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CHRIST IS RISEN! ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕСЕ! ХРИΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!
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April 27, 2014	Sunday of the Apostle Thomas	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
May 3	Saturday	No Vespers (Conference)	
May 4	Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am

Saints of the Day: Hieromartyr Symeon the Kinsman of the Lord (107). New Hieromartyrs Priests Paul and John, Martyrs Peter, Nicholas, Auksentius, Sergius and Virgin-martyr Anastasia (1922). Virgin-martyr Mary (1938). New Hieromartyr Priest John (1941). Venerable Stephen, Abbot of the Kiev Caves and Bishop of Vladimir in Volhynia (1094). Saint Eulogius the Hospitable of Constantinople (6 c.). Venerable John, Abbot of Cathares Monastery at Constantinople (832). Venerable Simeon the New Stylite of Cilicia. New Hieromartyr Seraphim, Bishop of Phanar (1601). Burning of the relics of Venerable Sava I of Serbia by the Turks (1595). New Martyr Elias (Ardunis) of Mount Athos (1686). Saint Pollion the Reader of Cibalis in Pannonia (306). Saint Nicon, Abbot of the Monastery of Saint Gerasimus (6 c.). Saint Floribert, Bishop of Luik (746). Holy Martyrs Poplionus and Lollionus the New. Saint Machalus, Bishop of the Isle of Man.

Please remember in your prayers: Suffering Christians of Egypt, Syria, the Middle East and Ukraine. Bishop BOULOS Yazigi, Bishop YOHANNA Ibrahim, of Aleppo. Archimandrites Athanasy, Nectarios, Pachomy. Archpriests Alvian, John, Jason, John, Vincent. Priests Bohdan, Sergius, Jacobus, Leonid, Andrij, Vasil, Vasil. Deacons Mark, Demetrios, Philip. Mother Raphaela, Dimitri, Nina, Daniel, Catherine, Helen, Anna, Peter, Helen, Michael, Stephanie, Zara, Nolan, Emelie, Connie, Michael, Ed, Nettie, Maria, Michael, John, James, Nancy, Susan, Daniel, Aaron, Mark, Jennifer, Nina, Nadine, Michael, Anna, Gregory, Marianna, Mykola, Helen, Isaiah, Stanley, Albert, Kevin, Robert, Robert, Andrew, David, Warren, Vincent, Diane, Abigail

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Matushka Patricia Saverino were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Protodeacon Keith Russin, Mark Nestor, Lee Rudolph, Archpriest Carl and Matushka Wendy Cwiklinski, Samuel Werner, John Michael Mikuluk, Richard Morgan and Archpriest Jason Kappanadze, were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

Christ is Risen! Prayers for the repose of Helen Bawolak Pelko were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of David Pelko.

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

Christ is Risen! Prayers for the repose of Priest Charles Salkeld, Joseph and Mary Udics, Patriarch +PIMEN and Priest Joseph Schuck were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of Father John Udics.

Christ is Risen! Prayers for the repose of Mary Elnicky were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of her son John and all the Elnicky family.

Christ is Risen! Prayers for the repose of Mary Elnicky, Walter Jovorsky Jr, Anne and Walter Jovorsky, Frank Prawlocki, John and Vera Prawlocki and Paul and Kay Sokol were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of the "Memory Eternal Requiem Service Fund."

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE SCHEDULED DAY FOR THE CONCLUSION OF THE PARISH ANNUAL MEETING. IT'S ALSO THE DAY FOR THE PASCHAL DINNER. PLEASE DON'T FORGET!

PASCHAL DINNER: Kielbasa, Ham dinner with all the extras - \$8 donation requested. Children no charge!

The Archpastoral Letter of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon
on the Great and Holy Pascha 2014

To the Venerable Pastors, God-loving Monastics and Devout Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America
Dearly Beloved in the Lord:

Christ is Risen!

Together with those who came before the dawn with Mary, we have come to that first day of the week and have found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher. With astonishment, we ponder the question of the Angel: "Why do you seek among the dead, as though He were mortal man, Him who abides in everlasting light?" And with wonder, we behold the grave-clothes lying in the empty tomb as a powerful sign of the reality of the resurrection of Christ, the Conqueror of Death.

