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CHURCH BULLETIN – ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

April 29, 2018 / Квітень 29, 2018

DIVINE LITURGIES SCHEDULE:

April 29, 2018, Sunday of the Samaritan Woman. *The Nine Holy Martyrs of Cyzicus.*

Tone 4: Epistle: Acts 11:19–26; 29-30. / Gospel: John 4:5 – 42.

9:00 a.m. – (God's Blessing upon Fr. Popovici & Family; God's Blessing upon Olha, Ihor, Adam & Family, req. Steszyn Family and Olha Malanchak) - **English**

10:15 am – Pro Populo - **Ukrainian.**

11:45 p.m. – ☩ Panakhyda in memoriam victims of the Chernobyl tragedy - 4/26/1986

Note: This week Sanctuary Candle Light will be in Memory of ☩ Dannyk Shafranski, req. Nataliya Popovici

Monday, April 30, 2018. *The Holy Apostle James.*

9:00 am – ☩ John, ☩ Mary Kilyk, req. Family

Tuesday, May 1, 2018. *Jeremiah Prophet.*

7:00 p.m. – God's Blessing upon Zenoviy Balaban & Family, req. Maria Balaban

8:00 p.m. – Start Devotion to the Mother of God (Moleben) - (will be held every day except Sunday's during the month of May at 8:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, May 2, 2018. *Athanasius the Great Patriarch.*

9:00 a.m. – (rescheduled due to the Funeral last week) - (Special Intention) - ☩ Deceased Souls in Purgatory, req. Maria Galyluiko (5)

8:15 p.m. - Bible Study (Reading, Explanation, etc) – **Ukr.**

Thursday, May 3, 2018. *Passing of Theodosius of the Cave Venerable.*

9:00 a.m. – God's Blessing upon Vitaliy, Volodymyr, Nataliya, req. Family (5)

Friday, May 4, 2018. *Pelagja Martyr.*

9:00 a.m. – Special Intention, req. Mendyuk Family

Saturday, May 5, 2018. *Irene Great - Martyr.*

8:00 a.m. – ☩ Gloria Tolopka, req. Nataliya Popovici

6:00 p.m. – **Vespers (Вечірня)**

May 6, 2018, Sunday of the Man Born blind. *Job Venerable.*

9:00 a.m. – Pro Populo - **English**

10:15 am – (☩ Joseph {Anniv}, ☩ Richard, req. Marta Skrypoczka & Family) – **Ukrainian**

12:00 Noon - **Special Divine Liturgy for children/family – E. /U.**

Confessions: Can be heard by appointment daily and on Sundays before or after the Divine Liturgy.

Baptism and Chrismation: By appointment. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics.

Marriage: Please contact the Pastor at least six (6) months in advance.

Attendance at pre - Cana is required.

Ukrainian Culture School will be held **Every Saturday from 9:15 am until 1:35 p.m.** For more information please call the Rectory or contact the Director, Mr. Roman Vaskiv at (631) 225 -1203 or visit our Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/HFUKrainianSchool>.

Ukrainian Cultural Dances for children ages 5 to 12 are provided by Mr. Gregory Momot and Khrystyna Momot of Paramus, NJ, every Saturday, by groups: ages (5 – 9) 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.; ages (8 – 11) 2:15 p.m. – 3:55p.m.; ages (10 – 14) 3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Religious Education: Classes for religious education will resume on September 18, 2017 and will be held every Monday from 5:00 p.m. until 5:55 p.m./6:00 p.m. – 6:55 p.m. Please contact the rectory for further information.

Ministry to the Sick: Father Popovici will make visits to the sick on the first Friday of the month. It is the responsibility of an immediate family member to kindly notify Rev. Popovici at the Rectory office about any sick or aged individual who is hospitalized or confined at home or in a nursing home, and he will gladly visit and administer the sacraments. In case of emergencies please call any time.

Pray the Rosary: The Apostleship of Prayer requests members and parishioners pray the Rosary on the **First Sunday** of each month, beginning 20 minutes before Divine Liturgy. The Rosary Society requests members and parishioners pray the Rosary on the **Third Sunday** of the Month beginning at 10:00 a.m. before Ukrainian Divine Liturgy.

