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CHRIST IS RISEN! ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС! ХРИСТОС ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!

اقام لمسیح **KHRISTA AMAFOOOKA!** ქრისტე აღსდგვა!

KRISTUS ER OPPSTANDEN! **ΠΙΧΡΙСΤΟC ΑΒΤΟΝΦ ΕΒΟΛI**

CA CRIOSC AR EIRI! 그리스도께서 부활하셨네! KRISTUS NOUSI KUOLLEISTA!

May 6, 2012	Sunday of the Paralytic	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
May 8	Tuesday: Saint John the Theologian	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
May 12	Saturday	Great Vespers	4:00 pm
May 13	Sunday of the Samaritan Woman	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am

Saints of the Day: Righteous Job the Long-suffering. Venerable Micah, disciple of Saint Sergius of Radonezh (1385). Venerable Job, Abbot and Wonderworker of Pochaev (1651). Martyrs Barbarus the Soldier, Bacchus, Callimachus, and Dionysius, in Morea (362). Martyr Barbarus the former robber in Epirus (9 c.). Translation of the relics (1675) of Venerable Pachomius of Nerekhta (1384). Saint Edbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne (698). Venerable Seraphim of Mount Domvu. Translation of the relics (1238) of Venerable Sava I of Serbia. Venerable Sinaites of Serbia: Romil of Ravanica, Romanos of Ravanica, Sisoje of Sinai and Sisojevac, Martirije of Rukumije, Grigorije of Gornjak, Zosim of Tuman and Gregory of Sinai. Saints Mamas, Pachomius and Hilarion, Monks. Martyrs Demetrios, Danax, Mesiurs, Therin, and Donatus.

Please remember in your prayers: Priest Sergius, Zara, Nolan, Emelie, Norma, Connie, Michael, Ed, Maria, Michael, Mother Raphaela, Rea, Sister Veronica, John, Hilda, James, Ada, Louellen, Nancy, Archpriest Jason, Susan, Daniel, Aaron, Mark, Jennifer, Nina, Nadine, Michael, Anna, Gregory, Marianna, Mykola, Helen, Isaiah, Archpriest Vincent, Albert, Kevin, Robert, Robert, Andrew, David, Warren, Archimandrites Alexander, Alexander, Athanasy, Isidore, Nectarios, Pachomy.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of His Grace, the **Right Reverend MICHAEL, Bishop of New York and New Jersey** will be offered May 8, his anniversary of consecration to the episcopate, at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics. **EIS POLL A ETI DESPOTA!**

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Dr Magdy Ghaly, Mitered Archpriest Mark Shinn, cousin Spencer Williams, Koichi Aoyama, Masami Fuseki, Archpriest Mark and Matushka Sheila Shinn, Mary DeMayo and Richard Mauro were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

Christ is Risen! Prayers for the repose of newly-departed Theresa Dook were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of John Elnicky.

Christ is Risen! Prayers for the repose of departed members of the Stryjek family (Harry, Mary, Anna, Katherine, Theodore and Frank) were offered at Liturgy and Litiya April 29 at the request of Stephania Litwen.

Christ is Risen! Prayers for the repose of Metropolitan THEODOSIUS (Nagashima) were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of Archpriest John Udics.

Christ is Risen! Prayers for the repose of Helen Nanoski and Frank Prawlocki were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of "Memory Eternal Requiem Service Fund."

Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh: **The Healing of the Paralysed Man** Sunday 14 July 1985

In the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

A paralysed man was brought by his friends to the Lord Jesus Christ. And Christ, seeing their faith, said to him that he could be healed.

There are two things in this story which I would like you to think about. The one is that this man was ill, he was in need; perhaps he was unable either to express his need, or to express the faith that he had in the possibility of healing; but his friends had faith: faith in Christ, faith in His power to heal, to make whole. And they took this man and brought him to the Lord. But their faith alone would not have been sufficient; many were paralysed, many were sick who did not find friends who would bring them to the healer. It is not only their faith in Christ; it is also their love for their friend that prompted them to act. And again, it is because this man, in the years when he was whole, was able to inspire love, friendship, devotion, faithfulness in their hearts that in his hour of need they came to his rescue.

Here are two lessons for us. The one is that we can bring forth the needs of people - physical, spiritual and other needs; we can bring forth their needs to God if we have faith in His healing power, and our faith can open the gates of salvation for those who perhaps have not enough faith, who might not even be able to say, I believe, Lord, help my unbelief - those who doubt, those who hesitate, those who are uncertain that we can bring them to the Lord. But this is possible only if such people have engendered love us, if they have evoked love from us; a love so personal, so faithful that we prove capable of acting.

Or perhaps, if our life in Christ is deep enough that God has sown into our hearts so much of His own compassion, of His own love that we can turn to a stranger, turn to someone we have never heard of, prompted by nothing but by his or her need, and bring him or her to God unto salvation, unto healing.