Like the Myrrhbearers and the Apostles who ran to the sepulcher, all of us have taken a journey from the darkness and confusion of this world to the light and truth of the resurrection. We have sailed across the great sea of the Fast, asking the Lord to take from us sloth, despair, lust for power and idle talk so that we might replace them with love for Christ, compassion for our fellow human beings and care for all creation. We have been pilgrims with the Lord through the barrenness of His life-giving Passion and have tasted the wonder that is the "universally nourishing work of the Cross" (Saint Timothy of Antioch).

Now, we are renewed with an apostolic zeal that finds its source both in the Cross and the empty tomb, and receives its fulfillment in the grace-filled work undertaken by the twelve Apostles as they divided among themselves the preaching of the Resurrection to the ends of the world. We are reminded that we are all, within the holy Church, on what St Herman of Alaska calls a "pilgrimage of the apostolic word," and that at every moment of that pilgrimage, we need to measure ourselves against Christ, and against those who, through martyrdom, through asceticism and through missionary labors, have shown themselves to be witnesses to the power of the life-creating cross of Christ and to the glory of His Kingdom.

Today we make a commitment to Our Lord and His Holy Church to fight the good fight of faith, and to continue our journey on the path of righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness and gentleness (1 Timothy 6:11-12). As we rejoice today in the victory over death, and continue on our pilgrimage, being transformed from glory to glory (2 Corinthians 3:18), let us remember that regardless of the path our pilgrimage takes us on, we are all called to be Apostles and witnesses of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Therefore, let us take up the challenge of the Angel offered to those who stood at the empty tomb, and together with the Apostles, the Martyrs, the Ascetics and the Missionaries, let us Go quickly and proclaim to the world that the Lord is risen and has slain death; for He is the Son of God, who saves the race of man.

May the grace that today shines forth so abundantly from the tomb sustain our joy and provide the light for our holy pilgrimage leading us to the life of the world to come.

With love in the risen Lord,

+ Tikhon

Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada

The Diocese of New York and New Jersey presents a **free** Conference on Evangelism:

Sharing Orthodoxy in the New World: Conversations on Faith with Family and Friends

Saturday, May 3, 2014,

Location: Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 140 Horseheads Boulevard, Elmira Heights, New York

Speaker: **Father Andrew Stephen Damick** is pastor of Saint Paul Orthodox Church of Emmaus, Pennsylvania and lectures widely on Orthodox evangelism and other topics. He is a founding member and one of the associate directors of the Society for Orthodox Christian History in the Americas and also hosts the *Orthodoxy and Heterodoxy* and *Roads from Emmaus* podcasts, as well as writing the *Roads from Emmaus* weblog. He is the author of *Orthodoxy and Heterodoxy* (Conciliar Press, 2011).

Focus: Are you an Orthodox Christian who wonders how to explain to your Baptist grandmother, your Buddhist neighbor, or the Jehovah's Witness at your door how your faith differs from theirs? Or even family members who have fallen away or joined other churches?

This conference will show and teach you how to use a non-Sectarian, pastoral approach to sharing Orthodoxy with our friends, family and neighbors alike, further highlighting how it relates to their faith (or no faith!) backgrounds, and in so doing learning how to "speak the truth in love."

Schedule (approx):

9:00 am Registration, Introductions, Session I: How to have a conversation on faith (Q&A follows this and all following sessions)

10:45 am break, Session II: Talking with Roman Catholics

12:15 pm lunch

12:45 pm Session III: Talking with Reformed Christians

2:00 pm break, Session IV: Talking with Evangelicals/non-Christians

5:00 pm Vespers

You can order Father Andrew's excellent book, *Orthodoxy and Heterodoxy* (the basic text and background for the retreat) from Ancient Faith Press (formerly Conciliar Press):

<http://store.ancientfaith.com/products/Orthodoxy-and-Heterodoxy.html>

To Register (remember, it's free!) or if you have questions:

Simply send an email to Father Jonathan Ivanoff at frjonathan@hotmail.com. Include your name, parish, and whether you're registration is for any number of parishioners and interested friends.

Thank You!

Have you taken a look at the flag on the Church's flagpole? It was a disgrace! Everything wears out sooner or later, and the flag had been torn to tatters by the high winds in our area. We thank our anonymous donor who honors our country and veterans by purchasing and donating a new flag. **God Bless America!**

Flowers at the front doors donated by Barbara and Larry Daley in memory of Helen Michael and Stephen Sobolowski. God bless those who love the beauty of His house.