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CHRIST IS RISEN! ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС! ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!
CHÚA KI-TÔ ĐÃ PHỤC SINH KHRISTA AMAFOOFOOKA! ქრისტე აღსდგა!
KRISTUS ER OPPSTANDEN! ΠΙΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΒΤΟΝΦ ΕΒΟΛ!
그리스도께서 부활하셨습니다! KRISTUS NOUSI KUOLLEISTA! Ἡ ΚΑ ΚΡΙΟΣΤ ΑΡ ΕΙΡΙ!

May 19, 2013	Sunday of the Myrrhbearing Women	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
May 25	Saturday	Great Vespers	4:00 pm
May 26	Sunday of the Paralytic	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am

Saints of the Day: Hieromartyr Patrick, Bishop of Prusa, and his companions: Presbyters Acacius, Menander, and Polyenus (362). Venerable Cornelius, Abbot of Komel (Vologda) (1537). Right-believing Prince Demetrius Donskoy (1389). New Hieromartyr Victor (1937). New Hieromartyrs Onuphrius, Archbishop of Kursk; Anthony, Bishop of Belgorod, and with him Priests Metrophan, Alexander, Michael, Matthew, Hippolytus, Nicholas, Basil, Nicholas, Maxim, Alexander, Paul, and Paul, and Martyrs Michael and George (1938). New Hieromartyr Onuphrius, Archbishop of Kursk (1938). New Hieromartyr Valentine (1940). Venerable Cornelius, Abbot of Palestrov and Valaam (1420). Saint John, Prince of Uglich, tonsured as Ignatius (Vologda) (1522). Venerable Monk Sergius, of Shukhtom (1609). Martyr Acoluthus of the Thebaid (284-305). Venerable John, Bishop of the Goths in Crimea (787). Saints Parthenius and his brother Calogerus (250). Saint Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury (988). Entrance of Saint Nina (Nino), Equal-to-the-Apostles, into Georgia (323). Monk-martyrs and confessors John, Conon, Jeremias, Cyril, Theoctistus, Barnabas, Maximus, Theognostus, Joseph, Gennadius, Gerasimus, Mark, and Herman of Cyprus, who suffered under the Latins (1231). Synaxis of Hieromartyrs of Kharkov. Martyrs Cyriaca and Theotima (311).

Please remember in your prayers: Bishop JOHN, Bishop PAUL. Archimandrites Alexander, Athanasy, Isidore, Nectarios, Pachomy. Archpriests Jason, John, Vincent. Priests Sergius, Jacobus, Andrij, Vasil, Vasil. Deacons Mark, Philip. Mother Raphaela, Sister Deborah. Steven, Helen, Helen, Michael, Stephanie, Zara, Nolan, Emelie, Connie, Michael, Ed, Maria, Michael, John, James, Nancy, Susan, Daniel, Aaron, Mark, Jennifer, Nina, Nadine, Michael, Anna, Gregory, Marianna, Mykola, Helen, Isaiah, Albert, Kevin, Robert, Robert, Andrew, David, Warren.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Eric Ray and Father Isidore (Brittain) were offered at Liturgy and Moleben today at the request of Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the soul of Olga Czarnota Kushner, Metropolitan CONSTANTINE, cousins Tom Ketzak, Norma Udics were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of Father John Udics.

INFORMATION FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Children in Greece are literally starving**, picking over garbage and fainting in school, as a result of the terrible economic situation there. Perhaps you could make a contribution to I.O.C.C. either individually or in the name of our parish, **earmarked** for the starving children of Greece. See the article in the New York Times (copy into your internet browser):
<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/04/18/world/europe/more-children-in-greece-start-to-go-hungry.html?pagewanted=all>
- April 26, next Sunday, after Liturgy: **post-Paschal dinner** sponsored by Saint Anna Sisterhood. Come one, come all!

Quiz for the Parish Bulletin – ANSWERS (conclusion)

Name as many books of the Old Testament as you can.

According to the Orthodox Christian canon of the Old Testament: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, I Kingdoms (Kings), II Kingdoms, III Kingdoms, IV Kingdoms, I Paralipomenon (Chronicles), II Paralipomenon (Chronicles), I Esdras, II Esdras, III Esdras, Esther, Judith, I Maccabees, II Maccabees, III Maccabees, IV Maccabees, Psalms (151), Job, Proverbs of Solomon, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Tobit, Wisdom of Sirach, Wisdom of Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Lamentation of Jeremiah, Epistle of Jeremiah, Baruch, Abdia (Obadiah), Joel, Jonas (Jonah), Amos, Hosea, Micah, Naum (Nahum), Sophonius (Zephaniah), Avakkum (Habakkuk), Haggai, Zachariah, Malachai.

Name as many of the seven virtues as you can?

Chastity, Temperance, Charity, Diligence, Patience, Kindness, Humility.

Name as many of the seven deadly sins as you can.

Lust, Gluttony, Greed, Sloth, Wrath, Envy, Pride.

Name as many of the twelve apostles as you can.

Matthew 10.2-4: "The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him." Matthias was elected to replace Judas.

