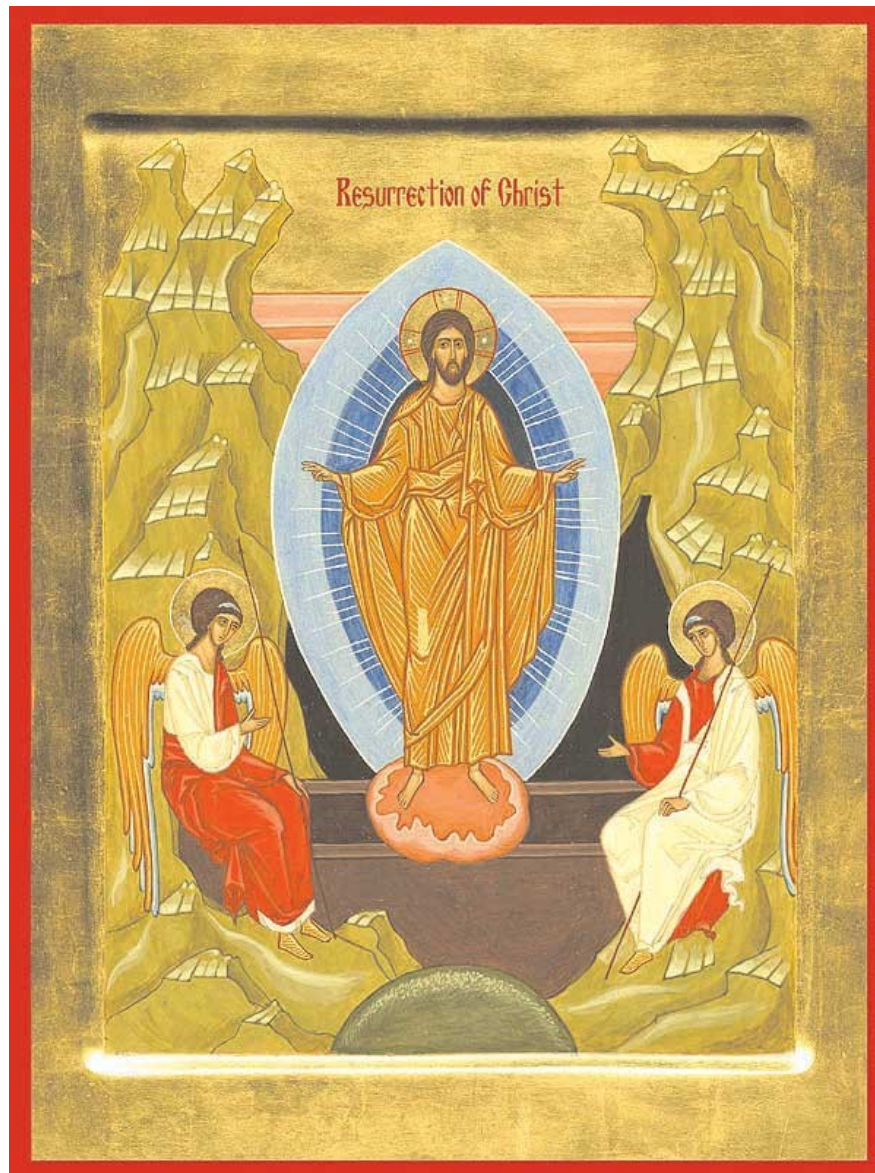


**CHRIST IS RISEN  
INDEED HE HAS RISEN!**



**Tagalog:  
Si Kristo ay  
Nabuhay!  
Siya talaga  
ay nabuhay!**

**Greek:  
Christos  
anesti!  
Alithos  
anesti!**

**Russian:  
Khristos voskrese!  
Voistinu voskrese!**



# The Weekly Forerunner

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church  
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OCA - Diocese of the Midwest



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## **Liturgical & Events Schedule TWO WEEK EDITION**

### **Sunday, April 27**

9:35 AM: Hours  
10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / 40th Panachida  
11:30 AM: Appetizers  
12:15 AM: 20th Ordination Anniversary Dinner for Fr. Andrew

