

*SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN 4/21/24*

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✨ Joe and ✨ Annette Komisariski (req. by John & Luke MacKenzie)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✨ Fr. Joseph Jugan (req. by Victor & Sandra Wheeler)

11:00 AM (E) ✨ George Adams, Sr. (req. by Sally Bojarski)

*THE HOLY GREAT MARTYR GEORGE 4/23/24*

Tuesday: 6:30 PM (E) For the Parish Family

*SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN 4/28/24*

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✨ Jerry Kowalski (req. by Mike Ferko)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✨ Mary Ann Hrinda (req. by David Pangratz)

11:00 AM (E) ✨ Anatoliy I. Zuykov (req. by Bill & Carla Klinge Family)

**OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN US:**

04/14/24

**\$595.00**

**CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD APRIL COLLECTION – Instant Oatmeal**

*Proverbs 14:31 – “Anyone who oppresses the poor is insulting God who made them. To help the poor is to honor God.”*

**EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION**

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*Prayer to Sts. Cyril & Methodius*

*O Holy Slavonic Apostles, Cyril and Methodius, you led those lost souls and us with them from the darkness of pagan error to the light of the true faith of Christ. Now you rejoice with Christ in heaven. We rejoice in your glory, with which God has rewarded your untiring zeal. We humbly thank Him for the great gift of Christianity which our heavenly Father has bestowed upon us through your efforts. Intercede with God for us who are unworthy descendants of Adam. Grant that we may be strengthened in the true faith which you preached in the Slavic lands. Amen*

## CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN! CHRISTOS VOSKRESE! VOISTINNU VOSKRESE!

**PASCHAL TROPARION: Christ is risen from the dead! By death he trampled death; and to those in the tombs he granted life.**

**FEAST OF ST. GEORGE – April 23**

George, a Captain in the Roman Army, tore up in defiance an edict of Emperor Diocletian ordering the persecution of Christians. He battled the devil, symbolized by the dragon, and saved the Holy church, symbolized by the king's daughter shown in a number of icons. He rides a white horse that indicates God's grace carrying him to the heroism of martyrdom. Constantine the Great built a great church over his tomb in Lyda of Palestine. The name George means "Tiller of the Earth."

*Imitating Christ*

A very simplistic view of Christianity goes something like this: "I follow Christ. He rewards me by keeping my earthly body safe from all harm, my earthly mind clear of all troubles. He keeps my belly and my wallet full. It's easy being a Christian! I'm good to God and He pays me back by being good to me!" However, it's not like that at all.

To be a true Christian means to realize that just as Christ suffered and died, so too will we, His followers, also suffer and ultimately die. God will protect us – but that protection is meant for our immortal souls – those souls for which Jesus died on the cross so that we might not perish, but have eternal life with Him.

No one likes to suffer, but all of us must endure it. Even those who appear not to suffer can be afflicted with pain and turmoil not visible to the naked eye. In addition, suffering can also be eternal when the soul that has not obeyed God is detached from Him forever.

As Christians, we must embrace the crosses of our lives and see them as a way of emulating the Master. If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, then we must want to imitate Christ's suffering to receive the crown – through no merit of our own – that awaits those who persevere until the end.

**ASTROLOGY & HOROSCOPES – NOT FOR CHRISTIANS**

When someone asks me what my "sign" is, I love to reply by drawing the sign of the cross on a piece of paper and saying, "This is the sign I was born under, baptized under, live by, and will die by." Not the sign of Aquarius but the sign of the cross. The sign of the One "who loved me and gave Himself for me;" the sign of the One who cares for me and guides me. It is Him I consult each day through prayer and His word in the Bible – not the stars.

It is no wonder then that the Bible condemns astrology. It condemns it because it is idolatry. It attributes to planets and stars the power that belongs to God alone. It tries to find the will of God by other means than what God has appointed, that is, the Bible and the Church.

*-An Eastern Rite Monk*

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**JESUS PRAYER** – Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner