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**Χριστὸς ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη! Christ is risen! Truly He is risen!**

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Christos Anesti! I just wanted to share a few thoughts with you. First of all, it was great, and a great blessing, to be with you all through Holy Week, culminating in the glorious Bright Resurrection of our Lord on Pascha. In fact, I count it a great blessing in general to be with you on a regular basis, especially as we continue to celebrate the Divine Liturgies.

I hope and pray that this finds all of you well, or at least as well as can be expected in some circumstances. Let us continue to strive to be mindful of the great grace and blessings of Pascha, as we journey towards the Ascension and then Pentecost. It requires continuing striving and effort to be mindful of God and stay connected with Him. But our smallest efforts, given from the heart, are gladly accepted by Him, and He always gives us more in return than we can possibly give to Him. It all focuses, again and again, on prayer. Prayer to begin anything, prayer to sustain any undertaking, prayer to give thanks as things get done. How to grow our parish more??? PRAYER!!! The combined and united prayers of our hearts are needed for this to happen, and to succeed. Not just my prayers, not just the prayers of the parish council, but also the prayers of ALL OF YOU!!! Remember --- the Divine Liturgy is the work of the people --- ALL OF US!!! To move forward, to grow, to expand, requires the prayers and efforts (spiritual and physical!) of ALL of us! Please take this into prayer, meditation, and contemplation. If we all do, much good will come of it. God bless each and all of you!

Your Brother in the Risen Lord,  
Fr. John

**NOTED DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:**

**May 06:** General Assembly

**May 13:** Mother's Day

**May 17:** Holy Ascension

**May 27:** Pentecost

**May 31:** Memorial Day

**STEWARDSHIP FORMS:**

Please take the time to fill out the paperwork for the Parish Council so they you will be able to participate in the Spring General Assembly on **May 6th**.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ASSISTANCE FOR EASTER:

- **Nearhos & Xanthippi Darzentas, Debbie O'Reilley, Michael Pappas, and Georgia Stevens** who donated for the flowers.
- **Dr. Gregory G. Papadeas** for his generous Lent donation in memory of Fr. George Papadeas.
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- **Debbie O'Reilley** for the Koulourakias to be given with the red eggs, making new bows, and chairing the Easter Bread sale.
- **Margo Schuering** for playing the piano on Good Friday.
- **Angelus Kocoshis, Debbie O'Reilley, Aristotle Nicolaides and Nezhla Sanders** for chanting.
- **Demetrios Geroulis, John Kofodimos, and Elijah McKnight** our acolytes.
- **Angelus Kocoshis, John Kofodimos, Bob and Camden Zetty** who carried the Epitaphio.
- **Father John** for his lovely service and words of the faith

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY 6:** You will notice that you have also received the items required to be sent prior to the General Assembly. **Please remember to bring them with you to the meeting so that you may refer to them.** Remember that your church cannot run without everyone participating.

### PARISH NEWS:

**Elijah McKnight** has received a graduate teacher's assistant appointment at Western Michigan University, where he is currently studying, online. Elijah will most likely be helping a professor teach (online) a course in Christianity. This particular professor has a focus in Orthodox Christianity.

Please still keep **Angelo Zarvas** in your prayers during his treatments.