### **Friday, May, 2**

9:00 AM: Divine Liturgy for my Anniversary followed by breakfast at local restaurant

### **Saturday, May 3**

6:00 PM: Vespers

### **Sunday, May, 4**

9:35 AM: Hours  
10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Social / Grave Blessings

### **Wednesday, May 7**

7:30 PM: City Council Meeting

### **Saturday, May 10**

6:00 PM: Vespers

### **Sunday, May 11– MOTHER’S DAY**

9:35 AM: Hours  
10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Panachida for all Mother’s / Mother’s Day Social provided by the men of the parish

### **Icon of St. Thomas**



## **ARCHPASTORAL GREETINGS OF THE MOST REVEREND DANIEL ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO AND THE MIDWEST ON THE BRIGHT AND JOYOUS FEAST OF PASCHA – 20 APRIL 2025**

Beloved Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of the God-protected Diocese of Chicago and the Midwest: CHRIST IS RISEN!

Before the dawn Mary and the women came and found the stone rolled away from the tomb. They heard the angelic voice: “Why do you seek among the dead as a Man the One Who is everlasting Light? Behold the clothes in the grave! Go and proclaim to the world: “The Lord is risen! He has slain death, as He is the Son of God, saving the race of men!” -Paschal Hours

**“You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen!”** (Mark 16:6). With these words, the heaven sent messenger, robed in light, addressed the Holy Myrrhbearing Women who, on that first day of the week, came looking for the tomb of Jesus. In spite of the possibility of great personal harm, their love for the Lord compelled them to come to the tomb to honor His body with a proper Jewish burial. Their deep sorrow was overpowered by their love and care for their Master. On this same “first day of the week,” we, too, come seeking the Lord and likewise hear and rejoice in those very words: “He is risen; He is not here.”

As Orthodox Christians, we believe that Jesus is not an historic figure from the past, a person whose life and deeds are to be remembered in history books. Yes, He performed wondrous works and healed the sick and suffering and raised the dead. He was betrayed by a friend, brutally beaten and crucified. He died on a cross and was buried in a borrowed tomb. But that is where mere historical facts come to an end. The tomb could not contain Him. He is risen and the tomb is empty! We believe and confess that He lives, is present among us, and walks before us and beside us as one who is alive, as one who calls us to follow Him on the path of eternal life.

**Christ is risen!** At Pascha we rejoice **Con’t pg 9**

## PLEASE KEEP OUR ELDERS OF THE CHURCH & SHUT-INS IN YOUR PRAYERS

Send a "Thinking of You" card or remember their Birthday with a card. If anyone needs to be added, please

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### Acts 5:12-20 (Epistle, St. Thomas)

And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

### SOCIALS FOR MAY

May 4- O Club  
May 11- Mother's Day Brunch  
May 18- Sisterhood  
May 25- Council

### John 20:19-31 (Gospel, St. Thomas)

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

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## MAY Candle & Bulletin Sponsors

*NOTE: If anything is missing from the Sponsorships please contact Fr. Andrew ASAP*

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**Bulletin:** In honor of my Anniversary to the Holy Priesthood

**Wine:** Given by Gary & Patty Thompson / In memory Marion Zwinski– Given by Family

**Incense:** Given by Gary & Patty Thompson / In memory of Mariion Zwinski– Given by Family

**Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light:** In honor of my granddaughter Katharyn James on occasion of her birthday– given by Nancy Tusinac

**Altar Candles:** Robert Paul & Cynthia on the occasion of the Wedding anniversary / In Memory of Iren Horodnic & for the Health of George Sr given by sons George & Robert

**Tetrapod Candles:** In memory of my parents George & Marie Gresko- given by Mary Gresko / In honor of Nancy Tusinac on the occasion of her birthday

**St. Herman Candles:** Commemorating all who participate in the maintenance of the church, the teachers, singers and those who participate in social events. Praying for everyone to love one another.

**St. Panteleimon Icon Candles:** For health of AP Andrew, AP John & Dc. James– Given by Dc. David

**Protection Icon Candles: OPEN**

**St. John the Baptist Candles:** For Health of Reader Nicola, the choir & all the devote & pious– Given by Dc. David

**Flowers: OPEN**

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### \$50 per month

\*Wine

\*Bulletin

\*Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light

\*Altar Candles

\*Tetrapod Candles

### \$30 per month

\*St. Herman candles

\*St. Panteleimon Icon candles

\*Protection Icon candles

\*St. John the Baptist candles

### \$25 per month

Incense

**Flowers** - \$50 for 2 weeks at a time– *Updated*

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### MAY 2025 Reader Schedule

April 27– Natalia Simko

May 4– Reader Matthew VanSuch

May 11– Reader Nicholas Vansuch

May 18– Robert Willison

May 25– George Horodnic

### Archpastoral Message of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon Pascha 2025

To the clergy, monastics, and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America, beloved children in the Lord,

Christ is risen! Indeed he is risen!

“This is the chosen and holy day, first of sabbaths, king and lord of days, the feast of feasts, holy day of holy days. On this day we bless Christ forevermore.”

So we sang at Matins, at the eighth ode of the Paschal canon. St. John of Damascus, the author of that canon, calls today “the feast of feasts,” and as we celebrate this feast of feasts, this first and greatest of feasts, we might ask a seemingly simple question: what are feasts, and why do we celebrate them? This question seems particularly appropriate as the world around us grows ever more chaotic and complex. *Con’t pg 7*

### Important Dates and Deadline for Upcoming All-American Council

As previously announced, the 21st All-American Council will take place at the Arizona Grand Resort in Phoenix, AZ on July 14-18, 2025.

Please note the following deadlines:

Council Exhibitor registration closes: June 13, 2025.

Youth Staff & Volunteer registration closes: June 13, 2025.

Council registration and Youth registration: June 13, 2025.

Hotel Room Reservations: June 13, 2025.

Registration for delegates and observers, for the hotel, and for the youth event is accessible through the AAC Website. Vendors and exhibitors will find the appropriate forms on the website.

The Agenda for the All-American Council will be published sixty (60) days prior to the date set for the convening of the Council.

In accordance with Article XVII of the Statute, any “proposed amendment must be submitted to the Commission on Canons and Statute at least ninety (90) days prior to the date set for the convening of an All-American Council” (Section 2). That date occurs on April 15, 2025.

Also, according to the Statute, “Final drafts of proposed amendments, together with recommendations of the Commission on Canons and Statute, shall be disseminated at least sixty (60) days prior to the date set for the convening of the All-American Council” (Section 3). That date occurs on May 15, 2022.

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**MILITARY FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Cory Deaton (Fr.) / Alena Grabavoy (Fr.) / Liam Garrity (Zelinsky)

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Metropolitan Paul (Orthodox Diocese of Aleppo) & Archbishop John (Archdiocese of Aleppo) still being held captive & Metropolitan Arseny imprisoned / The UN & IOCC humanitarian aid workers around the world / Those suffering persecution in Syria, Iraq, Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and around the world.

### Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women with the Noble Joseph / Commemorated on May 4

The Myrrh-bearing women are those women who followed the Lord, along with His Mother. They remained with her during the time of the saving Passion, and anointed the Lord's body with myrrh. Joseph and Nikódēmos asked for and received the Lord's body from Pilate. They took it down from the Cross, wrapped it in linen cloths and spices, then they laid it in a tomb, and then they placed a great stone over the entrance of the tomb.

According to the Evangelist Matthew (27:57-61) Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joses (Mark 15:40) were there sitting opposite the sepulchre, and they saw where He had been laid. This other Mary was the Mother of God. Not only were these present, but also many other women, as Saint Luke says (24:10).

Today the Church honors Saints Mary Magdalene (July 22), Mary the wife of Cleopas (May 23), Joanna (June 27), Salome, mother of the sons of Zebedee (August 3), Martha and Mary, sisters of Lazarus (June 4), and the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, who was the stepmother of her husband Joseph's sons James (October 23) and Joses (October 30). Today we also remember Saint Joseph of Arimathea (July 31), who was a secret disciple (John 19:38), and Saint Nikódēmos, who was a disciple by night (John 3:3; 19:38).

