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Sunday May 22 *5th Sunday of Pascha / Tone 4 / The Samaritan Woman*

Last Day of Church School 9:00 am Church School
10:00 am Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour

Saturday May 28 *St Nicetas, Bishop of Chalcedon*
5:30 pm Great Vespers

Sunday May 29 *6th Sunday of Pascha / Tone 5 / The Blind Man*
Readings: Acts 16:16-34 John 9:1-38
10:00 am Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP / May 15

Attendance	137
Operating	\$2,817.00
OCA Assessments	125.00
Maintenance	25.00
Charities	25.00
Uganda	75.00
Zoe	65.00
Memorial	20.00

CANDLE BLOWER OUTERS NEEDED

In an attempt to better involve our youth in Service to the Church, we're asking our very young children, with parental guidance, to come up and blow out the candles in the two sand boxes and the two metal stands after Vespers & Liturgy. The Memorial Candles at the Cross remain lit.

ST JAMES SOUP KITCHEN

Please let Kurt Hardman (hardmankm@yahoo.com) know if you can help next Saturday, May 28 beginning at 10:00 am. Just a few hands are needed.

ALMS DISTRIBUTION

This year we added the Parish Christmas Card contributions to the Lenten Alms for a total of \$2,735 which was distributed as follows: \$1,000 — St Herman's, \$1,000 — St James, \$735 — Parish Charities.

PRAYER CORNER + + + + +

Perry (Capitan), Julian, John Clements, Sarah Criv-

ella, Joella (LuAnn D's dghtr), Francis James (Anna D's frnd), Paris Santone (Debbie C's nephew), Kristin & Cameron Robinson, Dave Renda, Ron Moore (Collins's dad), Colton (Maryann S's frnd, Joe Blackburn, Anna Como (Renda frnds), Nick Covelli, Mark Mazurik (Paul's son), suffering Christians in Ukraine and the Middle East.

Anniversaries: David & Maria Kucmanic (5/26).

Birthdays: Christina Lebedev (5/26).

Newborns: Brianna (Ray & Andrea).

Infant: Seraphina (Bobby & Juliana).

Expecting: Jeffrey & Michelle, Patrick & Katherine, Tyler & Alieya.

Newly Departed: Tim Price (5/15), Joseph Qnlivan (Lisa B's dad, 5/4), Archbishop Paul (4/24), Michael Galgoczy (4/15).

The Lord of Compassion came to the well, and conversed with a woman of Samaria. She said: "Give me Your water that I may never thirst again. I will drink from the Fountain of Joy and Redemption. O Life-Giving Lord, glory to You!"

— Vesperal Hymn for the Samaritan Woman —

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Message to Ecumenical Gathering on Peace in Ukraine

Saint Nicholas Cathedral
Washington, DC - May 20, 2022

Assembled delegates,

I greet you with joy as many of our churches continue to celebrate the bright and life-giving Resurrection of Christ. But this joy is mingled with weary sadness as the Russian invasion of Ukraine drags toward a fourth month of fighting. As primate of the Orthodox Church in America, I wish to state first of all that the Orthodox Church in America reiterates its unconditional condemnation of Russia's aggression against Ukraine.

Unjustified aggressive war is always a sin, but it is particularly scandalous when the conflict involves two nations that are, historically, bulwarks of Orthodox Christianity.

When a war involves not merely sister-peoples, but brethren in Christ, this should serve as a clarion-call to all Christians to reassess and reorder our priorities. We cannot put the world and the things of this world first; we must always begin with Jesus Christ.

At the same time, I would like to reaffirm the support of the Orthodox Church in America for His Beatitude, Onufriy, and canonical Ukrainian Orthodox Church. While we pray for all our Christian brethren in Ukraine, and especially for all Orthodox Christians, we know that Metropolitan Onufriy bears an especially difficult burden at this time.

It is our hope, for the sake of all Christians in Ukraine and Russia and all the people of both countries, that this war will come to a swift end, and that peace, justice, reconciliation, and religious freedom for people of all confessions will follow.

The stance of the Orthodox Church in America and its primate has been consistent: we have issued repeated calls for an end to the war, including appeals to His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia to do everything within his power to bring the conflict to an immediate conclusion.

But the Orthodox Church in America has also been active in providing humanitarian aid to the millions displaced by the Russian invasion. In collaboration with Eleos, the charitable organization of the Polish Orthodox Church, the Orthodox Church in America raised and distributed over \$700,000 in relief for Ukrainian refugees in a campaign that lasted until April 8th, 2022.

The Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America, Archpriest Alexander Rentel, recently traveled to Poland to witness firsthand the impact of the generosity of our faithful. At that time, he also made a fraternal visit to the Romanian Orthodox Church, offering them a gift of \$10,000 from our church for the cause of supporting Ukrainian refugees in Romania.

Since the end of our Ukrainian refugee appeal in coordination with Eleos, we have actively encouraged our faithful to continue to contribute to Ukrainian refugee relief through organizations like International Orthodox Christian Charities.

I have personally issued special petitions, to be said by the clergy of our Church at all divine services, praying for peace, repose for the departed, succor for the living, and healing for all. The Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in America has urged all of our faithful to pray with fasting for an end to the hostilities.

In short, the Orthodox Church in America has used and continues to use all means at our disposal—prayer and fasting, almsgiving, and relationships with our sister Churches—to support the victims of this war and seek an end to the conflict.

May God Almighty continue to uphold His Beatitude Onufriy, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, all Christians and all the people of Ukraine during this trial. May he strengthen all Russians of goodwill who oppose this war, actively or in spirit. May he bring healing to the hurting and inspire repentance in the guilty. May mercy and truth meet together; may righteousness and peace kiss each other. May the destruction, terror, strife, and sins of this war come to end, and may all peoples, reconciled with each other and with the God who judges the earth, send up glory to him, unto ages of ages. Amen.

May the same Lord support the work of this ecumenical gathering today, so that we may all do our part in ending this war and supporting its victims.

Yours in the Risen Lord,

+Tikhon

Archbishop of Washington