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CHRIST IS RISEN! ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΒΟΚΡΕΘ! ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!
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CHRISTUS RESURREXIT! Y CHRIST ATGYFODODDI! Christus Ist Auferstanden!

May 13, 2012	Sunday of the Samaritan Woman	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
May 19	Saturday	Great Vespers	4:00 pm
May 20	Sunday of the Blind Man	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am

Grant rest eternal in blessed repose, O Lord, to the souls of all our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, god-mothers, and sisters and make their memory be eternal. Memory Eternal!

Grant, O Lord, peaceful and prosperous life, tranquility, safety, health, honor, respect, dignity, and all good things to all our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, god-mothers, and sisters, and grant them many blessed years!

Saints of the Day: Virgin-martyr Glyceria at Heraclea (141) and with her Martyr Laodicius, jailer of Saint Glyceria. New Hieromartyrs Basil, Alexander and Christopher, Hieromartyr Macarius and Martyr Sergius (1922). 103 New Hieromartyrs of Cherkassk (20 c). Righteous Virgin Glyceria of Novgorod (1522). Translation of the relics of Saint Macarius, Archimandrite of Obruch (1678). Martyr Alexander of Rome (298). Saint Pausicacius, Bishop of Synnada (606). Saint George the Confessor of Constantinople, with his wife and children (ca. 842). Venerable Euthymius of Athos the Translator (1028). Venerable Amphilochius (1452), Macarius (1462), and Tarasius (1440), Abbots, and Theodosius (15 c), Monk, of Glushitsa Monastery (Vologda). Saint Servatius, first Bishop of Maastricht (384). Martyrs killed by the Latins at the Iveron Monastery on Mount Athos. Monk-martyr John of the Iveron Monastery on Mount Athos. Saint Sergius the Confessor of Constantinople (9 c). Venerable Priest Nicephorus, of the Monastery of Ephapsios. Hieromartyr Alexander of Tiverias. Saint Leander of Seville (600).

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 Metropolitan CONSTANTINE (Ukrainian Orthodox Church – USA) were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Archimandrite Isidore (Brittain), cousins Mary and Craig Williams, Father Ed Higgins and Father Daniel Geeza were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

Christ is Risen! Prayers for the repose of Metropolitan LEONTY were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of Father John Udics.

Christ is Risen! Prayers for the repose of Zachary Brisbane were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of Mr and Mrs John Stehnach Family.

For Your Calendar:

Coffee Hour Breakfast for May will be held NEXT Sunday, May 20, so as not to conflict with Memorial Day.

We celebrate the memory of the **Samaritan Woman and Mothers' Day** today. There are similarities between the way we treat our mothers and the way we treat the Church.

Our mothers are real martyrs for us: they sacrifice their lives so that we can live. They spend hours watching us to see that we don't hurt ourselves when we're young, they spend hours cooking for us, cleaning us and cleaning the messes we make, they teach us how to live, they teach us how to dress, how to talk, how to behave. They guide our lives. We responded by trying to avoid their attention so we could get away to do what we thought we wanted to do, we knew better than what our mothers taught us. We responded by being careless with all the clothing our mothers bought us, by being thoughtless and throwing things into messes, and then having to be nagged into cleaning up after ourselves. We ignored our mothers' teachings, and behaving as badly as the rest of our neighbors behaved. As children, we're taught to honor our mothers on Mothers' Day, saying poems and buying cards for our mothers. And now that we're a little bit grown up, we spend time and money to find and buy gifts once a year for our mothers, on Mothers' Day. This doesn't mean we really honor our

mothers, or love them more or less, but for 364 days we treat our mothers very poorly, and think we can make up for it with a yearly kiss or the purchase of a last-minute flower or dinner.

And we treat the Church the same way: we ignore what she teaches us are the teachings of Our Lord, teachings which will save our lives. We ignore the teachings about Christian behavior, and the warnings about how to live so our souls will be healthy. Yet, once a year, we come to church and make a one-minute perfunctory confession, we say how much we love the Church and Jesus, we maybe even give a 'gift' in the collection basket.

If we really love our Mothers, we'd be sure to obey them without having to be told what to do. If we truly honor our Mothers, we'd be sure to think of them every day as worthy of our respect. If we truly want to show how much we cared for our Mothers, we'd be sure to build our lives into something not only we respect, but something our Mothers would respect and be proud of. This is true of our biological mothers as well as of our Mother the Church. Don't let Mothers' Day be an annual calendar obligation - but let's make it into a real example of our love for our Mothers.