We must remember both the necessity for us to become capable of love and capable of evoking love around us. And also we must learn to have the daring of faith when we see need around us, and bring it to the only One Who can resolve it, Who can heal, Who can make whole not only bodies, and minds, and souls, but also the complex relationships between people.

Here is a calling, here is a vocation for us; let us pay attention to what God says to us in this Gospel, in this Good News of the power of love, divine and human, and the power of faith to which God's love and mercy responds. Amen.

The Holy Righteous And Long-Suffering Job was a descendant of Esau the grandson of Abraham and lived in Arabia about 2,000 years before Christ. His father's name was Zareth and his mother's name was Bosora. However, his full name was Jobab. Job was an honorable, god-fearing man and very wealthy. In the seventy-ninth year of his life, God permitted difficult temptations to befall him through Satan as it is written in detail in the Book of Job. In one day, Job lost all his enormous estates, his sons and his daughters. After that a terrible disease befell him and his entire body was covered with sores from his head to his feet and Job lay on the rubbish heap outside the town and with a piece of potsherd scrapped away the pus from his wounds. Job did not murmur against God, but patiently endured all sufferings to the end. That is why God restored his health, gave him much greater riches than that which he had before and seven sons and three daughters were born to him as many as he previously had. Job lived for a total of two-hundred forty-eight years always glorifying and praising God. Job is considered to be the model of patient endurance of every suffering which God sends upon us and Job is a proto-type of the suffering of the Lord Jesus.

The Holy Martyr Barbarus was a soldier during the reign of Julian the Apostate. When the emperor's commander Bacchus led the Roman army against the Franks, Barbarus, who was secretly a Christian, was serving in the army. In battle there appeared a certain hero on the side of the Franks, similar to Goliath of old and he challenged the Romans to send one of their men to come out to do battle. Commander Bacchus advised Barbarus to go. Barbarus prayed in his heart to the Living Lord, went out and defeated that giant. As a result, the Frankish army became confused and fled. Then the commander prepared a great celebration and ordered that sacrifices be offered to the idols. During the sacrificial offerings, the commander learned that Barbarus kept himself apart. When he was asked about that, Barbarus declared that he is a Christian. The commander informed the emperor and the emperor ordered that Barbarus be subjected to the most severe tortures. But Barbarus endured all with rare courage and composure. During his tortures, many miracles were manifested and many soldiers, witnessing this, accepted the Faith of Christ. Among them was the Commander Bacchus along with Callimachus and Dionysius. All three were beheaded for the Name of Christ and, after them, Barbarus was also beheaded in the year 362 A.D. Their souls took up habitation in the kingdom of Christ the Immortal King.

HOMILY About the power that God gave to the words of the prophets by Saint Nicholai of Zhicha

"Behold, I made My words in your mouth, a fire. And this people is the wood that it shall devour!" (Jerem 5:14).

You see brethren, that the effect of the word of God is different according to different people. The word of God is like fire, in whom the righteous one rejoices, as one frozen in the cold of this world; and the word of God is like fire which burns the unrighteous one whom this material world has overly warmed. The experienced spiritual fathers have left us proof that only the Name of Jesus brings power, joy and refreshment to the faithful - and this Name consumes evil spirits as a living fire. That is the way with every word of God. With some it creates comfort, with others irritation, with some it quiets anger, with others it increases anger, with some it provokes respect with fear and with others scorn. To the healthy it is honey; to the unhealthy it is the honey of wormwood.

But, why should the people be as wood which will be consumed? For, are the people to be blamed if the godless elders and false prophets lead them astray? The people are not to blame to such a degree as their elders and false prophets but nevertheless they are to blame to a certain extent. For God also gave the people to know the right path through conscience and through the preaching of God's word and the people should not blindly follow their blind leaders when they lead them on the false paths and distance them from God and God's law. Brethren, God is Just and He knows the measure of everyone's faults, and He will not permit the illiterate and the least to suffer as much as the literate and the greatest.

O All-seeing God, save us that we neither be blind leaders nor blind followers. Strengthen our hearts that, as leaders and as followers, we will always be Your servants and only Your servants.

To You be glory and thanks always. Amen.

The Diocesan Diaconal Formation Program will soon mark the successful completion of its second year (four academic semesters). Several students, enrolled from the inauguration of the program, have been or plan to be tonsured as readers or ordained as sub-deacons/deacons. The course of study encompasses two years (four semesters), meeting every Saturday of the academic year at the Endicott NY campus of the program accredited by Saint Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary. The third year of classes will begin in September with both returning (second year) students and new students from throughout the diocese. Those interested in the program should speak to their parish rector. A news item with photos is published on the diocesan website.

DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?" "No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."