Mothers in Prayer: Next prayer group will be held on **May 4, 2018 at 8:15 p.m.**

St. Joseph's Men's Prayer: group will be held every Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

Rectory Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm; Evenings by appointment. **Attention: Monday** is a free day for the priest. In case of an emergency, please call at any time.

Divine Liturgy: Dear Parishioners! Remember your faith; please come every Sunday and Holy Days to Church.

Divine Liturgy for Children: Special Divine Liturgy (English/Ukrainian language) for family/children will be held on **Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 12:00 Noon.** All parents are requested to bring their children to church to celebrate the Holy Divine Liturgy.

Sunday Bulletin Deadline: Notices should be phoned in or brought to the Parish Office **NO LATER** than 12:00 noon on the Friday prior to the Sunday of publication.

Bequests: In making out your will, kindly remember your church. Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church of Lindenhurst, N.Y. is our legal title.

New Parishioners: Welcome to Holy Family Church! To all who are tired and need rest, to all who mourn and need comfort, to all who are friendless and need friendship, to all who are discouraged and need hope, to all who are hopeless and need sheltering love, to all who sin and need a Savior, this Church opens wide its doors in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Please stop by the Rectory to introduce yourselves and register. We look forward to meeting you.

Change in address or telephone? Parishioners, kindly provide the rectory with your new address and telephone numbers as soon as possible.

Parishioners and guests: after each Divine Liturgy, coffee, rolls, & cakes are served in the Parish Center for a donation of \$3.00 per person.

Sunday Collection – April 22, 2018.

"Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, for the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold." (Sir. 35: 9 – 10).

Candles: \$170, Tetrapod: \$25, Pyrohy: \$40, Church Debt: \$15, Donation: \$50, Coffee: \$235,

Pledge: \$580.00, Sunday Offering: \$800.00, Total - \$1,915.00

Dear Parishioners: Sincere thanks for the offerings made on Sunday, April 22nd, 2018. May God bless you all for your generosity.

Our Prayer: Please remember all those parishioners who are ill or elderly within your families. They are part of our parish and need to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacraments of Confession and Communion. To schedule a visit by the priest, please call the rectory for an appointment.

Attention: To all who celebrate their birthday during the month of **April 2018**, our best wishes and many happy healthy years! Mnohaya Lita and God's Blessing.

Our Church News:

1. Dear Parishioners: On April 16, 2018 Pope Francis accept the resignation of our Archbishop Steafan Soroka due to his health issues. The See of the Archbishop will remain vacant until September when the succeeding Archbishop will be elected during the Synod of our Church.

2. Congratulations were extended to **Lilian Sophie Saienko** daughter of Maksym & Ivanna Saienko who received the sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation and solemn First Holy Eucharist on April 22, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

3. Please Note: Sunday, May 13, 2018 is Mother's Day. Anyone who wishes to honor his/her mother please submit her name to the rectory as soon as possible. Prayers will be offered for those mothers who are deceased during the English Divine Liturgy on Saturday, May 12th at 7:00 pm. Prayers will be offered for those mothers who are living during the Ukrainian Divine Liturgy on Sunday May 13th at 10:15 a.m. (Mother's Day envelopes are included in your boxed envelopes)

4. The Month of May is devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. Moleben or Akatistos will be celebrated every day except Sundays at 8:00 p.m. (Due to our daily special prayer in church) either in church or outside by the statue of the Holy Family, depending on the weather. On Sundays we will celebrate Devotion to the Mother of God followed by Ukrainian Divine Liturgy. Please make a special effort to attend and participate in this Moleben (Devotional) service which begins on May 1st.

5. Mother's Day plant and flower sale, sponsored by the Apostleship of Prayer, will be held the weekend of May 12 and 13, 2018. We depend on your generosity for this fundraiser. Please consider purchasing plants/flowers for your mother, grandmother, aunt, etc.

6. Parishioner † **Dannyk Shafranski**, fell asleep in the Lord on April 21, 2018. We wish to express our sincere condolences to Mychailo and Bogdan Shafranski and their families and to Maria Galyluiko and her family on the recent loss of their father. May his memory be everlasting.

