

PRAYERS NEEDED

Bethel Adamov
June Slavoff
Chris Popovich
Spasenija Spasenovski
Zachary & Gabriel Beronja
Anne Bowden
Carol Egnatuk
Tomka Nicolich
Biljana Spasenovski
Ila Shenk
Alexander Hanchar
Phoebe Davis
Tami M.
Grace Ann
Leonora Keathley
Ramona Repair
Child of God Alexander Micevski
Child of God Gabriella
Child of God Sebastian
Gregory & Eve
Radovan Schall
Sveta
Menka
Kate
Alexandra
Peter Holoviak
David "Fernando" Lopez



MAY BIRTHDAYS

5 Louie Nickolaou
7 Keagan Nicolich
10 Sean Rambow
11 Bethel Adamov
13 Ashley Beronja
14 Florin Olarean
16 Paul John George
17 Matt Busch
20 Carolyn Keathley-Smith
20 Jeff Samson
21 Helen Repair
24 Nicholas Federinko
28 Nathan Beronja

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

2 George & Nancy Vratsidis
6 Chris & Beth Nicolich
8 Dave & MaryEllen Jackson
13 Lou & Liz Nickolaou
15 Robert & Nancy Hanchar
17 Jacob & Anastasia Finkbeiner
30 David & Tasha Federinko
30 Alex & Robin Nicolich

*The Eternal Lamp is graciously being offered
throughout the month of May in loving memory of*

+Mike Egnatuk (husband)

&

+Michael Egnatuk (son)

by Carol Egnatuk



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Christ is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed!
Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!
Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!
Hristos Vaskrese! Vaistinu Vaskrese!
Al Maseh Kam! Hakan Kam!
Hristos a Inviat! Adevarat a Inviat!
Christus Resurrectus Est! Vere Resurrectus Est!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church School Teachers, Parents & Students: Sunday School classes are temporarily suspended due to the worldwide coronavirus.

Class of '21: John Nickolaou, age 22, son of Lou and Liz Nickolaou, will be graduating on May 8th from the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business, with Highest Distinction (Summa Cum Laude), with a double major in Finance and Accounting. He is a member of the Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity, the Kelley Business Honors Program, and the Hutton Honors College. After graduation, John will be moving to New York City to work as an investment banking analyst. Congratulations on this great academic achievement to both John and his family, many years!

Mother's Day: Wishing all of our Mothers "Many Years" and a Happy Mother's Day on Sunday, 9 May and to Mothers who have departed this life, may their memory be eternal!

Special Intention for Health: An abundance of gratitude is expressed to Zivka Nanos, Suzanne Gusching and Alexandra Bell and their respective families for generously donating 3 ornate Paschal candles for liturgical worship!

Appreciation: A very special expression of gratitude is extended to 3 devoted parishioners, Fred Beronja (Church President), Gary Busch (Treasurer) and Al Hanchar (Sacristan) for their untiring labors and "behind the scene" dedication throughout the course of the year.

Talented Bakers: An abundance of thanks is expressed to Zivka Nanos, Tomka Nicolich and Olga Popovich for their dedication with baking prosphora for divine services.

Social Media Ministry: Many thanks to Anastasia Finkbeiner for the production and publication of the parish newsletter along with Matt & Jamie Starkweather for live-streaming divine services during this unprecedented time.

Sunshine Ministry: Many thanks to MaryEllen Jackson for sending greeting cards to parishioners celebrating their Birthdays and Anniversaries; she succeeds Leonora Keathley and Nancy Dimitri for their dedicated years of service.

Class of 2021: If a family member is graduating soon, please notify Fr. Lawrence ASAP with the particular details: who, when, where, degree, future plans, etc.

Spiritual Food for Thought:
 "Holiness and intelligence of soul are to be recognized from a man's eye, walk, voice, laugh, the way he spends his time and the company he keeps. Everything is transformed and reflects an inner beauty. For the intellect which enjoys the love of God is a watchful gate-keeper and bars entry to evil and defiling thoughts."
 Venerable and Godbearing Father,
 Anthony the Great
 Philokalia, Vol. 1 p.332

May 2021 Parish Calendar						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25 April Palm Sunday (Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem) 10AM Divine Liturgy Prosphora/donuts: Liz Nickolaou	26 Great & Holy Monday	27 Great & Holy Tuesday	28 Great & Holy Wednesday 6PM Healing Service	29 Great & Holy Thursday 10AM Great Vespers/ Divine Liturgy 6PM Matins (12 Passion Gospel Readings)	30 Great & Holy Friday 6PM Great Vespers (Burial Service) with veneration of the Holy Shroud (Epitaphios/Plaschanitsa)	1 May Great & Holy Saturday 12 Noon Great Vespers/Divine Liturgy 11:25PM Midnite Office
2 Holy Pascha! Christ Is Risen! 12AM Resurrectional Matins 10AM Divine Liturgy Blessing of Paschal Foods Prosphora/donuts: Zivka Nanos	3	4	5	6	7	8
Bright Week						
9 Mother's Day St. Thomas Sunday 10AM Divine Liturgy Prosphora/donuts: Suzie Gusching	10 Great Vespers 6PM; SS. Cyril & Methodius	11	12	13	14	15
16 Sunday of Myrrhbearing Women & Noble Joseph 10AM Divine Liturgy Prosphora/donuts: Suzanne Pifer	17	18	19	20	21 Divine Liturgy 10AM SS. Constantine & Helen	22 Great Vespers 6PM
23 Sunday of the Paralytic 10AM Divine Liturgy Prosphora/donuts: Ana Olarean	24	25	26 Divine Liturgy 10AM Mid-Pentecost	27	28	29 Fr. Lawrence out of town
30 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman 10AM Divine Liturgy Prosphora/donuts: Velika Pazik	31 Memorial Day	Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ, let us adore the Holy Lord Jesus, the only sinless One. We worship Thy Cross, O Christ, and Thy holy Resurrection we praise and glorify; for Thou art our God, and we know no other than Thee; we call on Thy Name. O come all you faithful, let us worship Christ's holy Resurrection. For behold, through the Cross joy has come to all the world. Ever blessing the Lord, let us praise His Resurrection. By enduring the Cross for us He destroyed death by death.				