The holy right-believing Queen Tamara of Georgia is honored twice during the year: on May 1, the day of her repose, and also on the Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women.

On this day the Church also remembers All Saints of Thessalonica, Saint Seraphim Bishop of Phanar (December 4, 1610), the New Martyr Elias Arduñis (January 31, 1686), and the New Martyr Demetrios of the Peloponnesos (April 13, 1803).

### 40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

April 27– Jimmy Malchisky

May 11– Marion Zwinski / Drian Todeso



### MONTHLY CHARITY FOR 2025

**January: OCMC:** \$900 + \$300 from the church— **Total \$1,200**

**February: CA Fire Relief:** \$524 + \$300 from the Church— **Total \$824**

**March– Cleveland Deanery-** \$632 + \$300 from Church= \$ 932



**April / May CHARITY**  
Workers of St Basil– April  
St. Tikhon's Seminary– May

## MAY Reposed List

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### Antipascha: Saint Thomas Sunday / Commemorated on April 27

Some icons depicting this event are inscribed “The Doubting Thomas.” This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, “The Touching of Thomas.” The Slavonic inscription is, “The Belief of Thomas.” When Saint Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts.

This day is also known as “Antipascha.” This does not mean “opposed to Pascha,” but “in place of Pascha.” Beginning with this first Sunday after Pascha, the Church dedicates every Sunday of the year to the Lord’s Resurrection. Sunday is called “Resurrection” in Russian, and “the Lord’s Day” in Greek.

### April FINANCIALS

Expenses	\$18,323.00
Income	\$14,516.70
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-\$3,806.30</b>
Weekly Tithe	\$8,236.70
Weekly Candles	\$1,010.00
Altar Candles	\$50.00
Tetrapod Candles	\$50.00
Icon Screen / Eternal Light	\$50.00
St. Panteleimon Candles	\$30.00
St. John the Baptist Candles	\$30.00
Easter Signs Sold	\$105.00
Pascha Flowers	\$380.00
Pascha Offering	\$4,345.00
Ladies Altar Society Donation	\$50.00
Decorative Candles Sold	\$40.00
Bulletin	\$50.00
Unneeded Gifts	\$50.00
Religious Items	\$40.00
Monthly Charity: Workers of St Basil	\$547.00

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## Met. Tikhon con't from Pg 4

In the midst of all the change and busy-ness, how can we spare the time just to celebrate and do nothing of use?

Many of us are familiar with the Russian festal greeting, s prazdnikom. The key word here is prazdnik, the Russian word for feast or holiday, which derives in turn from the adjective prazdny, meaning “empty,” and hence “idle.” But this emptiness, or idleness, is not merely an expression of absence. The feast has positive content, but this content is not man-made: it is something made by God, something that our inaction allows us encounter and appreciate. Feasts are days on which we remain idle so that God can act; they are days that we empty of our own works so that we can fill them with the remembrance of the things of God: his deeds, his presence, his glory.

After all, as the Lord says, the sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath (Mk. 2:27). We abused our freewill, sinned, and lost the continual enjoyment of God, instead being cursed to eat by the sweat of our brow (Gen. 3:19). But God, in his mercy, has given us the feast day, a day on which we are able to return to our Edenic state. We set aside the labor that is the result of our sin and, for a day at least, devote ourselves to true rest, to the one thing needful: worship in spirit and truth, whose hour is coming and now is (Lk. 10:42, Jn. 4:23). As we sang at the canon, the feast is the day on which we bless Christ forevermore.

The feast day, in this way, becomes an icon of the deified person, filled with the divine energies—God’s activity, rather than his own. The saints empty their hearts, their lives, their being, of everything worldly and passionate so that God can dwell there as his holy temple. The feast is also thus an icon of the life to come, in which the elect will no longer know toil or care, but only the never-ending banquet of the kingdom, the ceaseless heavenly worship of the one God in Trinity.