7. Upcoming events:

A. Dear Parishioners: On May 27th our Eparch Bishop Paul Chomnycky will offer the Divine Liturgy at 10:30 am in Thanksgiving to God for the 20th anniversary of the priestly ordination of Fr. Olvian Nicolae Popovici. Bishop Paul will also bless our ten, new icons recently brought from Ukraine.

B. May collections: Regular church cleaning: The next second collection will be collected on Sunday, May 20th, 2018.

C. On June 9th and 10th, 2018 – our Parish will hold our second Ukrainian Cultural Dance Festival. Mark the dates on your calendar.

8. We wish to express our sincere thanks to:

a. An Anonymous parishioner who last week began to rearrange and store items in the parish center basement. Through her voluntary services, our parish has saved extra expenses.

b. Mr. Myroslav Rusnak, and Mr. Andriy Fostakovskyy who recently volunteered to perform needed repairs in our church and parish center.

c. eighteen parishioners who donated their time and energy to make pyrohy with potatoes on Thursday, April 26th for our Festival.

d. In memory of her husband, +Dannyk Shafranski, the parish has received a \$1,000 donation from Mrs. Olga Shafranska (nee Schevchuk) for needs of our church. **May God bless all those who volunteered or made donations and may He reward you with His choicest Blessings.**

9. We have for sale pyrohy with potatoes, cheese or kapusta - \$6.00 per dozen/package. All proceeds go to our Church. This is a fund raiser.

10. Dear Parishioners: If you have any unopened and unused merchandise (**with tags and in new condition**) that you don't need, consider donating it for our "Chinese Auction" scheduled for November.

11. Dear Parishioners, if anyone desires to have Rev. Popovici *visit the grave sites of your loved ones for Panakhyda*, please call the Rectory for an appointment. This may be done until May 29, 2018.

12. Dear Parishioners! Join us for our next Pilgrimage: "Steps of the Saints" – Italy (Rome, Padua, Asisi, etc). Save the dates: September 16 – 28, 2018. More information is attached to our Church Bulletin.

HOMILY. St. John Chrysostom speaks of himself, the bishop and the people. ...continued from previous Bulletin...4. Certainly when we had lost the father that we had before, and who had formed himself for us, our state seemed deplorable to us, and we gave out inconsolable wailing, hoping that this throne would be occupied by a man like him, but as soon as his successor appeared among us, all this sadness vanished, our troubles vanished like clouds under the sun, and that not in a slow and gradual way, but with as much rapidity as if the blessed pontiff, rousing in the tomb, was back on his throne. What am I doing, though, what imprudence is mine? In my love for our father, in my admiration for his virtues, I have let myself be dragged beyond the limits, not of my subject, but those limits imposed on me by my youth; because I do not think that I have spoken an eulogy when I consider the merits which need celebration. No matter; let us bring our boat back into the port and confine ourselves to a respectful silence. It is not without regret, however, that my speech will stop. I long to take it further, and I feel a bitter pain to leave it incomplete. Children, it is impossible to appease our hunger. Let us cease to pursue what we never reach, and let us content ourselves with what we have said. When we have in our hands a rare and precious perfume, it is not just pouring it in the bowl, it's by dipping your fingertips in it that you change the air around you and anoint those present. This is what is happening to us right now, not by the powers of our eloquence, but the living emanations of his virtues. Enough. Let us turn to prayer. Let us ask God that our common mother remains unshaken and unsullied, and that we shall long have this father, this pastor, this master, this pilot. I dare not speak to you about myself. I can hardly count myself among the priests, an abortion should not be counted among the children on whom nature has lavished all his gifts. But if you deign to remember me, as we remembers a miserable and wretched being, pray that a superabundant power comes on me from on high. I needed protection while I was living for myself, free from all other cares, and now I am obliged to appear in the church — is it by the favour of man, is it by the will of God? I have not said it to him, I should not discuss this matter before you, lest I be accused of hiding my thoughts — now that I belong to the people, and I submit, never more to shake off this heavy yoke, the more I need you all to extend a helping hand to me, that all pray for me so that I may restore intact to the Divine Master the deposit that he gave me. On that day each custodian will appear before the Supreme Court and give an account of his administration. Yes, pray that I do not experience the fate of those who were loaded with chains and plunged into the outer darkness, that I am counted with those to whom will be shown mercy by the grace and love of Jesus Christ Our Lord, to whom glory, empire, and adoration belongs, for the ages of ages. Amen.

