

## ON THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

“As the evil one procured our twofold death by means of his single spiritual death, so the good Lord healed this twofold death of ours through His single bodily death, and through the one Resurrection of His Body gave us a twofold resurrection. By means of His bodily death He destroyed him who had power over our souls and bodies in death, and rescued us from his tyranny over them both. The evil one clothed himself in the serpent to deceive man, but the Word of God put on man’s nature to trick the trickster. He received this nature in its undeceived and pure state, and kept it so to the end, offering it as first-fruits to the Father for sanctification from ourselves for ourselves.” — *From St. Gregory Palamas*

“Christ was Risen, and so we too must be resurrected with Christ, in order to ascend with Him. Our Resurrection is two-fold: in body and in spirit. Our bodily Resurrection will take place on the Last Day. We speak of this when we recite the Creed, the Symbol of Faith: ‘I look for the Resurrection of the dead.’ To be resurrected spiritually is to depart from our sins, to turn away from the vanities of this world, and to abide in true repentance and faith; to take up the struggle against any sin, to do the will of our Heavenly Father, to live His truth, and to follow Christ, the Son of God, with humility, love, meekness, and patience. This the new creation of which the Holy Apostle speaks when he says ‘...if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature...’ (II Corinthians 5, 17); a new person, renewed through repentance and faith, a true Christian, a living member of Christ and an heir to the Kingdom of God.” — *St. Tikhon of Zadonsk*

“The soul of our Lord, when it was deified, descended into Hades, in order that, just as the Sun of Righteousness (Mal. 4:2) rose for those upon the earth, so likewise He might bring light to those who sit under the earth in darkness and shadow of death (Is. 9:2): in order that just as He brought the message of peace to those upon the earth, and of release to the prisoners, and of sight to the blind (Is. 61:1), and became to those who believed the Author of ever-

lasting salvation and to those who did not believe a reproach of their unbelief (I Pet. 3:19), so He might become the same to those in Hades: ‘That every knee should bow to Him, of things in heaven and things in earth and things under the earth’ (Phil. 2:10). And thus after He had freed those who had been bound for ages, straightway He rose again from the dead, showing us the way of resurrection.”

— *From St. John of Damascus*

“Christ is resurrected in one who is prepared [for the Resurrection], and His tomb, the heart, once again becomes the Temple of God. Arise, O Lord, and save me, O my God — in this, Thy mystical, essential, material Resurrection, lies my salvation.”

— *St. Ignatij Brianchaninov*

“...our responsibility, but also our God-given prerogative, is to be co-healers and co-saviors with Christ. To be a Christian has never meant to sit back, pray, and hope God will act; to be a Christian has always meant to become transparent for God to work through our hands and feet and mouths and bring healing grace to the downtrodden and suffering of this world. St. Paul captures this image best when he writes: ‘It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me’ (Galatians 2.20). True Christianity is restless and uncomfortable Christianity, fashioned after Him who never slumbers nor ceases working out our salvation (cf. Psalm 120:4).” — *Fr. Stelyios Muksuris*

“Christian joy is aware of the pain and tragedy of life, but it is equally aware of the promise of salvation brought to man and confirmed on Easter. This spirit of life and joy radiates from within a person. Christ speaks of this when He says: ‘You are the light of the world...Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven.’ This joyful radiance, sustained by the Liturgy and the Feasts (They are in many ways the same thing), and made possible by the Resurrection, is Christianity.”

— *George Koulomzin*

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received Holy Illumination by “water and the Spirit” on Holy Saturday: Basil, Magdalene and Gabriel Scarborough; Andrew, Nicole and Demetrios Myles. What a joyous event it was.

- **CONGRATULATIONS:** Prayers and exorcisms will be done for Ed Fauble on Sunday, May 1, at 9:30 AM. We welcome Ed to the ranks of the catechumens, and ask the Lord to strengthen him in his journey.
- **ANASTASIA & AARON Brodeur** will be bringing their daughter Ella Marcellina to Church on Saturday, May 7, at 10 AM, to be baptized. All are invited to participate in this joyous event.
- **THE GLENDI TEAM** will meet on Sunday, May 1, after the Agape Meal. All are encouraged and welcome to attend. You may have some opinion on how Glendi 2011 is to be organized, and we would like to hear it.
- **MOTHER SUSANNA** invites all to the 8 AM Liturgy at Kazan Skete on Thursday, May 12. Following the Service there will be a presentation by Tsigi Roman on the home for the elderly that she operates in Ethiopia. Tsigi is an Orthodox “Mother Theresa” and in every way worthy of that description. Her presentation, humble though it may be, will be very edifying.
- **RADONITSA:** On this day, called the “Day of Rejoicing” we go to the cemeteries to bless graves. Schedule posted on the calendar.

## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **THE PARISH MEMBERS ARE GRATEFUL** to all those that made our Holy Week and Pascha such a beautiful experience. We thank Eugene and his daughter Anastasia Borissenko for making beeswax candles with the kids on Palm Sunday; we thank Karinna Thompson for arranging the all-night Holy Saturday reading of the Psalter with some of our youth—and we thank them too; we thank those who made the Easter eggs, those who so beautifully decorated the Church for Palm Sunday and the days of Holy Friday through Pascha; we thank the Choir for the splendid singing, which made our Services so magnificent; we thank the servers, Subdeacon Marc, the Deacons in Christ, the Priests and the candle desk attendants. We thank those that cleaned up each night of Holy Week, and those that set up for the Holy Saturday repast and the Paschal BBQ. We have so many people offering their time, talent and treasure in so many ways that it is impossible to thank all by name. The Lord, Who receives your offerings, knows everyone and their good work and intentions and will bless them richly. Christ is Risen!