We must show our mothers that we love them every day by obeying them, by stopping the bad behavior we learn from other kids, learning from our mothers every day and showing progress in unlearning nonsense we picked up from wicked sources, helping them every day without being told, and not giving back lip, embracing and kissing them every day instead of demonstrating selfish, hurtful, rude and egotistical false 'independence.'

THE HOLY MARTYR GLYCERIA was the daughter of a Roman governor. Becoming impoverished after her father's death, Glyceria settled in Trajanopolis in Thrace. During the reign of the nefarious Emperor Antoninus, Glyceria was taken to offer sacrifices to the idol of Jupiter [Zeus]. She traced the sign of the cross on her forehead and when the Prefect Sabinus questioned her concerning her lamp, (for all of them carried lamps in their hands), Glyceria pointed to the cross on her forehead and said: "This is my lamp." As a result of her prayer lightning struck the idol and smashed it to pieces. The prefect became angry and ordered her flogged and thrown into prison. The prefect sealed the doors to the prison, determined to starve the virgin to death. However, an angel of God appeared to Glyceria and administered heavenly food to her. After a period of time, when the prefect thought that the virgin must have died from hunger, he opened the doors of the prison and was astonished when he saw her healthy, radiant and joyful. Witnessing this miracle, Laodicius, the jailer confessed Christ the Lord and was immediately beheaded. After that Glyceria was thrown into a fiery furnace but remained unharmed by the fire. Standing in the midst of the fire and, remembering the miracle of the three youths in the Babylonian furnace, Glyceria praised the Lord. Finally, she was thrown to the lions and, praying to God, this holy virgin gave up her soul to the Lord for Whom she bravely endured many tortures. She suffered honorably in the year 177 A.D. A healing oil [myrrh] emitted from her relics which healed the sick of the gravest diseases.

THE HOLY MARTYR ALEXANDER was a Slav. As an eighteen year old soldier in the army of Emperor Maximilian, he refused the order of the emperor to give honor to the Roman idols and for that which he was handed over to Captain Tiberian, to either counsel Alexander to deny Christ or else torture and kill him. Since all the counseling was in vain, Tiberian took Alexander with him across Macedonia to Constantinople where he traveled for duty. In every town along the way, the young Alexander was cruelly tortured but, in every town, Christians came out before him and begged him for a blessing and they encouraged him in his mortification. Pimonia, his mother, followed after him. During the course of this travel, an angel of God appeared many times to Alexander soothing his pains and encouraging him. In one place, Carasura, the martyr performed a miracle through prayer: when thirst overcame him and the soldiers who escorted him, he brought forth a well of cold water from an arid place. On the shore of the Ergina River, Tiberian ordered the executioner to behead Alexander and to toss his body into the water. When the executioner swung at the martyr's head, he saw radiant angels of God around Alexander and became frightened and his hand dropped. Alexander asked him why his hand dropped and the executioner replied that he sees some radiant young men around him. Yearning death and union with the Lord, Alexander prayed to God to withdraw the angels from him so that the executioner would not be frightened. And thus, the executioner carried out his work in the year 298 A.D. Pimonia removed the body of her son and honorably buried him. Many healings occurred at the grave of the martyr. After death, the martyr appeared to his mother and informed her of her imminent translation to the other world.

REFLECTION by Saint Nikolai of Zhicha. Concerning the power of death and the power of the Cross of Christ, Saint Athanasius writes: "Whose death ever drove out demons? And whose death have the demons been afraid of as the death of Christ? Where the Name of Christ is only invoked, there, every demon is driven out. Who in such a measure tamed spiritual passions in men that the prostitutes live a chaste life and murderers do not use the sword anymore and the fearful become courageous? If not the Faith of Christ? If not the sign of the Cross? And who else has so convinced men in immortality as the Cross of Christ and the resurrection of the Body of Christ? The death of the Sinless One and the Cross of the Lover of men have brought a greater and more lasting victory than all the earthly kings with many multi-millions of armies. Which army was able to defeat a single demon? Meanwhile, only the mention of the Name of the Crucified One on the Cross peels to flight the army of demons. O, if all Christians would know what treasure they have in the Name of Christ, and what kind of weapon they have in the Cross of Christ!

A word from Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk. When you read the Gospels, Christ speaks to you; when you pray, you are speaking to Him... The Bible should be read not just for analysis, but as an immediate dialogue with the living Word Himself - to feed our love for Christ, to kindle our hearts with prayer and to provide us with guidance in our personal life.