Please Note: The Virtues: Together with sanctifying grace God gives our soul the supernatural virtues and the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Three supernatural virtues are: faith, hope, and charity. They are called theological virtues, because they are concerned directly with God. "So there abide faith, hope and charity; these three; but the greatest of these is charity" (1 Corinthians 13:13). Faith is the virtue, which helps us to accept as true all that which God has revealed, because God can neither be deceived nor deceive us. Hope is the virtue, which helps us to trust that, God, Who is all powerful and faithful to His promises, will in His mercy give us eternal happiness and the means whereby we can attain this happiness. Charity is the virtue by which we love God above all things for His own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God. In addition to the virtues of faith, hope, and charity there are *other virtues, which are called supernatural moral virtues: prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance.* They help us to lead a moral life, that is, a good life. They make it easier for us to treat persons and things as God wills. Prudence has an influence on all circumstances of our life and indicates what we must do or not do. Justice disposes us to give everyone what belong to him. Fortitude helps us to do what is good in spite of all difficulties. Temperance controls our desires in order that we might use rightly that which is pleasing to our senses."

The Beatitudes:

The gifts of the Holy Spirit produce as effects the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit and the eight beatitudes. The eight beatitudes are:

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
2. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.
3. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.
4. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied by
5. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
6. Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.
8. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

One Minute Meditation: In the service of God not everyone is called to lead. There are times when we are to take a background role and go unnoticed. No matter. When we serve with love, our service can be as important as that of the most prominent apostle.

Forgiveness, again: Jesus certainly had reason to harbor a grudge. He was falsely accused, unjustly imprisoned, cruelly murdered. Yet he forgave everyone and wants us to do the same. Holding a grudge gives power over our life to the offending person or situation. As we let go the grudge, that power disappears. Instead there is room for compassion and understanding. That's what Jesus wants for us.

Laity: The faithful who, having been incorporated into Christ through Baptism, are made part of the Church. The laity participates in their own way in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly functions of Christ. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*).

Actual Grace: Actual grace is a supernatural gift of God, which enlightens our intellect and strengthens our will to perform good works and to avoid evil ones. Actual grace is necessary for all who have attained the use of reason. Without it we cannot long resist temptations or perform good works which merit for us a reward in heaven. "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it remain on the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for without me you can do nothing" (John 15: 4 – 5). We are able to resist the grace of God, because we have *free will* and *God does not force us to accept*

His grace. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, murderess of prophets and stoner of those who were sent to you! How often have I yearned to gather your children, as a mother bird gathers her young under her wings, but you refused me" (Matthew 23:37).

"How can we merit a reward in heaven for our good works?"

We can merit a reward in heaven for our good works, as long as we are in the state of sanctifying grace and do them out of love for God. "Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or do anything else, do all for the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31).

A Morning Offering: "O my loving God, I offer to You today my every thought, word, and deed out of love for You. I offer all to You through the intercession of our Heavenly Mother Mary, who loves us so much. O most gracious God, bless and protect me today.

Coming to Faith in Christ Savior: A Teaching on the Samaritan Woman for the Fifth Week of Pascha

For three weeks from the day of the Bright Resurrection of Christ, the Holy Church is unable to tear itself away from events directly connected with the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The first week passes in the joyous exaltation of the Resurrection itself, the second week passes in recollection of how the holy apostle Thomas came to believe, and the third in how the righteous Joseph and Nikodemos served Christ the Savior and how the Myrrh bearing Women went to the Tomb of the Resurrected Christ, seeing first an angel and then the Risen Lord Himself. The feast of Pascha continues, but in the following weeks, other events that occurred before the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ are remembered in our Church liturgies along with the glorification of the Resurrection of Christ. These are the miraculous healing of the paralytic and the man born blind, and as on this present Sunday, the turning of the Samaritan Woman to faith in the Lord Jesus as Savior. What is the connection between the Resurrection of Christ and these events?

