone or pothole in the road, and in this way they pass obstacles. If the wheels were firm and unyielding, the car wouldn't be able to move forward. It would fall apart after a short distance because of the vibration from the small inconsistencies of terrain. The same thing happens with yielding to others in the family. In this way many problems are surpassed and continuous spiritual progress is assured." - Elder Epiphanius of Athens, +1989

HOMILY About the bodies of men as temples by Saint Nicolai of Zhicha

"Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit Who is in you, Whom you have from God and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price" (1 Corinthians 6: 19-20).

For what, brethren, did our bodies become the temple of the Holy Spirit? Because, we are purchased at a price. The Lord Jesus purchased us with His cares, labors, sufferings and death. Because of this price we were made worthy to become the temple of the Holy Spirit.

But, someone will say that price was paid a long time ago and we live twenty centuries later! It is all the same: the price was not paid for one time and for one generation but rather for all times and for all generations from Adam to the Dreadful Judgment. And if there would be billions and billions of human beings born on earth, the price is paid for all of them. The price is so great and rich that if all the sand in the sea were changed into men, the price would be sufficient.

Brethren, from what moment do our bodies become the temple of the Holy Spirit? From the moment of our baptism. Although the price is paid for all men only those who are baptized become the temple of the Holy Spirit.

Brethren, what is the consequence that the Holy Spirit lives in us? The consequence is this, that we are not our own anymore. When the Holy Spirit takes up His abode in our bodies, then He becomes the Master over us and not us over it [the body] nor over ourselves. Then, brethren, we are the possession of God the Holy Spirit.

Brethren, what does it mean at the Mystical Supper [Last Supper] when the Lord washed even the feet of Judas and when Judas received a piece of bread from the Lord, it says: "Satan entered him" (Saint John 13:27). O what dreadful words! O what a horrible punishment upon the traitor of God! Brethren, does that not mean that when we reject God, Who washes and feeds us, the Spirit of God departs from us and, in His place, Satan settles in? O what a stern meaning! O what a terrible reminder to all of us who are baptized! The Holy Spirit settled in us during our baptism and made us a temple for Himself. But, the Holy Spirit does not dwell in us by force but rather according to our good will. If we transgress against Him, He departs from us and in place of Him, Satan enters and our physical temple is transformed into a pigsty.

O All-good Holy Spirit do not leave us. Have mercy on us and forgive us.
To You be glory and thanks always. Amen.