• **ALTAR TEAMS:** If you are the parent of an Altar boy, we ask that you have your son come to church by 9:30 AM, on Sunday, May 29. We will have Teams A & B serve together, with the only adult server being our Subdeacon. Just Altar Boys.

• **FROM THE BOOKSTORE:** Sale prices will be good until our closing day. Cartons are needed for packing books while the bookstore is closed. If you have any about the size of orange cartons, please let Vladimir know at 707-795-2650 or [ursusmjr@sonic.net](mailto:ursusmjr@sonic.net). Thank you.

• **HALL EXTENSION & STORAGE BUILDING:** Some preliminary foundation work has been done for the new storage building. However, work cannot yet continue until the County issues us permits (any day now) for septic and soil. Due to that delay the Hall will be usable for our Sunday Agape Meals for a few weeks longer than originally expected.

• **AS MANY AS HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST:** We congratulate those who

## Parish Council Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, March 29, 2011

We began with prayer at 7:10 PM. **Attending:** Fr. Lawrence Margitich, Fr. Andrew Cuneo, Serge Anderson, Preston Booker, Debbie Buse, Gary Collins, Petar Griovski, Ole Kern, Denise Pellizzer. **Absent:** Nick Nicholson, Lew Baer, Xenia Pribyl, Sergei Moroz, Bonnie Alexander

**1. Minutes.** The February 24, 2011 meeting minutes were accepted as submitted.

**2. Rector's Report:** A) There is a sign-up sheet for Paschal duties now out. Please note new plan for young adults to do the Holy Friday overnight psalter reading. B) Parishioners from St. George's have been welcomed to participate in our services in recent weeks. C) Well over 500 emergency kits for Japan have been prepared to send out: many thanks to the Myles family and to Kate Willens for their role in achieving this. D) Our clergy have been invited to serve at an Unction Service at Calistoga on 3/31/11. E) Fr. Lawrence summarized the recent OCA Synodal problems, with special attention to issues of conciliarity, a new DOW resolution, and the role of the Metropolitan.

**3. Treasurers' Report** – Statement of February, 2011: A) Our surplus income this month comes from parishioner payment for frescoes for which we had been charged in December. B) The "Miscellaneous" line item for \$1221 under "OCA" will be more accurately described as the annual "Diocesan Assembly Assessment Fee".

C) We will need to separate the General Fund accounts from the Building Accounts when construction begins. D) Serge Anderson reported that our contractor does not need a down payment at this point. He also noted that our building project costs will run on a 'time and materials' basis. E) Nicolas Custer requested that his payment come in the form of direct deposit.

**4. Grounds and Facilities Report:** A) Building Maintenance list / Immediate and future maintenance projects: (a) Domes for Protection bell tower, main dome & cross – Serge retains the domes in his shop. (b) Replacement Solar inverters are here – Serge is storing these. (c) Waterproof area around upper 2nd story-altar window. Armored Coating has come once but has not been responsive since. Fr. Lawrence will call Creative Roofing. (d) Fixing leak in Protection. Peterson-Dean did the fix, with less than 100% success. Fr. Lawrence will get in touch with Peterson-Dean. (e) Baptismal Font. With dry weather resuming, so has grouting work. A tankless water-heater solution was discussed, as were drainage issues.

**5. Old Business:** A) Projects Associated with Storage Building, Hall Enlargement, etc. (i) Our permit should be in hand by April 3rd, and excavation can begin in the week following. (ii) The modular building has been moved. Once emptied, it will be used for storage of items from the Parish Hall. B) Renovation of Cottage – the renovation proceeds well. C) Accommodations for Fresco Monks – Gary considers that the renovation of the larger trailer can be done this month. D) Red Shed – Has been sorted and many needless items removed. It could possibly be used for monks' residence in the future? E) Demolition / Set-up of Play Equipment – Play equipment will be moved, or possibly bought. A visitor has also offered to buy the metal shed. F) Parish Offices – Due to finances, the parish offices will not be moved. G) Sunday Lunches – Bring-your-own-lunch ideas were strongly recommended, along with using Glendi tents rather than renting a large tent. BBQ's could be done 1x/month (no new grills needed). i) Alma's cleaning services were deemed unnecessary from May-September. Parishioners would thus be responsible for clean-up. Set-up/Clean-up teams needed: Preston will supervise. ii) Gazebo Slab: can possibly be moved to a new site, or else destroyed with the excavator. iii) Debbie will look into ordering 4 portapotties for May 1 delivery.

**6. New Business:** A) Work Party: scheduled for Saturday April 16. B) Glendi: Barbara passed out an Issues/Concerns list raised in two prior Glendi Committee meetings. Key issues included: i) Should the entire parish be involved in Sunday lunch & Jubilee decisions? ii) Should a considerably scaled-back Glendi be considered this year given construction pressures, as well as the absence of a kitchen? iii) PC Members agreed that a typical Glendi is unfeasible, but that something should take place. The Glendi Committee will meet to re-envision this year's Glendi, inclusive of a budget. iv) a Glendi BBQ on June 17th will take place for Glendi Heads and those new to the event.

**7. Next meeting will be Thursday April 28th.** Meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:55 p.m.