

BULLETIN FOR MAY 16-29, 2021



The Empty Tomb of the Risen Christ in Jerusalem

“Having beheld the resurrection of Christ, let us worship the holy Lord Jesus, the only sinless One. We venerate Your Cross, O Christ, and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection; for You are our God, and we know no other than You; we call on Your name. Come, all you faithful, let us venerate Christ's holy resurrection. For, behold, through the Cross joy has come into all the world. Let us ever bless the Lord, praising His resurrection, for by enduring the Cross for us, He has destroyed death by death.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION 2020 and 2021 GRADUATES (and Parents)...

Please give Fr. David all information (*name, graduating school, and post-graduation plans*) regarding our 2021 graduates and – since we didn't have a Graduate Sunday in 2020 – all 2020 graduates. (The best option is e-mail: father.david@stjohnacroc.org)

Please plan on joining in our annual **Memorial Day Procession and Panachida** at the Cemetery Cross on Sunday, May 30th following services. Prayers will be offered for our departed veterans as well as our priests, panis, parishioners, and all those laid to rest in our cemetery.

“VINE AND BRANCHES” DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENT

The next (and concluding) “The Vine and the Branches” online Diocesan Youth event for youth ages 5-18 (Kindergarten up to 12th Grade currently) is scheduled for Sunday, May 23, 2021 at 6pm (Eastern Time). His Eminence Metropolitan Gregory is calling all our youth ages 5-18 to come together again online on May 23 in order to strengthen their faith and connect with their peers around the Diocese. This is the Paschal Social version of “The Vine and the Branches” so don't miss out!! Registration is quick and easy! Registration closes on Friday, 5/21 so register TODAY!!

For this concluding Paschal Social version of The V&B, the schedule will include time for a message from the Metropolitan, time for entire families to gather in the “Paschal Social”, some breakout room activities, some Paschal singing (special guest appearances!), maybe even a skit or special video, and time just to see and talk with one another. Youth will be together for part of the Event, as well as in smaller “breakout rooms” grouped by age. All ages will gather together online at 6pm (Eastern Time)!! This is different from the previous events. We are bringing everyone together at the same time for this concluding V&B!! Once you register for the event, a full schedule and the links to join the Event will be sent to you. His Eminence is looking forward to seeing all of you!!!

A special note of Thanks to everyone who called, sent cards and for all of the Best Wishes for my 90th Birthday. I am truly blessed to have such caring people in my church family.

Pauline Koval

Thoughts on Stewardship

by Dan Hromyak

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.." - John 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." - 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! For God's plan to work you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.

JESUS, THE FIRST-FRUITS OF THE RESURRECTION

(From the Writings of St. Irenaeus of Lyons)

The Lord himself became the first-fruits of the resurrection of mankind, and when its time of punishment for disobedience is over the rest of the body, to which the whole human race belongs, will rise from the grave as the head has done. By God's aid it will grow and be strengthened in all its joints and ligaments, each member having its own proper place in the body. There are many rooms in the Father's house because the body has many members.

God bore with man patiently when he fell because he foresaw the victory that would be his through the Word. Weakness allowed strength its full play, and so revealed God's kindness and great power.



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Protocol No. 13/2021

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Dear Diocesan Clergy, Parents, and Young Women,

The Young Women's Encounter would like to send a gift to any young women in the Diocese, aged 12 – 18, who is interested! The Young Women's Encounter (YWE) is an annual ministry event of our Diocese specifically designed for young women to provide them an opportunity to spend time in fellowship with one another, have fun, and pray together. They deepen their understanding of their faith and to listen to God's call to each of them so they can use their unique gifts and abilities.

Even though the YWE cannot occur in person this year, the YWE Planning Committee (Pani Eleni Stagon, Pani Amy George, and Pani Nicole Choma) would like to let young women of our Diocese know that they are being prayed for and that we are looking forward to hosting the event for them again in person. Until then, we would like to mail a care package that we pray offers some spiritual benefit and enjoyment. There is no cost for the gift.

Fathers, please support the Young Women's Encounter by passing this information along to families in your parish who might be interested.

Parents if you would like your daughter to receive the gift, please go to www.tinyurl.com/YWEGift to sign her up.

If anyone has any questions about this offer or would like to learn more about the Diocesan YWE, you can visit www.acrod.org/ministries/youth/ywe/ or contact the YWE Director, Pani Eleni Stagon at www.acrodywe@gmail.com.