Both in the Resurrection and in these events, it is the power of God that acts. And there is another, special connection between them, which we will examine closer. We typically refer to the Resurrection of Christ as the feast of Pascha. And what does the word "pascha" mean? This word means "crossing over." Christ is risen and has translated us from death to life, and from Earth to Heaven. Thus we sing in the first Irmos of the Paschal Canon: "For from death to life, and from earth to heaven hath Christ God brought us..." Pascha means a passing over in many ways: from death to life, from destruction to salvation, and also in an earthly sense—from disease to health. The last is seen in the examples of the paralytic and the man born blind. The first man lay, unable to stand up, for thirty-eight years, but, by the word of Christ, he arose, walked, and carried his bed (Jn. 5:1-15). The other was unable to see his entire life from birth, but obeyed Jesus Christ as the Son of God (Jn. 9:1-38).

Let us consider now the example of the Samaritan Woman.

A crossing over from the worse to the better occurs several times with her. First the physical crossing: She goes for water outside the town, leaves it and comes to a well. It is a holy place. This ancient well was already around 2,000 years old when the Gospel event happened, having been dug by Abraham's grandson Jacob for his son Joseph (Jn. 4:5-6). The Samaritan Woman probably went to this well every day. Such a walk after water detaches a person from life's commotion, from daily labors, and disposes him to receive Divine wisdom. And one day, when she met our Lord Jesus Christ at the well, she was spiritually reborn, making a great transition from spiritual darkness to the light of faith. Christ says to her, *If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him,*

and he would have given thee living water (Jn. 4:10), and then, *But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life* (Jn. 4:14). The Samaritan Woman received the living water of Christ: She came to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. She herself became a fountain of living water, according to the word of Christ, because she preached the Lord to her fellow citizens, and they came to Christ and believed in Him (Jn. 4:29-30, 39-42). Within this, the main transition in the life of the Samaritan Woman, we can see two others. The first is the moral change and purification of her personal life. When the Samaritan Woman asked Christ, *Sir, give me this [living] water*, the Savior answered her, *Go, call thy husband, and come hither*; but the Samaritan Woman replied, *I have no husband*. As is clear from what happens subsequently, the Samaritan Woman was dodging. She wanted to hide the shortcomings of her personal life from the Savior. Instead of chiding her, the Savior praised her with the art of a great Teacher and Doctor, saying, *Thou hast well said, I have no husband: For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly*. And then, understanding that her life was open before the Lord, she agreed with Him and said, *Sir, I perceive that Thou art a prophet* (Jn. 4:15-19). There is no doubt: Her agreement with the Lord cleanses and changes her soul. The Samaritan Woman, pronouncing the words of agreement, becomes a new person, and is cleansed. Spiritual interest is awakened in her. In its appearance consists another crossing over from the worse to the better. As a result, the Samaritan Woman immediately asks the Lord an important religious question, which probably occupied not just her, but also her countrymen. Having said, *Sir, I perceive that Thou art a prophet*, she continues, *Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship* (Jn. 4:19-20). Christ the Savior explains to the Samaritan Woman that God can be worshiped anywhere, and at the same time calls God "Father." He says, *But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth* (Jn. 4:23-24). We can see in these words of the Savior an oblique reference to the mystery of the All-Holy Trinity. *Worship the Father, that is, the first Person of the Holy Trinity, in the Spirit, that is, the third Person of the Holy Trinity, and Truth, that is, in the second Person of the Holy Trinity. Recall that Christ said about Himself, I am the Truth* (Jn. 14:6). Thus, to worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth means to enter into communion with the entire Holy Trinity. What a joy it is to worship God! Again, the Samaritan Woman experienced so many saving crossovers from worse to better: a pedestrian crossing when she walked from home to the well, a transition from reproach to request that Christ give her the living water, a shift from superstition—that God could only be worshiped on a specific mountain—to the true faith in the Heavenly Father, Who is to be worshiped in Spirit and in Truth, and a crossing over from an unenlightened condition to faith in Christ as Savior. Therefore, the event remembered today, the conversation with the Samaritan Woman, is a recollection appropriate for Paschaltide, when we celebrate our crossing over from death to life, and from Earth to Heaven, celebrating the Resurrection of Christ, to Whom be the glory!

