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**Fourth Sunday of Pascha; the PARALYZED MAN. Tone 3
Righteous TABITHA. Translation of the relics of ABRAMIUS
of Bulgaria (1230). Virgin martyrs AGAPE, IRENE, CHIONIA in
Illyria. Martyrs LEONIDAS, CHARISSA, NIKE, GALINA,
CALLISTA, NUNECHIA, BASILISSA, THEODORA, & IRENE.**

Acts 9: 32-42

John 5: 1-15

We welcome FATHER MYRON to our parish today!

PROPERS OF THE DIVINE LITURGY

Tropar of the Resurrection, Tone 3

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad. For the Lord has shone strength with His Arm. He has trampled down Death by death. He has become the First born of the Dead. He has delivered us from the depths of Hades and has granted the world great mercy.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit...

Kondak of the Fourth Sunday, Tone 3

Lord, as You once raised the paralytic, now, through Your divine mercy raise my soul, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless actions. So that being saved I may chant to You: Glory to Your Might, Merciful Christ.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Paschal Kondak, Tone 8

You descended into the tomb, Immortal One and destroyed the power of Death. In victory You rose, Christ God, proclaiming, "Rejoice!" to the Myrrh-bearing women. You granted peace to Your Apostles and bestowed resurrection on the fallen.

Prokimen, Tone 1

Let Your mercy, Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope in You.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, you Righteous. Praise befits the upright.

Alleluia Verses, Tone 5

Lord, I will chant of Your mercies forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.

For You have said: "My mercy is established to the ages; in heaven You have confirmed Your faithfulness."

In Place of "It is right in truth..."

The angel cried to the Lady, Full of Grace; Rejoice, Pure Virgin. Again I say: Rejoice. Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb. With Himself He has raised up all the dead: Rejoice, all peoples.

***Irmos:* Shine, Shine, O New Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has shone on you. Exult now and be glad, O Zion and rejoice, Pure Birth-Giver of God, in the Resurrection of Your Son.**

Communion Hymn:

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the Fountain of Immortality.

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia (3X)

In Place of "We have seen the True Light"...

Tropar: **Christ is risen from the dead...**

SCRIPTURE READINGS AND MENEION

FOURTH WEEK OF HOLY PASCHA

Mon. 30 April...	Martyr ADRIAN of Corinth (251). Hieromartyr SIMEON, Bishop of Persia. Ven. ACACIUS, Bishop of Melitene (435). Acts: 10: 1-16	John 6: 56-69
Tues. 01 May ...	Ven. JOHN, disciple of Gregory Decapolis (820). Martyrs VICTOR, ZOTICUS, ZENO, ACINDYNUS & SEVERIAN (303). Acts 10: 21-33	John 7: 1-13
Wed. 02 May... FAST DAY: FISH	MID-PENTECOST. JOHN of the Ancient Caves, Palestine. Martyrs CHRISTOPHER, THEONAS & ANTONINUS in Nicomedia (303). Hieromartyr PAPHNUTIUS of Jerusalem. NICEPHORUS, abbot of Katabad. TRYPHON, Patriarch of Constantinople (933). Acts. 14: 6-18	John 7:14-30
Thurs. 03 May...	THEODORE TRICHINAS, hermit near Constantinople (400). GREGORY & ANASTASIUS, Patriarchs of Antioch. Child-martyr GABRIEL of Bilostok (1690). ANASTASIUS, abbot of Sinai (685). Acts 10: 34-43	John 8: 12-20
Fri. 04 May... FAST DAY: FISH	Hieromartyr JANUARIUS & his companions: FESTUS, PROCLUS, & SOSIUS, deacons; DESIDERIUS, EUTYCHIUS & ACUTIUS Acts 10: 44-11:10	John 8: 21-30

Sat. 05 May... **THEODORE the Sykeote, bishop of Anastasiopolis (613). Apostles NATHANIEL, LUKE & CLEMENT. VITALIS of Gaza (620). Acts 12: 1-11 John 8: 31-42**

4:00 PM VESPERS at ST. MARY'S IN ALLENTOWN

Sun. 06 May... **5th Sunday of Pascha. SAMARITAN WOMAN. Great Martyr GEORGE.**

8:30 AM THIRD & SIXTH HOURS
9:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY at our Church

NECROLOGY:

29 April... Philip Kereb '25, Archpriest Konstantine Danylenko '67, Nelcy Azar '15

30 April... Julian Didenko '39, Mary Kulp '91

02 May... Nicholas Kkymniankevych '29, Caroline Kuliensky '72, Metropolitan Ioan (Theodorovich) '71

03 May... Agnes Chuyko '64

04 May... Semen Chychota '30, Russell Gontar '85, Helen MacKenzie '99

05 May... Theodore Micio '57, Xenia Klodnycky '83, Leroy Drobick '86, Stella Antolick '15

VICHNAYA PAMJAT! MEMORY ETERNAL!

