## PASCHAL GREETINGS!

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

Greek – Χριστὸς ἀνέστη! Άληθῶς ἀνέστη! (Khristós anésti! Alithós anésti!)

Church Slavonic - Христосъ воскресе! Воистину воскресе! (Khristos voskrese! Voistinu voskrese!)

Arabic – ! المسيح قام! (al-Masīḥ qām! Ḥaqqan qām!)

Albanian – Krishti u ngjall! Vërtet u ngjall!

Romanian – Hristos a înviat! Adevărat a înviat!

Spanish – ¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡En verdad ha resucitado!

French – Le Christ est ressuscité! En verité il est ressuscité!

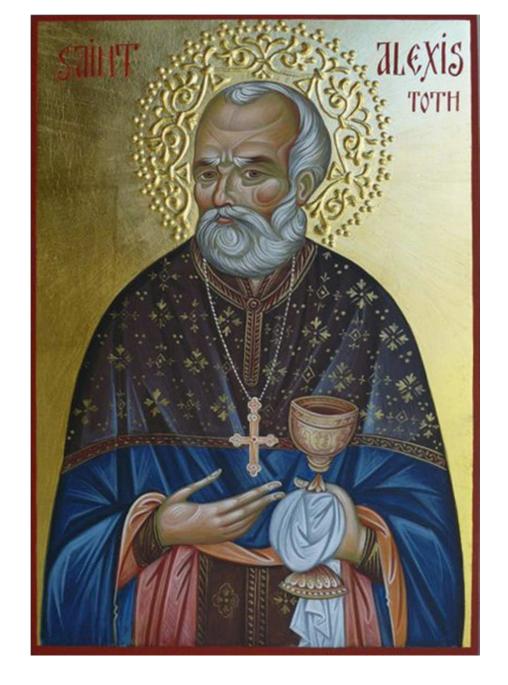
Korean – 그리스도께서 부활하셨습니다! 참으로 부활하셨습니다! (Kristokesso Boohwal hashosumnida! Chamuro Boohwal hashosumnida!)

Swahili - Kristo Amefufukka! Kweli Amefufukka!

Georgian – ქრისტე აღსდგა! ჭეშმარიტად აღსდგა! (Kriste agsdga! Cheshmaritad agsdga!)

Urdu – **Ma**sih ji **u**ttha hai! Dar**haq**eeqat, **wo** jee **u**ttha hai! (phonetically: **Muh**-see jee **oo**-tah heh! Dar**-huk**-ee-cut, **vo** jee **oo**-tah heh!)

Mongolian – Христ амилсан! Үнэхээр амилсан! Khrist amilsan! Unkheer amilsan!



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MAY 7, 2023

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA

## **Paralytic**

Commemoration of the Appearance of the Sign of the Precious Cross over Jerusalem in 351 AD
Repose of St. Alexis Toth, Confessor and Defender of Orthodoxy in America
Martyr Acacius the Centurion at Byzantium; St. John of Zaden in Georgia, and 12 disciples:
Sts. Shio, David, Anthony, Thaddeus, Stephen, Isidore, Michael, Pyrrhus, Zeno, Jesse, Joseph, and Abibus;
St. John of Beverly, Bishop of York; Repose of Ven. Nilus, Abbot of Sora;
Ven. Nilus the Myrrhgusher of Lavra; Monk-Martyr Pachomius;
The "ZHIROVITSKAYA" Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos

By Your divine intercession, O Lord, as You raised up the paralytic of old, so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts; so that being saved I may sing to You: "Glory to Your power, O compassionate Christ!"

Kontakion, Tone III

Let us, the faithful, praise the Priest Alexis, a bright beacon of Orthodoxy in America, a model of patience and humility, a worthy shepherd of the Flock of Christ. He called back the sheep who had been led astray and brought them by his preaching to the Heavenly Kingdom!

Kontakion, Tone V

TODAY'S EPISTLE: ACTS 9:32-42 TODAY'S GOSPEL: JOHN 5:1-15

GALATIANS 1:11-19 JOHN 10:1-9

## **HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:**

Tuesday, May 9 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Wednesday, May 10 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - Midfeast of Pentecost

Saturday, May 13 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

#### WELCOME GUESTS!

We are very glad you have come to worship the Holy Trinity with us this morning! Please participate in the services at your comfort level. Our greeters will kindly assist you with whatever questions or needs you may have. The communion of Christ's Body and Blood is reserved for practicing Orthodox Christians. All are invited to come forward at the end of the service to receive the blessed bread. Please stay after the Divine Liturgy for coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall so we can get to know you better!

