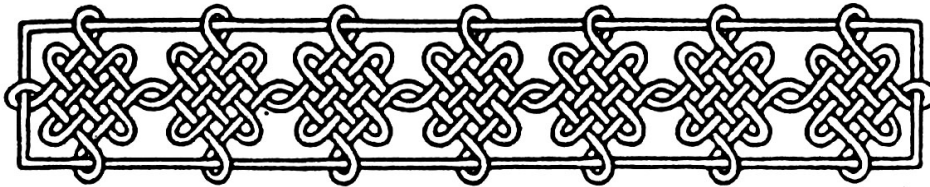


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Dear Family and Friends in Christ: *Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!*

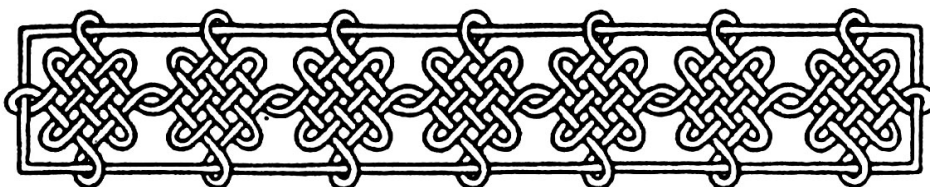
This month as the Paschal season comes to a close, we now prepare for the feast of the Ascension. One of the things we can do as we make this transition from Pascha towards Pentecost is to do as the Church calls us to do, to think about "all these things that have come to pass for us."

In reflecting on these things, they bring us comfort as we live in difficult times. No matter where we look it seems there are constant difficulties. Within our country we have the constant threat of terror, daily images of war and suffering, and even our schools and colleges have been places of evil and violence - as we all saw recently with the tragedy at Virginia Tech. In our own lives, and even within our Church, the Evil One seeks to destroy and malign the goodness that we try so desperately to manifest. Sometimes it feels like a losing battle at times considering the great opposition against us.

So what can we do? Our only recourse is Christ our God! And like Him at His Ascension, we must rise above these things and not get bound in them. It is so easy to get caught up in them. Like the Twelve Apostles we need to be reminded not to be standing around wasting time looking into the sky, or in our case, looking at the TV or computer websites, when there is work to be done - good and holy work which all of us as Christians are called to do.

May the joy of Pascha never leave us, as the Lord promised, and may we all rejoice in the approaching coming of His Most Holy, Good and Life-creating Spirit!

With love and God's blessing,



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Our Mission @ a glance:

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to John and Rebecca Schreiner, on the baptism of their daughter Leila into the Orthodox Faith on St. Thomas Sunday, April 15, following the Divine Liturgy. May God grant little Leila, the newest member of our parish, *Many Years!*

On Saturday evening, May 5, Dr. Maria Khoury will be visiting our parish. Following Great Vespers she will give a special presentation entitled: "*Christian Presence in the Holy Land Under Military Occupation and Islamic Rule.*" She will give a firsthand account of the current situation of Christians in the Holy Land. Dr. Khoury is in the United States raising awareness for this cause. Come and join us!

Seminary Choir Visit: Mark your calendars! St. Tikhon's Seminary Choir is scheduled to visit our Mission for the second year in a row on Saturday, May 12, 2007. The choir will sing the responses for Great Vespers that evening followed by a fellowship supper in their honor. Please come and join us for this most welcomed treat!

Mother's Day 2007: In honor of Mother's Day, our Mission Council has decided to send a donation to the Martha & Mary House, an Orthodox Christian maternity home for women in crisis who choose life for their unborn children. To learn more about this organization, please visit their website at:

www.marthaandmaryhouse.org

The Pan-Orthodox Academy developing in this area will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, May 14, at 7:00 pm at our Mission.

For the services for the feast of the Ascension of the Lord, please consult the weekly bulletin. At the time of this publishing the plans for the service times were still being formalized.

Mission Council Meeting: The monthly meeting of

the Mission Council will be held Thursday, May 17, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Church. All parish members are invited to participate in this important administrative ministry of the Church.

Holy Pentecost: Immediately following the Divine Liturgy on Pentecost Sunday, May 27, we will celebrate the Vespers of Pentecost with the Kneeling Vespers.

Orthodox Bible Study: Our Orthodox Bible Study continues to meet on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm at Holy Trinity G.O. Cathedral in Camp Hill. We will continue to study the Gospel of St. Matthew, and will be using the Orthodox Study Bible as the main text.

Morning Akathist: We have been celebrating a morning Akathist weekly to the Theotokos "Nurturer of Children." Anyone interested in participating in this service please join us! If you are not able to attend, please submit names of any children, grandchildren, or Godchildren you would like prayed for and Father will remember them during the service.

Visit the OCA website (www.oca.org) to see pictures of Pascha at our Mission. If you go to the main page, and click on "Photo Gallery & Events" and then click on the "Photo Gallery" link, our parish is the 35th gallery down.