BIRTHDAYS:

06 May... Stephen Unger

ANNIVERSARIES:

02 May... John & Linda Vitushinsky

MNOHAYA LITA! MANY YEARS!

The 10th Anniversary of ARCHBISHOP DANIEL (ZELINSKY)'s consecration to the episcopacy will be observed on May 12th in St. Andrew's Church, S. Bound Brook beginning at 10 AM. A luncheon will follow.

OCMC CONTRIBUTION WAS \$17.00. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

WE PRAY FOR THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF: Priest Bazyl Zawierucha, Catherine Kochenash, Fr. Vasyl Dovgan, Michael Smallen, Vladimir & Emma Krasnopera, Tessie Kuchinos, Brendan Phillips, Jessie Hnatow, Jessica Meashock, Wasyl Hewko, Adam Hewko, Betty Hendrickson, Andrew Thaxton, Helen Sodl, Michelle Pierzga, Susan Ferretti, Matthew Vitushinsky, Micah Brickler, Lubov Slonova, Natalya Lutyi, Carole Zarayko, William Fischer, John Vitushinsky, Ekaterina Seremula

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MAY 2ND AT 7 P.M.

Melanie Unger is asking for booster donors to support this year's UOL Convention yearbook page. The Convention will coincide with the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the U.S. The cost is \$5.00 per name and we are hoping to fill an entire page.

Many thanks to the SR UOL for its generous PASCHAL DONATION of \$1,000 to the parish.

NEXT PIEROHI PRODUCTION MAY 10th . Order by May 6th. Remaining date: May 24. Call Helen 610-261-4575.

NORTHAMPTON FOODBANK DONATIONS: there continues to be a need for food to assist our neighbors. Special request for our parish is baby foods.

SCHEDULE FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION with Linda Winters: April 29th 9 AM; May 6th 11 AM; May 13th 9 AM; May 20th 11 AM; June 3rd 11 AM; June 10th 9 AM.

REDNER'S SAVE A TAPE PROGRAM continues. Deposit receipts in church vestibule. Please use Redner's *Pump Rewards/Save a Tape Card*.

Today, the Church remembers the Holy Martyrs Leonides, Charissa, Nike, Galina, Kalisa, Nunekhia, Basilissa, and Theodora who suffered at Corinth in the year 258. They were thrown into the sea, but did not drown. Instead, they walked upon the water as if it were dry land, singing spiritual hymns, "one battle I have won, O Lord, and the army pursued me; O Lord, I did not deny You, save my soul". The torturers overtook them in a ship, tied stones around their necks and then drowned them.

After a recent meeting with His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko met with the leaders of Ukraine's three Orthodox bodies and received support from the Kyivan Patriarchate and the Ukrainian Autocephalous Church, current schismatic groups, for the creation of a single Ukrainian Church. Presidential representative, Rostislav Pavlenko, was sent to Constantinople to present the petition which is backed by the Verkhovna Rada.

Today, the Church commemorates Great Martyr, Victory-bearer and Wonderworker GEORGE (YURI). Born in Cappadocia, he grew up in a deeply religious Christian family. His father was martyred for Christ when George was a child. His mother moved to Palestine and raised her son in strict piety. He entered the service of the Roman army and came to the notice of Emperor Diocletian (284-305) who appointed him to the Imperial Guard as military commander. When Diocletian intensified his persecution of Christians and demanded that all soldiers make pagan sacrifices, George refused, gave up his military commission, gave all of his wealth to the poor, freed his servants and appeared before the Senate in Nicomedia, boldly proclaiming the truth of Christ.

He was then subject to seven forms of torture, each sufficient to cause death. His steadfastness grew stronger and converted many bystanders to Christ. He was finally beheaded in 303 A.D. at the age of 30.

His fame spread all over the East and the Crusaders brought their devotion to the warrior saint back to Europe. He is the Patron Saint of England, as well as of Syria and Lebanon. Emperor Constantine dedicated a church to him. He became a symbol of the struggle of Christianity against paganism, the never ending battle between good and evil. The serpent

shown in pictures of St. George is a symbol of the Devil, the personification of all evil. He is the protector of Christians and of all who fight for the Truth.

Of the many miracles worked by the saint, the most famous are depicted on icons. Outside of Beirut, near Mt. Lebanon was a large lake inhabited by an enormous serpent which killed people. The pagan priests ordered human sacrifice to appease the serpent. A young girl, awaiting her fate, was rescued by St. George who slew the serpent. 25.000 from the city were baptized. Yaroslav the Wise, who was baptized George, advanced the veneration of George, building the city of Yuriev, a monastery, and St. Yuri's Church in Kyiv.