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| I John 1:1-7         | John 19:25-27; 21:24-25  |
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| Acts 10:1-16         | John 6:56-69   |
| Acts 10:21-33        | John 7:1-13  |
| Acts 14:6-18         | John 7:14-30   |
| I Corinthians 4:9-16 | Matthew 13:54-58   |
| Acts 10:34-43        | John 8:12-20   |
| Hebrews 7:26-8:2     | Matthew 5:14-19  |
| Acts 10:44-11:10     | John 8:21-30   |
| Acts 12:1-11         | John 8:31-42   |
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#### **COMING EVENTS**

MAY:

8, Monday 6:00 p.m. IOCC Banquet at St. Michael's Woodside

9, Tuesday 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

10, Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—Midfeast of Pentecost

13, Saturday 12:00 noon EOWG Pan-Orthodox Luncheon at HTOC

14, Sunday Second Sunday Food Sale

15, Monday 6:30 p.m. Bagging food at St. Mary of Egypt Mission

21, Sunday Last day of Church School classes

29, Monday 10:00 a.m. Memorial Day grave blessings at St. Theodosius Cemetery

#### EL CAMINO — THE WAY!

Many thanks and God's Blessings to the students and teachers of our Church School for the presentation last Sunday. It was enjoyable and inspiring!

#### **IOCC COLLECTION:**

In conjunction with the annual banquet tomorrow, we will have special collections today and next Sunday to support the work of the International Orthodox Christian Charities. Make checks out to Holy Trinity, with "IOCC" on the memo line.

#### **GRAVE BLESSINGS:**

Father Chris will bless graves at St. Theodosius Cemetery on Memorial Day. The Panikhida will begin at 10:00 a.m. There are sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall and in the vestibule.

#### ST. MARY OF EGYPT MISSION:

Volunteers are needed to bag nonperishable food items for the monthly distribution at St. Mary of Egypt Mission, on May 15, 6:30 p.m.; 4345 State Rd. Please call or text Nicholas Bodle at 216-904-8537.

#### **FLOWERS:**

The flowers today are offered by Judy Howe.

#### **COFFEE HOUR:**

Our refreshments today are donated by Judy Howe and Pauline Smolarchuk.

There are openings for donors each Sunday after May 21. Please sign up in the kitchen.

#### **TRINITARIAN COVERS:**

The covers are offered by Jim and Valerie Spoerl.

#### PARISH DEVELOPMENT FORUM:

Holy Trinity will host the 10th Parish Development Forum from July 13-15th. The Forum will bring together Orthodox Christians from a broad area who are interested in sharing ideas about how to keep our parishes thriving in the future amidst societal, cultural, demographic and technological trends. Specifically, our sessions and break-out groups will be discussing clergy-laity dynamics, attracting and integrating converts, and connecting parishes with their neighborhood. This is a great opportunity for all of us at our parish to learn from and participate in! A link to register can be found on our website.

## **EOWG PAN-ORTHODOX LUNCHEON:**

On May 13, the Eastern Orthodox Women's Guild will host their annual Pan-Orthodox Luncheon here at Holy Trinity. Doors will open at noon; lunch is served at 12:30. There will be door prizes and an auction of gift baskets. Tickets are available from Joanne Stoyka. Adults, \$15 / Children 6-12, \$7:50 / under 6, Free.

#### **SUMER CAMP:**

St. Vladimir's Orthodox Summer Camp is currently registering youth ages 8-17 for summer sessions. Session 1 is July 2-8, for ages 8-12; Session 2 is July 9-15, for ages 10-17; and Session 3 is July 16-22 for ages 13-17. The Camp is located in Farmdale OH; photos and complete registration information can be found as www.stvladimirscampohio.com

#### **SECOND SUNDAY FOOD SALE:**

Please remember that next Sunday is our Food Sale. Support this fundraiser by baking and cooking your favorites!

## THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

| REGULAR COLLECTION, 4/30/2023 | \$ 2300.00 |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| BUILDING FUND                 | 799.00     |
| CANDLES                       | 72.00      |
| PENTECOST                     | 25.00      |
| SPECIAL PROJECTS              | 52.00      |
| BOOKS FOR ST. NIKOLA          | 200.00     |
| COFFEE HOUR                   | 258.00     |

## ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

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## MID-PENTECOST - WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023

The gospel read at Mid-Pentecost (Jn 7:14-30) begins with the following words: "About the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught." The feast is the Feast of Booths, celebrated by the Jews in Sukkoth (September-October). It consists of the blessing of the fall harvest and thanksgiving to God for protecting the people during the stay in the desert. On the eighth day of the festival, special prayers are made asking for rain. It is on this day, the last day of the feast, that Jesus stood and raised his voice: "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me!" For, as John specifies, "Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water" (Jn 7:37-38). Living water is the sign of Pentecost. This Wednesday feast falls just a few days before the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman. Now we live in the expectation of the Holy Spirit. Our thirst for God quickens our senses and gives us the impulse to accept God's gift:

As a hart longs for flowing streams, so longs my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? (Ps 41[42]:1-2)

## The Icon of Mid-Pentecost

The iconography adopted by the Church to illustrate Mid-Pentecost shows us Jesus teaching in the Temple, just as in the gospel. Jesus is sitting at the center of a circle of Jewish scholars and wise men. These express their amazement at his knowledge: "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?" (Jn 7:15). In answer to this question, Jesus speaks of his connection to the Father, of his divine origin.

