

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)

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND 5/5/24

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✦ Kathryn Vilkinofsky (req. by Kathleen Kostef)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✦ Richard Slovich (req. by Art & Rose Ann Provost)

11:00 AM (E) For the Parish Family

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

04/21/24

\$2807.00**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.

A LOVING AND JUST GOD

When we think of Jesus, we have a tendency to think of a man of peace. After all, it is He who told His disciples, “Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God” (Matthew 5:9). We picture The Good Shepherd, tenderly holding the lambs (signifying us) in His arms. We embrace the image of Jesus knocking at the door (signifying our hearts).

However, Jesus had a just side as well. He was angered by injustice, especially towards the poor and downtrodden. He was upset with hypocrites who loved to tell others how to lead their lives, but then neglected to live just and loving lives. This is the same Jesus Who drove the moneychangers out of the Temple and cursed the fig tree for not bearing fruit!

Let us be merciful people, full of compassion for the downtrodden and the sinner. Let us not view ourselves as superior to others because of our own efforts, but let us beat our chests and pray, “Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of the Loving God be merciful to me, a sinner.”

It's Better to Give

We believe that we are hurt when we don't receive love. But that is not what hurts us. Our pain comes when we do not give love. We were born to love. You might say that we are divinely created love machines. We function most powerfully when we are giving love. The world has led us to believe that our well-being is dependent on other people loving us. However, this is the kind of upside-down thinking that has caused so many of our problems. The truth is that our well-being is dependent on our giving love. It is not about what comes back; it is about what goes out!

-Christian author, C.S. Lewis

Jesus Christ: Hail! O Christ, the Word and Wisdom and Power of God, and God omnipotent! What can we helpless ones give You in return for all these good gifts? For all are Yours, and You ask nothing from us but our salvation. You Yourself are the Giver of this and You are grateful to those who receive it, through Your unspeakable goodness. Thanks be to You Who gave us life, and granted us the grace of a happy life and restored us to that, when we had gone astray, through Your unspeakable descent to us.

*-St. John of Damascus***FROM THE DESERT FATHERS**

The flower that follows the sun does so even on cloudy days. A religious way of saying that might be to keep the faith, for God is always there, even in the dry periods when one does not sense His presence.

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