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CHRIST IS RISEN! HRISTOS A INVIAT !

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Services' Schedule / Programul Slujbelor

Parish Council members:

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Sunday, May 5th-Great-martyr Irene; New Martyr Ephraim. 2nd Sunday after Pascha (St. Thomas). Epis. Acts 5:12-20. Gos. John 20:19-31.

9:10 am- Matins/Utrenia

10:00 am- Holy Liturgy/ Sfanta Liturghie

Saturday, May 11th - Hieromartyr Mocius the priest; Holy Hierarch Methodius & Ven. Cyril, apostles to the Slavs

5 :00 pm - Vespers/ Vecernia and Holy Confession/Sfanta Spovedanie

Sunday, May 12th-+) Martyr John of Wallachia; Holy Hierarch Epiphanius, archbishop of Cyprus, and Germanos, patriarch of Constantinople. 3rd Sunday after Pascha (Myrrhbearing Women). Epis. Acts 6:1-7. Gos. Mark 15:43-47, 16:1-8.

9:10 am-Matins/Utrenia

10:00 am- Holy Liturgy/ Sfanta Liturghie

12:00 am- Mother's Day Fundraising

Tuesday, May 14th

6:00 pm - Spiritual Counseling, Holy Confession by appointment/
Consiliere Spirituala, Sfanta Spovedanie cu programare

Saturday, May 18th

5 :00 pm - Vespers/ Vecernia and Holy Confession/Sfanta Spovedanie

Sunday, May 19th - Hieromartyr Patrick, bishop of Prussia. 4th Sunday after Pascha (Healing of paralytic at Bethesda). Epis. Acts 9:32-42. Gos. John 5:1-15.

9:10 am-Matins/Utrenia

10:00 am -Holy Liturgy/ Sfanta Liturghie

Tuesday, May 21st - +) **Equals-to-the-Apostles Emperor Constantine & his mother Helen.**

6:00 pm - Akatist

Sunday, May 26th - Apostles of the Seventy: Karpos & Alphaios; Martyrs Abercius and Helen. 5th Sunday after Pascha (Samaritan Woman). Epis. Acts 11:19-30. Gos. John 4:5-42. Tone 4.

9:10 am-Matins/Utrenia

10:00 am-Holy Liturgy/ Sfanta Liturghie

RESURRECTION PASTORAL LETTER 2019+ NATHANIEL

By the Mercy of God, Archbishop of Detroit and the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America To the beloved clergy, monastics and pious faithful of our God-protected Episcopate:

Grace, mercy and peace from God, and from us our fatherly love and hierarchal blessing.

“Glory be to him who can keep you from falling and bring you safe to his glorious presence, innocent and happy. To God, the only God, who saves us through Jesus Christ, our Lord, be the glory, majesty, authority and power, which he had before time began, now and forever. Amen.” (Jude 1: 24-25)

Christ is risen!

Dearly Beloved,

From the short letter of Saint Jude, “Servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James,”

(1:1) we learn that already in the apostolic age, not all who considered themselves followers of Jesus were strong in their faith. I have chosen his letter, his epistle, as base text for this year’s pastoral message, because it so rightly defines our own times and our need to keep strong in our faith in Jesus Christ, risen from among the dead, whose resurrection we are glorifying. In addition to the beautiful words of glorification of God at the conclusion of his very short letter, Jude is known for his fiery words of warning throughout the Letter. You will recall his phrase with which we are all familiar: [I] “...appeal to you to fight hard for the faith which has been once and for all entrusted to the saints” (1:3). To fight hard for the faith, because: “Certain people have infiltrated among you..., and they are the ones you had a warning about...for denying all religion” (1:4). In other words, we may confess our faith with our lips but not with our lives in the society in which we are working out our salvation. Faith in the resurrection of all humanity is generally denied, if not in statement, then in deed.

Jude addresses these individuals as having violent language, vicious behavior and continues to state: “the Lord will come with his saints in their tens of thousands, to pronounce judgement on all mankind and to sentence the wicked...for all the defiant things said against Him...” (1:14-15). Are these words not appropriate for our own day? This is why Jude’s doxology to God for keeping us from falling and bringing us safe into God’s glorious presence is so useful and powerful to keep us on the right path of the faith entrusted to us for all ages.

We, the Church, the Body of Christ, His Bride, are to care for one another, and all mankind, on our earthly journey. Thus, we are encouraged to love one another as our Lord Jesus Christ exhorts us. Saint Jude cautions us: “When there are some who have doubts, reassure them; then there are some to be saved from the fire, pull them out; but there are others to whom you must be kind with great caution...” (1:22-23), for our society is defiant of our Creator and Redeemer and of His resurrection from the dead.

Of course, judgement belongs to the Lord, and we, each of us, desires to be counted

among those who will be “safe in God’s glorious presence” (1:24). To reach this blessed existence without end, we must keep the faith, stay on the right path. Judgement, doubt not, there will be!

We are strengthened by the Saint’s words of encouragement: “But you, my dear friends, must use your most holy faith as your foundation and build on that, praying in the Holy Spirit...” (1:20). Thus, our faith is not passive but active, for we are told to “build” on our faith, that is, build our lives on hope, the hope of eternal life; and this building, this earthly living, always in harmony with the movement of the Holy Spirit within us.

This letter of the Apostle has its acme in these words: “...keep yourselves within the love of God and wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to give you eternal life!” (1:21). These final four words are the foundation of this Pastoral Letter: God bestows eternal life; and this we know through the celebration of this day, the resurrection of our Lord and God and Savior from death, from the tomb, from annihilation!

Today is our day of celebration. As once we put on Christ in Holy baptism, going into the tomb with Him, so now we emerge from those cleansing waters into a new existence, “innocent and happy” (1:24) as those who are “dear to God”(1:1).

Truly, He is risen!

Accept our fatherly love and archpastoral blessings on those near and those far away.

+NATHANIEL, Archbishop

Announcements:

Dear parishioners, as you may know our congregation is going to celebrate the 50th anniversary this year, on July 21st.

If you are able, I’d kindly ask you if you could make a donation to help organize this special event. This will make a huge difference! Thank you in advance for your contribution!

Mother’s Day Fundraising is going to be on May 12th.

Please attend this fundraising as it is the most important aspect to support the church financially. From the financial terms the church in Canada is not supported by the government , only by its community. The Church by definition is a Divine-Human Institution where are officiated religious services. In order to exist as a building , the church needs support from all its parishioners not only from a few of them. Being just a few who support the church this would be very difficult to be

maintained for the future times. Because of financial difficulties many churches were closed in Canada. We need to be mindful to be closer to the church that is our spiritual mother. This is why we would kindly ask all the parishioners to attend this fundraising in order to exist.

Thank you for understanding!

God bless you all!

Father Lucian