Most often, the icons of Mid-Pentecost represent Jesus' first encounter in the Temple with the doctors of the Law—this is the episode described by Luke, when Jesus was twelve years old (Lk 2:41-50). "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?," he says to his worried parents, thus openly declaring that he is the Son of God and that he must carry out his mission. On that day, Jesus declares his independence from Joseph and Mary; he disobeys them and escapes their tutelage. He tells them about his unique link with God the Father. He accepts filial obedience to the end, an obedience which will lead him all the way to the cross. "Not my will, but yours, be done!" (Luke 22:42).

Divine Wisdom is revealed to the doctors of the Law who admire the wisdom of the child, revealing Jesus as the Child-Emmanuel announced by the prophets (Is 7:14). The authority of his teaching is already confirmed during his infancy, for "He is before all things," he precedes creation (Col 1:17 and Prov 8:22-30), "he is begotten, not made, of one essence with the Father" (the Creed). He is "the Wisdom, the Word, and the Power of God" (Matins of Pascha).

--The Incarnate God, Vol. II, SVS Press, 2002. p 180-182

## Holy Trinity Outreach Prayer List for the week of April 30, 2023 Christ Is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!

## **Memory Eternal**

- Judy Howe asks for prayers for her cousin <u>John</u>, who fell asleep in the Lord. May his memory be eternal+
- 2 Rhiannon, cousin of Danielle Bohurjak as entered into eternal life. May her memory be eternal+

#### **Specific Prayer Requests**

- 1 Katie Griebel asks for prayers for her friend **Priya** who is recovering from surgery on her throat.
- 2 Jewelann Stefanar asks for prayers for the health and healing of **Tyler**.
- 3 Please offer prayers for **Katie Griebel** who is recovering from thyroid surgery.
- 4 Michele Kuhar asks for prayers for her friend <u>Linda G</u> who needs a hip replacement.
- 5 Rita Bellack requests prayers for peace and comfort for **Fred Weiss** who has terminal cancer.
- 6 Maren Uziel asks for prayers for her coworker's brother <u>Jake</u>, who was diagnosed with cancer.

#### Continued prayers for the health, peace and well-being of:

- 1 Becky and Evie
- 2 V. Reverend Father Vladimir and Margarita Berzonsky
- 3 **Carol Bohurjak**
- 4 Tommy Bohurjak
- 5 **Marie Borland**
- 6 **Sudhakar Chandurkar**
- 7 **Christine** who is undergoing cancer treatment
- 8 Jennie Cundik
- 9 Baby Emilija Markov, granddaughter of Ana Billow
- 10 Anna DiDonato
- 11 **Eva**, daughter of Nadine Svilar's cousin
- 12 **Barb Fillipow**
- 13 **Ruth Flewelling**
- 14 Gil and Pat George
- 15 Pauline Smolarchuk's friend's son **Jimmy**
- 16 Mark Karpowicz
- 17 Gerard Kall
- 18 Lydia Kelbach
- 19 Liam James Kepner
- 20 John Kules
- 21 Olga Lobas
- 22 Kalle Lyytinen
- 23 **George Mravitz**
- 24 Michael, Nephew of Pauline Smolarchuk

- 25 **Ellen Myerly**, daughter of Pat Schwartz
- 26 Peter, and Rebecca, nephew and niece of Ruth Flewelling.
- 27 George Pecuch
- 28 **Jessica Pecuch**
- 29 Kira Pilat
- 30 Olga Przybys
- 31 Carol Range
- 32 **Betty Reis**
- 33 David Rodak
- 34 Mark S. friend of Michael Sabat
- 35 **Betty Scherry**
- 36 **Pat Schwartz**
- 37 **Gregg Sepic**
- 38 **Pauline Smolarchuk**
- 39 Valerie Spoerl
- 40 **Eleanor Steve**
- 41 Ernie and Maryann Schmidt
- 42 Nadine Svilar
- 43 <u>Teresa,</u> friend of Pauline Smolarchuk
- 44 **Tressa Thorpe**, friend of Jessie Pecuch
- 45 Marsha Uziel
- 46 Marge Virosteck

#### A Prayer for Deliverance From Illness

O most Holy God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Trinity undivided; pour forth Thy mercy upon Thy sick servant (name);

take away all (his/her) pain and anguish, forgive all (his/her) sins, grant relief from all suffering, restore health and strength to body and soul.

Grant Thy servant peace, patience and understanding of Thy will for (his/her) life, that (he/she) may return from the bed of sickness

completely restored to health and able to praise Thy Holy Name, O Lord God and our Creator.