Thus, on this first of sabbaths, I pray that we might all set aside our Lenten labors and rejoice in the day which the Lord has made, Bright Sunday, his Great and holy Pascha (Ps. 117:24).

Following in the footsteps of our self-emptying Master, we worked for six weeks to cleanse our hearts and lives of everything unbefitting, not so that we could be empty, but so we could be filled, according to own measure and capacity, with the grace that Christ brings into the world through his life-creating Resurrection. Christ rested after his six days of labor, and now after our six weeks of Lenten work, he calls us to enter into his rest, to find our peace in him and the great salvation that he has wrought for us upon the Wood.

Christ is risen, the Peace of God, the divine Peace himself, and so, in the midst of a busy and whirling world, we find everlasting peace on his feast of feasts. May the grace, peace, and joy of his Resurrection abide with all of you, always, now and throughout **Con't Pg 9**

## 2025 COUNCIL MEMBERS

### **Nancy Tusinac, President**

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### **Cindy Ferrick, Treasurer**

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### **Joann Sirilla, Financial Secretary**

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### **Sub-deacon Dr. Donald Tamulouis, V. President**

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### **Sherrie Fredericks, Secretary**

(Sub-committee Chairman on sending articles & pictures of events to the Diocese)  
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### **Natalia Simko, Council Member**

(Sub-committee Chairman on all Cemetery issues)  
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### **David Konik, Council Member**

(Sub-committee Chairman on Welcoming Cmte)  
Phone: 330-717-6714

### **David Dionisio, Council Member**

(Sub-committee Chairman on all organizational issues in the church (including safety issues)  
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## NEW COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEES

You will note, each Council member is in charge of keeping order in their respective areas. If there are any issues in a particular area, please contact the responsible Council member.

They are responsible to find a solution to the reported issue. That may include seeking your or another person’s help. This will allow more organized response and avoid one person being burdened with everything.

Sunshine Club – This new club is responsible for sending out birthday, anniversary and get well cards.

<b>ATTENDANCE: A Comparison - MARCH / APRIL</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>5th Week-March</b>		
Vespers	10	10
St. John Liturgy	70/ 55	55/ 39
Wed. Pre-Sanctified	28 / 20	55 / 39
Full Canon	13	8
Fri. Akathist	30	20
<b>1st Week– April</b>		
Vespers	No Vespers	8
Divine Liturgy	56 / 38– (power)	62 / 46
Wed Pre-Sanctified	31 / 17	35 22
Fri. Pre-Sanctified	35	24 / 13
<b>2nd Week</b>		
Laz. Sat. Liturgy	35	29 / 24
Vespers	18	17
Palm Sunday	98 / 63	82 / 53
Palm S. -Matin	No Record	11
Holy Monday Am	15 / 12	16 / 12
Monday Matins	35	35
Tues. Am	14 / 11	14 / 11
Tues Pm	25	33
Wed. Am	15	21 / 18
Wed Pm	56 (Unction)	28– Matins
Thurs. Am	15	17 / 13
Thurs. Pm	48	47
Friday– Hours	8	Canceled
Fri. Burial	52	45
Fri. Lamentations	74	62
H. Sat. Am	40 / 37	35 / 34
<b>3rd Week</b>		
Midnight	40	35
Pascha	164 / 95	130 / 77
Agape Vespers	23	
<b>4th week</b>		
Vespers	8	
St. Thomas Liturgy	63 / 40	

### GRAVE BLESSING– 2025

This year we will be doing grave blessings a little different. We will not be going up and down each row and just sprinkling water. We will be taking a more personal approach. This year. I presented this to council and they have agreed to try it. This year we will have a simple Panachida, like on Sunday's, and remember all those buried in general. However, for those who want your family's graves blessed individually and have their names remembered personally you will have to be present at the grave blessing. This year grave blessings will take place ON Sunday , May 4 following the social at church.