Mechanicsburg Jubilee Day: We will be again participating in Jubilee Day this year on June 21. We will be focusing our efforts on outreach. Father Tim is seeking volunteers to help at our booth that day. Please see him if you would like to help. We had a blast last year, come and join us!



Parish May Birthdays

Susanna Gaither: 5/4

Carole Fair: 5/8

Mathew Linnehan: 5/18

Aidan Diehl: 5/24


Macrina Gaither: 5/29

God grant them Many Years!



Holy Apostles Orthodox Mission - Mechanicsburg, PA

May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>"This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11).</i></p>		<p>1</p> <p>Valaam Children's Choir Concert, St. Nicholas, Serbian O.C 7:00pm</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Akathist 8:15 am Orthodox Bible Study, Camp Hill, 7 pm</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Great Vespers & Confession 6 pm Dr. Maria Khoury Presentation</p>
<p>6 <i>Sam. Woman</i></p> <p>Liturgy 9:30 am Church School & Fellowship Altar Team #1</p>	<p>7</p> <p>St. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre</p> <p>Akathist to St. Alexis 7:00 pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>St. John the Theologian</p> <p>Fr. Tim -Diocesan Council Meeting @ St. Tikhon's</p>	<p>9</p> <p><i>Baby Hojnicki due</i></p>	<p>10</p> <p>Akathist 8:15 am Orthodox Bible Study, Camp Hill, 7 pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Sts. Cyril & Methodius</p>	<p>12</p> <p>St. Tikhon's Choir Visit Great Vespers & Confession 6 pm Potluck Supper</p>
<p>13 <i>Blind Man</i> MOTHER'S DAY</p> <p>Liturgy 9:30 am Church School & Fellowship Altar Team #2</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Pan - Orthodox Academy Mtg. 7:00 pm</p>	<p>15</p> 	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Ascension</p> <p>Orthodox Bible Study, Camp Hill, 7 pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Mission Council Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Great Vespers & Confession 6 pm</p>
<p>20 <i>Fathers</i></p> <p>Liturgy 9:30 am Church School & Fellowship Altar Team #1</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Sts. Constantine & Helen</p>	<p>Orthodox/ Catholic Clergy Dialogue 12 Noon, Harrisburg</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Akathist 8:15 am Orthodox Bible Study, Camp Hill, 7 pm</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Memorial Saturday</p> <p>Great Vespers, Litiya, Panakhida & Confession 6 pm</p>
<p>27 PENTECOST</p> <p>Liturgy 9:30 am Vespers of Pentecost & Fellowship Altar Team #2</p>	<p>28 MEMORIAL DAY</p> <p>St. Tikhon's Memorial Day Pilgrimage</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Akathist 8:15 am Orthodox Bible Study, Camp Hill, 7 pm</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Great Vespers & Confession 6 pm</p>
<p>FAST FREE WEEK!!!</p>						



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Prayers for the Health & Salvation of those who are in need:

Metropolitan THEODOSIUS (retired Primate of the OCA), Archbishop GREGORY (retired OCA Archbishop of Alaska), Archbishop KYRILL, Archimandrite Jerome (Newville), Archpriest John Perich, Archpriest Michael Mihalick, Archpriest Vasily Lickwar, Archpriest John Onufrey, Archpriest Daniel Donovan, Presbytera Pearl Veronis, Matushka Karen Mahaffey, Pauline Fetsko, Margaret Balog, Marlene Washburn, Lubov (Lillian) Husted, Melania Kosty, Amelia Kuzmiak, Joseph Mazur, Theophan Koziar, Mary Burke, Nona Carey, Marie Molodyko-Harris, the child Christopher Elliot, the newly Illumined Williams Family: Steven, Barbara, Anna, and Aaron, the newly Illumined Philip Graybill, the newly Illumined Leila, the newly Illumined Alina, the newly Illumined Zoe, Matushka Tamara Cowan & the Child to be granted to her, Matushka Anastasia Hojnicky & the Child to be born of her, Mary Pletnikoff & the Child to be born of her, Hannah Gordon, Harry Sysak, Sharon Hanna, Mary Lou Grove, Dorothy Medill, Janice Fields, Joseph Basalayga, Mary Kneiss, Eva Pron, Ryan Matthew Pron, Peter Melnik, Charles Hier, Julie Harb, Beth Arneson, Suzanne Byrne, Betsie Fletcher, Fred Salay, Samuel Utley, Subdeacon Peter Takarchek, John DellaMonica, Carol Allen, Helen Davis, Thimi Costas, and the infant JaNae.

Prayers for the newly Departed: Memory Eternal! Nicholas Turkevitch (+4/13), the Victims of the Virginia Tech Tragedy (+4/16), Boris Yeltsin (+4/23), Salem Essis (+4/23), & Helen Osuch (+4/28)