Working in the Risen Lord's Vineyard with much agape,

+ Metropolitan Gregory

+ Metropolitan Gregory of Nyssa

Attendance at Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha Services 2021

<i>Date</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Attendance</i>
3/14/2021	Liturgy (Sunday)	47
3/14/2021	Vespers for the Start of Lent	15
3/15/2021	Canon of St. Andrew of Crete	13
3/17/2021	Presanctified Liturgy	23
3/19/2021	Akathist to Christ	20
3/21/2021	Liturgy (Sunday)	52
3/24/2021	Vespers (Annunciation)	22
3/25/2021	Liturgy (Annunciation)	18
3/26/2021	Paraklis to the Mother of God	8
3/27/2021	Liturgy (Soul Saturday)	8
3/28/2021	Liturgy (Sunday)	56
3/31/2021	Presanctified Liturgy	22
4/4/2021	Liturgy (Sunday)	51
4/7/2021	Presanctified Liturgy	32
4/9/2021	Moleben to the Cross	13
4/10/2021	Liturgy (Soul Saturday)	9
4/11/2021	Liturgy (Sunday)	59
4/14/2021	Presanctified Liturgy	29
4/16/2021	Akathist to the Mother of God	16
4/18/2021	Liturgy (Sunday)	55
4/21/2021	Presanctified Liturgy	29
4/24/2021	Liturgy (Lazarus Saturday)	32
4/24/2021	Vespers (Palm Sunday)	7
4/25/2021	Liturgy (Palm Sunday)	85
4/26/2021	Presanctified (Holy Monday)	18
4/27/2021	Presanctified (Holy Tuesday)	22
4/28/2021	Unction (Holy Wednesday)	37
4/29/2021	Liturgy (Holy Thursday)	13
4/29/2021	12 Gospels (Holy Thursday)	29
4/30/2021	Royal Hours (Holy Friday)	12
4/30/2021	Vespers (Holy Friday)	64
5/1/2021	Liturgy (Holy Saturday)	15
5/1/2021	Resurrection Matins	75
5/2/2021	Liturgy (Pascha)	106
5/3/2021	Liturgy (Bright Monday)	13
5/4/2021	Liturgy (Bright Tuesday)	12

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Rev. Deacon John Anderson

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Sacramental and Membership Information

Sick Calls can be made at any time. Please phone the rectory (724-346-4457) when a family member is admitted to the hospital, or to request a home visit. Hospitals do *not* call to alert the parish when someone is admitted.

Marriages are solemnized on Saturdays or Sundays. Circumstances may require a dispensation from the diocesan bishop. Consult the pastor at least six months in advance and before any plans have been made for the wedding reception. Marriages cannot be celebrated during the fasting seasons of the church, or on Fridays.

Baptisms are usually scheduled on Saturdays or Sundays. Consult the pastor. Two godparents (godfather and godmother) are required, at least one of whom must be a practicing Orthodox Christian in good standing at an Orthodox parish, and the other (at least) a practicing, baptized Christian.

Church Funerals are, under ordinary circumstances, provided for practicing Orthodox Christians who are current in their spiritual and material obligations to the parish; otherwise, the funeral service is conducted at the funeral home. The Church does *not* permit cremation.

Parishioners in "good standing" are those Orthodox Christians who, as members of Saint John's Orthodox Church, strive to live according to the teachings of the Orthodox Church; participate in the life of the parish through regular church attendance, regular reception of Holy Communion and periodic Holy Confession (and receive these sacraments no less than once a year); if married, having been married in the Orthodox Church; and financially support the parish (especially through an annual "pledge").

Prospective members and returning members are asked to fill out an application form, copies of which are available in the church office.

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Diocese: acrod.org



MEN TO HOLD CANDLES

- **Sunday, May 23**

Tom Patrick
Dan Ristvey
Joel Ristvey
Matt Ristvey
Tom Ristvey

- **Sunday, May 30**

Pete Roman
Steve Saluga
Milan Shumkaroff
Ed Slovesko
Gino Tofani

*Best Wishes to Jordan Polanichka &
Paul Zdinak on their recent marriage.
May God grant them many happy &
blessed years*



Flowers

May 16

In loving memory of

Emil A. Maurer Sr.

By Dr. Emil, Christine, Alexandra,
Emily & Elizabeth Maurer

May 23

In loving memory of

Michael & Anna Ristvey's

85th Wedding Anniversary

By Sons & Spouses

Bulletin Sponsor

May 16

In honor of **Dorothy Pacinda's** Birthday

By Emily Anderson

Candelabrum Sponsor

May 23

In loving memory of parents & grandparents

Helen & Michael Kavulla

By Cyndy, Steve, Michael, David & Elise Saluga

Happy Birthday

Dorothy Pacinda - May 17
Alexandra Maurer - May 19
Elizabeth Maurer - May 21
Dawn Burns - May 22
Dennis Burprich - May 22
Stephen VanZanten - May 22
Christine Maurer - May 23
Esther Chupak - May 29
Paula Kudelko - May 29
Viktor Ristvey - May 29

Belated Birthday wishes to
Taylor Polanichka on May 13
Debbie Ristvey - May 13

Eternal Lamp Sponsor

May 16

In loving memory of

Joseph Chupak

By Patti, Jerry & Ryan Chupak

May 23

In loving memory of

Russell & Roberta Gracenin

By Stephanie & Milan Shumkaroff