By Metropolitan John

What are the different names of God, and what do they mean?

Each of the many names of God describes a different aspect of His many-faceted character. Here are some of the better-known names of God in the Bible:

EL, ELOAH [el, el-oh-ah]: God "mighty, strong, prominent" (Nehemiah 9:17; Psalm 139:19) – etymologically, *El* appears to mean "power" and

"might" (Genesis 31:29). *El* is associated with other qualities, such as integrity (Numbers 23:19), jealousy (Deuteronomy 5:9), and compassion (Nehemiah 9:31), but the root idea of "might" remains.

ELOHIM [el-oh-heem]: God "Creator, Mighty and Strong" (Genesis 17:7; Jeremiah 31:33) – the plural form of *Eloah*, which accommodates the doctrine of the Trinity. From the Bible's first sentence, the superlative nature of God's power is evident as God (Elohim) speaks the world into existence (Genesis 1:1).

EL SHADDAI [el-shah-dahy]: "God Almighty," "The Mighty One of Jacob" (Genesis 49:24; Psalm 132:2,5) – speaks to God's ultimate power over all.

ADONAI [ædō' nar; ah-daw-nahy]: "Lord" (Genesis 15:2; Judges 6:15) – used in place of YHWH, which was thought by the Jews to be too sacred to be uttered by sinful men. In the Old Testament, YHWH is more often used in God's dealings with His people, while *Adonai* is used more when He deals with the Gentiles.

YHWH / YAHWEH / JEHOVAH [yah-way / ji-hoh-veh]: "LORD" (Deuteronomy 6:4; Daniel 9:14) – strictly speaking, the only proper name for God. Translated in English Bibles "LORD" (all capitals) to distinguish it from *Adonai*, "Lord." The revelation of the name is given to Moses "I Am who I Am" (Exodus 3:14). This name specifies an immediacy, a presence. Yahweh is present, accessible, near to those who call on Him for deliverance (Psalm 107:13), forgiveness (Psalm 25:11) and guidance (Psalm 31:3).

YAHWEH-JIREH [yah-way-ji-reh]: "The Lord Will Provide" (Genesis 22:14) – the name memorialized by Abraham when God provided the ram to be sacrificed in place of Isaac.

YAHWEH-RAPHA [yah-way-raw-faw]: "The Lord Who Heals" (Exodus 15:26) – "I am Jehovah who heals you" both in body and soul. In body, by preserving from and curing diseases, and in soul, by pardoning iniquities.

YAHWEH-NISSI [yah-way-nee-see]: "The Lord Our Banner" (Exodus 17:15), where *banner* is understood to be a rallying place. This name commemorates the desert victory over the Amalekites in Exodus 17.

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Quotable Quotes:

The real problem is not why some pious, humble, believing people suffer, but why some do not. -- C.S. Lewis

The most powerful weapon to conquer the devil is humility. As he does not know at all how to employ it, neither does he know how to defend himself from it. – St. Vincent DePaul.

INSTEAD OF THE OLD TESTAMENT WORDS FOR GOD MAYBE WE CAN FIND NEW TESTAMENT READINGS?

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VOL. 51, No.1 VIRTUE: Faith: Faith, Scripture tells us, is confident assurances concerning what we hope for and conviction about things we do not see. The older we get the more faith we have in ourselves, our life choices and in others. We realize how much we don't know about so many things. Faith in our spiritual life is a gift and a responsibility. It is a power given to us by God to see life from His divine perspective. Faith can either develop and grow or wither by neglect. One of the easiest ways to strengthen our faith is to attend Divine Liturgy (Mass) at least weekly, or if possible more than often. When we feel the strength of our Faith combined with those in our community it lifts us and sustains us in times of doubt and crisis.