Name as many of the seven sacraments as you can.

Baptism, Chrismation, Confession, Communion, Marriage, Ordination, Holy Unction of the sick.

Name as many Divine Liturgies of the Church as you can. Extra points for saying when they are served.

Saint John Chrysostom. Saint Basil the Great (Sundays of Great Lent, eves of Christmas and Epiphany, Saint Basil's Day), Saint Gregory Pope of Rome (Presanctified Liturgy on weekdays of Great Lent). Saint James (on Saint James' Day and on the Sunday of the Fathers of the Lord). Saint Peter the Roman (used by the Western Rite Orthodox of the Moscow Patriarchate).

What is the antimension (or antimins)?

A cloth with the Bishop's signature and a portion of Holy Relics of a Saint, it is the 'permission' to serve the Divine services, replacement for relics in a permanent altar.

What is the purpose of the Proskomedia?

It is the time before the Divine Liturgy during which the holy gifts are prayerfully prepared for the Liturgy.

Important dates in Orthodox History:

What happened in 988? Baptism of Rus at the request of Great Prince Vladimir.

What happened in 1054? Great Schism with Rome

What happened on April 10, 1970? Proclamation of the Autocephaly of the Orthodox Church in America.

Who was the first Metropolitan of the Orthodox Church in America? Metropolitan IRENEY (Bekish) 1892-1981. He was the Primate of the Orthodox Church in America 1970-1977.

Who is your patron saint? On what day is your heavenly patron's feast?

If you need help answering this or any question, please contact Father John, who will be glad to help you.

THE HOLY PRIEST-MARTYR PATRICK [PATRICIOS], BISHOP OF BRUSSA ALONG WITH THREE PRESBYTERS: ACACIUS, MENANDER AND POLYENUS suffered for the Faith of Christ during the reign of Julian the Apostate in Asian Brussa. Junius, the imperial deputy, brought these saints to a hot spring and asked Patrick: "Who created these curative waters if not our gods Aesculapius and others whom we worship?" Saint Patrick replied: "Your gods are demons and these waters, as everything else, were created by Christ the Lord, our God." Then the deputy asked: "And will your Christ save you if I toss you into this boiling water?" The saint replied: "If He wants. He is able to preserve me whole and unharmed, even though I desire that in these waters I become separated from this temporary life to live with Christ eternally; but let His Holy will be done on me, without which not even a hair does not fall from the head of men!" Hearing this, the deputy ordered that Patrick be tossed into the boiling water. Drops of boiling water splashed on all sides and bitterly scalded many of those present but the saint of God, on whose lips were continually in prayer, remained unharmed as though he were standing in cold water. Seeing this, the deputy became enraged out of embarrassment and ordered Patrick and his remaining three presbyters be beheaded with an ax. Then the innocent followers of Christ recited their prayers and placed their heads under the ax of the executioner. When they were beheaded, their joyful souls ascended into the illuminating kingdom of Christ to reign forever.

SAINT JOHN, BISHOP OF THE GOTHIS was a bishop in Georgia but when the Khan of the Tartars in Georgia began to torture Christians, he left for four years to live among the Goths in Bessarabia. The diocese of the Goths was established during the reign of Constantine the Great. Learning of the death of the Khan, John returned to his duties in Georgia and guided his flock zealously and devoutly. Before his death, he said: "In about forty days, I go to be judged with the Khan," i.e., through death, John goes to the throne of God. And so it happened, on the fortieth day he died and went to the Lord. He died peacefully in the eighth century.

HOMILY About the holy men of God by Saint Nikolai of Zhicha

"Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:21).

This is witnessed by the Apostle Peter who himself was a holy man of God, a rock of faith and a knight of the Cross. As a holy man of God he, by his own personal experience, explains how the holy men of God spoke and what they said and he says: *"They spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."* However, they did not speak according to their own reasoning nor according to their own memory nor according to their own speculation nor according to their own eloquence but rather they spoke from the Spirit and according to the Holy Spirit. The wisdom of God flowed through them and the truth of God was revealed through them. Holy Scripture was not written with *"the false pen of the scribes"* (Jeremiah 8:8), but was written by the servants and the chosen ones of the Holy Spirit of God. Neither was Holy Scripture written by men whose writing was a vocation, but rather it was written by the saints of God, directed and compelled by the Spirit of God. Often, not even wanting and, at times even protesting, they had to write as the Holy Prophet Jeremiah witnesses saying: *"I will not make mention of Him, nor speak any more in His Name. But His word was in my heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing and I could not stay"* (Jeremiah 20:9).

O my brethren, Sacred Scripture is not of men but of God; it is not of the earth but rather from heaven; neither is it from the body but from the Spirit; yes, from the Holy Spirit of God. Inspired by the wisdom and truth of the Holy Spirit, these holy men of God wrote: Prophets, Evangelists, Apostles, Fathers, Teachers, Hierarchs and Shepherds.

O God the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Wisdom and Truth, inspire us by Your Life-creating breath, that we may recognize Wisdom and Truth and by Your help to fulfill them.

To You be glory and thanks always. Amen.