FATHER’S MESSAGE
My beloved, Christ is Risen!
I share with you the following meditation from the works of St. Theophan the Recluse, a 19th century Russian saint of our Holy Orthodox Church.

THE TRUTH AND POWER OF THE RESURRECTION

The mind can prove the truth of the Resurrection through reason based on the scriptures, and a non-believer cannot but admit the power of its arguments, as long as a sense of truth is not yet dead in him.

A believer does not need proof, because the Church of God is filled with the light of the Resurrection. Both of these indicators of truth are faithful and convincing. But counter-reasoning can spring up and contradict mind’s reason, and faith can be trampled and shaken by perplexities and doubts, coming from without and arising within.

Is there no invincible wall around the truth of the Resurrection? There is. It will occur when the power of the Resurrection, received already at baptism, begins to actively be revealed as it purges the corruption of soul and body, and establishes within them the beginnings of a new life.

He who experiences this will walk in the light of the Resurrection, and anyone talking against the truth of the Resurrection will seem to him insane, like a person saying in the daytime that it is night.
Dear Parishioners:

On May 15, 2015, Sunday, we shall have a General Assembly meeting as defined in the UPR and our own Charter, which call for two to be held annually. This General Assembly will be immediately after Church in the Fellowship Hall.

The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

**Agenda for Spring General Assembly Meeting**

**Sunday, May 15, 2016**

1. Call to Order—election of meeting Chair
2. Opening Prayer
3. Pastoral Report
4. State of the Parish
5. Reading and Approval of Fall General Assembly Minutes
6. Financial Reports:
   a. Audit of 2015 Statement, Stewardship, Accounts Update
7. Philoptochos Update
8. Committee Updates:
   a. Buildings and Grounds Committee:
      i. Ramp Update
   b. Education Committee
   c. Environment Committee
   d. Internet/Social Media Committee
   e. Outreach and Mission Committee
   f. Stewardship Committee
9. New Business
   a. By-Laws- First Reading
   b. Redeemers Contract
   c. Majestic Use of Parking Lot
10. Other
11. Closing Prayer
12. Adjourn

Sincerely,

Rev. Fr. Andreas Papayiannis
Proistamenos

Georgia Maheras
President, Parish Council
PARISH COUNCIL NEWS – Georgia Maheras, Parish Council President

Christ is Risen!

As the ground thaws and our flowers bloom, the Parish Council wants to highlight several exciting May activities: our Environmental Committee is planting in our raised beds and planning new landscaping around the Ramp. We invite you to join them in this planning effort!

Additionally, we want to invite you to our Spring General Assembly, which is combined with our Pascha Luncheon on May 15th. Our Festival Committee is in full swing- please consider joining this committee and also joining us on the weekend of July 31st as a volunteer.

In Christ,
Georgia Maheras

[Garden pictures are of raised beds last summer and from the construction of the ramp.]
Philoptochos News and Announcements

All women of our parish are invited to become members.

Holy Unmercenaries and Wonderworkers, Cosmas and Damian, visit our infirmities. Freely you have received; freely give to us. Troparion, Tone 8

Philoptochos means “friend of the poor.”
The Philoptochos Society is the official philanthropic organization of the Greek Orthodox Church in America.

Mark Your Calendars:
Sunday, May 22, next regular meeting, after coffee hour (around 12:30 p.m.)
Saturday, June 4, our Annual End of the Year Dinner.
Details will be coming. Watch your e-mail.

Did you miss paying your dues ($20) last month? See Maria Michaelides, the Treasurer. She will be glad to receive them now as well.

ATTENTION
DORMITION YOUTH DANCER PARENTS

Hi Dancer Parents,
Festival Committee has had its first meeting. That means we aren’t too far from time to get ready to dance again.

I’d like to hear about your preference for practice times.
1) Would you like to meet on Friday afternoons,
or
2) After Church on Sundays

Please e-mail me tammysi@gmavt.net
– Tammy Valadakis

Christ is Risen! - Truly He is Risen!
Christos Anesti! - Alithos Anesti!
Krishti U Ngall - Vertet U Ngall!
Khristos voskrese - Voitinu voskrese!
El Messieh kahm! - Hakken kahm!
Hristos a inviat! - Adeverat inviat!
Pchristos aftooun! - Alethos aftooun!
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE – Angelike Contis, Chairperson

Lettuce, peas, beans...soon the children will be planting the seeds for the second year of our community garden.

This year we received a generous donation of 27 free organic seed packs from High Mowing Seeds, in an effort organized by The Vermont Community Gardens Network.

We are still looking for donations from our own parishioners of shovels, carts, gloves or any other new or used garden supplies.

Finally...compost. Thanks to everyone who is putting their food leftovers in the white buckets at church events. Around the back door, our enclosed composter is busy "cooking" its very first batch of compost. We continue to deliver extra compost from events to CSWD for composting; the bake sale last month, for instance, produced over 12 gallons of compostable waste.

WANTED: Green volunteers to contribute an hour or two at the trash station at July's festival.

This station involves helping our visitors know how to sort their discards and making sure the various components (compost-ables, recyclables, and garbage) are kept separate.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Week highlights include a palm cross-making event/lesson on Lazarus Sunday and a Good Friday retreat.

Sunday School is held each Sunday in the community hall after Communion.

"Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."
Matt 19:14

NEXT CHOIR REHEARSAL

for Ascension & Pentecost

Saturday, MAY 22
9:30 a.m.

Join the choir.
Come to rehearsals.

Christ is Risen from the dead, by death, trampling upon death and upon those in the tombs He has granted life.

Christos Anesti ek nekron, thanato thanaton patisas, Ke tis en tis mnimasi zoin harisamenos.
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