### Mark 15:43-16:8 (Gospel, Myrrhbearing)

Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph observed where He was laid. Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away – for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples – and Peter – that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

### Acts 6:1-7 (Epistle, Myrrhbearing)

Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

**APRIL / May Celebrations**

***Birthday***

- 27- Michael Polewan, Jr—April
- 3- Marcus Kubancsek / Fr. Matthew Stagon / Juliana Gemmel / Jordan Tsvetkoff
- 4- Isabella Willison
- 5- Joseph Schutt
- 6- Michael Polewan
- 8- Nancy (Anastasia) Tusinac
- 9- Patricia Thompson
- 12- Marco Kubancsek
- 14- Stephen Simko / Mary Gemmel
- 17- Brian Turner
- 19- Paula Kennedy
- 20- Philip Ellmore
- 22- Rachel Konik
- 24- Avzi Dardovski
- 27- Jennifer (Tsvetkoff)
- 28- Audrey Chengelis
- 29- Carol Krochta
- 30- Joseph Mico / Stacy Donofrio

***Anniversary***

- 1-2004- AB Benjamin of San Francisco & the West / Al & Irene Mazanik (54)
- 2- Fr. Andrew's Priestly Ordination
- 5-2012- AB Alexander of Dallas & the South & the Bulgarian Diocese
- 6- Eli & Lidija Arvan (70) / Gregory & Linda Simko
- 8-2010- AB Michael of NY & NY & NJ
- 11- Reader George & Michele Horodnic, Jr (96)
- 18- Mark & Lorraine Livosky (02)
- 28-2005- AB Alejo of Mexico City & Mexico
- 29- Reader Matthew & Deena Vansuch (05) / Jim & Elaine Johnston (71)

***Names Day***

- 30- Dc James Hryb / Sub-deacon Donald
- Sunday after Pascha- Thomas Zelinsky— April
- 4- Monica Vansuch
- 7- Alexis Jesko / Ron Luthern
- 20 Lidija Arvan
- 21- Helen Colaluca

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the ages to come.

Greeting you with festal cheer and Paschal rejoicing, and assuring you of my primatial prayers and blessing, I remain,  
Yours in Christ,

+ TIKHON  
Archbishop of Washington  
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

***Archbishop Daniel Con't from pg 2***

because Christ did not remain in the tomb, his body did not see corruption (How could the Author of Life be subject to corruption?) Christ belongs to the world of the living, not to the world of the dead; we rejoice because he is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the Source and the Fulfillment of all life. He lives not only yesterday, but is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

**Christ is risen!** But somehow this great reality and wondrous mystery of Christ's Resurrection is situated so far outside our own human experience that, looking inwardly, we find ourselves discussing the same question asked by the disciples coming down from Mount Tabor: What exactly does this "rising from the dead" mean? What does it mean for us? What does it mean for all human history? In attempting to answer this line of questioning, we must begin by admitting that Christ's Resurrection is something more, something different. It is a leap into a completely new order which concerns not only ourselves personally, but the whole of human history.

**Christ is risen!** Because of His love for us, Jesus could allow himself to die upon a cross. We must recognize, however, that by doing so he broke the seeming finality of death, because in Him the eternal finality of life was present. His death on the cross formed a new reality with life, in such a way that life is the definitive reality.

**Christ is risen!** In the Gospel of John, Jesus says to his disciples "I live, and you will also live (John 14:19). We will live because of our union with the Risen Lord, our Savior. We live and will continue to live through having been united to the One who is life itself. Eternal life and blessed immortality is a gift to us that is ours through our relationship with Christ, the Conqueror of Death. Eternal life comes to us because we have been loved by Him who is Life. He loves us so much that He died on the cross and rose from the dead for us and for our salvation.

**Christ is risen!** Thus, we can sing full of joy, together with the Church, in the words of the Paschal Troparion:

**"Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death. And upon those in the tombs bestowing life... And unto us He has given eternal life. Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!"**

I extend my joyous best wishes to you all, asking the Risen Lord to bless you, your families, friends, and all your loved ones with His continuing, life-giving presence in your lives.

With love in the Risen Lord,

DANIEL Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest