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ХРИСТОСЪ ВОСКРЕСЕ!

Christ is Risen!

**PASCHAL EPISTLE OF HIS EMINENCE HILARION, METROPOLITAN OF
EASTERN AMERICA AND NEW YORK, FIRST HIERARCH OF THE RUSSIAN
CHURCH OUTSIDE OF RUSSIA**

**Right Reverend Brother and Fellow Pastors, Right Honorable Fathers, Brethren
and Sisters Beloved in the Lord,**

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Today, in churches full to overflowing with throngs of people, songs of praise and thanksgiving are being offered up to God. Celebrating and rejoicing, we welcome the Savior's triumphant Resurrection from the tomb with gladsome spiritual hymns. In the spirit of spiritual joy I hasten, through this epistle, to visit all of you and mystically to express to all the pious members of our Russian Church Abroad the paschal greeting.

"Truly He is risen!" I declare spiritually to you all the heartfelt Paschal greeting!

In the light of His Resurrection may the Lord grant His Church peace, strengthening in the Faith, and a growing hope for an increase of love!

The source of the extraordinary joy we now experience is the fact of the resurrection of Christ itself—that greatest of all miracles in the history of the world which has dispersed the darkness of man's sense of doom. I should mention that a sudden and great inspiration in the confession of faith in the resurrected Christ imbued His disciples and apostles, who were terrified and downcast by the crucifixion of the Saviour. They, and following them the multitudes of martyrs as well, went forth to suffer and die for Christ Who had died and rose again. Despite terrible persecutions and afflictions, the first Christian Church grew and gained strength, for in the eyes of the apostles and their followers the light of the victory of Good and Life over evil and death was visible. This latter psychological circumstance persuasively and indisputably provides the foundation for faith in the resurrected Christ.

By His Resurrection, the Lord opened the way to personal salvation for each of us. Yet each person must still individually tread his life's path to reach, through Christ Who is "the way, the truth and the life" (John 14:6), the resurrection and life everlasting. The path of Paschal joy in the Lord strengthens us in the bearing of the cross of life, which consists of the pain and weaknesses of us and those close to us, of the difficulties we encounter on our way, the many and various problems and disorders with which we are visited by God Who "in the depth of His wisdom and love for mankind arrangeth all things and granteth unto all that which is beneficial."

At the present time, many of us are in turmoil and are suffering because of the economic crisis that grips the entire world. "Crisis" is a Greek word signifying judgment. In the given instance, one may say that this judgment indicates that our common hunger for and active pursuit of enrichment and the acquisition of material goods cannot result in true happiness. In the trial that has overtaken us we must find it possible not only to ponder the "one thing needful," but also to set about actively seeking happiness in God and His image, which is reflected in those close to us, that is, those who are to be found next to us. And in this way the sign of the Cross of the Lord should make us vigilant, should give us strength and courage. If each of us will remember that the Savior's way of the Cross ended in the Resurrection, that the Lord will lead us to Himself, to eternal glory and happiness, it will be easier for us and those around us to bear our little cross of life.

Let the light of the Resurrection of Christ direct our steps toward the paths that lead to the kingdom of God, that "love, joy, peace, long-suffering, goodness, loving-kindness, faith, meekness and temperance" (Galatians 5:22-23) may abide in the world, and especially in our dioceses, monasteries, parishes, missionary communities, church schools, old age homes, in all our church institutions and the social organizations of our beloved Russian Church Abroad, that we may become the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." Amen.

With Paschal joy in the Resurrection of Christ,

+Hilarion

Metropolitan of Eastern America and New York
First Hierarch of the Russian Church Outside of Russia
Pascha of the Lord, 2009

ПАСХАЛЬНОЕ ПОСЛАНИЕ ВЫСОКОТРЕОСВЯЩЕННЕЙШЕГО ИЛАРИОНА, МИТРОПОЛИТА ВОСТОЧНО-АМЕРИКАНСКОГО И НЬЮ-ЙОРКСКОГО, ПЕРВОИЕРАРХА РУССКОЙ ЗАРУБЕЖНОЙ ЦЕРКВИ

Преосвященные собратья-архипастыри, досточтимые отцы,
возлюбленные о Господе братия и сестры,

ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕСЕ!

Сегодня в церквах, переполненных множеством народа, воссылается благодарственное и хвалебное пение Богу. Празднуя и ликовав, мы встречаем радостными духовными гимнами победоносное Воскресение Спасителя из гроба. С чувством духовной радости спешу через сие послание посетить всех вас и мысленно выразить всей благочестивой Полноте нашей Русской Зарубежной Церкви - Пасхальное приветствие.

«Воистину Воскресе!» - душевно возглашаю всем вам и всем откликающимся на сердечные Пасхальные приветствия.

Да даст Господь Церкви Своей, в Свете Своего Восстания, мир, укрепление веры и возрастающую надежду на умножение любви!

Истоком этой необычайной радости, которую мы испытываем ныне, является сам факт Воскресения Христова - этого величайшего чуда в истории мира, рассеявшего мрак человеческой обреченности. Следует отметить, что внезапное и великое воодушевление в исповедании веры во Христа Воскресшего возникло в испуганных и подавленных распятием Спасителя Его учениках-апостолах. Они, а за ними и множество мучеников пошли на страдания и смерть за Христа Умершего и Воскресшего. Несмотря на страшные гонения и преследования, Первенствующая Христианская Церковь росла и укреплялась, ибо в глазах апостолов и их последователей был виден свет победы Добра и Жизни над злом и смертью. Это последнее психологическое обстоятельство убедительно и неоспоримо дает основание вере в Христа Воскресшего.

Своим Воскресением Господь открыл путь к личному спасению каждого из нас. Но каждому человеку еще надлежит и лично пройти свой жизненный путь, чтобы достичь через Христа, Который есть «путь и истина и жизнь» (Ин. 14, 6), воскресения и вечной жизни. Пусть Пасхальная радость о Господе укрепит нас в несении нашего жизненного креста, который состоит из болезней и немощей наших и близких нам людей, из трудностей, с которыми мы встречаемся на нашем жизненном пути; всевозможных неурядиц и проблем, которыми посещает нас Бог, «глубиною мудрости и человеколюбно вся строя и полезная всем подавая».

В настоящее время многие из нас волнуются и переживают в связи с охватившим весь мир экономическим кризисом. «Кризис» – греческое слово, обозначающее суд. В данном случае можно сказать, что этот суд указывает на нашу общую алчность и на то, что в активных стремлениях к обогащению и приобретению материальных благ человек не может найти подлинного счастья. В постигшем нас испытании мы должны найти возможность не только поразмышлять над «единым на потребу», но и приступить к деятельному исканию счастья в Боге и образе Его, который отражается в наших ближних, то есть тех, кто находится рядом. А на этом пути знамение Креста Господня должно ободрять нас, давать нам силы и мужество. Если каждый из нас будет помнить о том, что Крестный путь Спасителя завершился Его Воскресением; о том, что Господь ведет нас к Себе, к Вечной Славе и Счастью, то нам, и окружающим нас, станет гораздо легче нести свой малый жизненный крест.

Пусть свет Воскресения Христова направляет стопы наши по пути к Царствию Божию, чтобы «любовь, радость, мир, долготерпение, благость, милосердие, вера, кротость и воздержание» (Гал. 5, 22-23) поселились в мире и, особенно, в наших епархиях, монастырях, приходах, миссионерских общинах, прицерковных школах, старческих домах, во всех церковных учреждениях и общественных организациях нашей дорогой Русской Зарубежной Церкви, чтобы мы стали «солью земли» и «светом мира». Аминь.

С пасхальной радостью о Христе Воскресшем,

+Иларион
Митрополит Восточно-Американский и Нью-Йоркский
Первоиерарх Русской Зарубежной Церкви
Пасха Господня 2009 г.

**PASCHAL MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS PATRIARCH KIRILL OF MOSCOW
AND ALL RUSSIA TO THE ARCHPASTORS, PASTORS, MONASTICS AND ALL
FAITHFUL CHILDREN OF THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

Dear and beloved in the Lord your graces the archpastors, the all-honourable
priesthood and diaconate, God-loving monks and nuns, and all faithful children of the
Church,

CHRIST IS RISEN!

It is with this joyful exclamation that we now greet each other anew. Paschal rejoicing fills our hearts, for Christ's resurrection is the foundation of a life that has conquered death, sin and corruption. We are called to relive Pascha as the

triumph of life not only on this day: every Sunday reveals to us the majesty of the Saviour's feat, liberating us from death and destroying the fetters of sin which separate man from God. Moreover, each minute of the true Christian is to be replete with Paschal joy.

'I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live' (John 11:25). Christ's resurrection has granted to us genuine freedom and filled man's existence with meaning and hope. The most important thing is that it has opened up the way to Life Eternal to every one who believes in Christ and who lives in the Church. Therefore there can be no cause for despair, despondency and fear for those who love Christ and follow him in all circumstances of their earthly path, for 'Christ is risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept' (1 Cor. 15:20).

The Paschal triumph of life embraces the whole world, all of divine creation, bringing it to life with grace. 'Christ is risen, and life reigneth,' says St. John Chrysostom in his Paschal homily. The divine gift of life, trampled upon and defiled by the falling away of the old Adam, is again revealed to us in its plenitude by Christ the new Adam. Having communicated with the plenitude of this generous revelation of divine mercy, let us, my dear ones, value and preserve this gift. Where blood is shed and people suffer, where the image of God is trampled upon in pursuit of greed, conflict and selfishness, let us come to the defence of this image by fulfilling our Christian vocation. May our knowledge of Christ's Truth be a firm foundation for bearing witness to the risen Christ before our neighbours and those afar so that they may find life eternal. May the Almighty Lord strengthen us in knowledge of God, in mutual love and in deeds of compassion and charity. Let us zealously endeavour to ensure that not only our individual lives but the life of all society be constructed according to God's commandments, for it is only in fulfilling them that we will be granted the fullness and harmony of being. It is precisely in this way that we can testify to our love for God, for as he said, 'If ye love me, keep my commandments' (John 14:15).

In these difficult times let us reveal our Christian vocation through deeds, let us support each other so that no one feels himself humiliated, abandoned, poor or denigrated. I desire that you all strive unceasingly towards heaven in all your thoughts, actions and intentions by recalling the words of the apostle: 'If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God' (Col. 3:1).

Full of joy in Christ who has trampled down death and torn asunder the bonds of hell, I would in particular like to appeal to our young people faced with the broad field of labours, hopes and achievements. Before you lies the task of creating through your own endeavours the future of our nation and our Church. May the powers, talents and

abilities given to you by God be used for the good of your neighbours, for the fulfillment of your vocation and for the attaining of God's holy will.

My beloved! On this 'chosen and holy day' I embrace and greet each one of you, sharing my joy with all who confess the name of Christ and with each who is ready to accept into his heart the joy of the Paschal greeting:

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

+Kirill,

Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia
Pascha 2009
Moscow

ПАСХАЛЬНОЕ ПОСЛАНИЕ ПАТРИАРХА МОСКОВСКОГО И ВСЕЯ РУСИ КИРИЛЛА АРХИПАСТЫРЯМ, ПАСТЫРЯМ, МОНАШЕСТВУЮЩИМ И ВСЕМ ВЕРНЫМ ЧАДАМ РУССКОЙ ПРАВОСЛАВНОЙ ЦЕРКВИ

Дорогие и возлюбленные о Господе Преосвященные архипастыри, всечестное пресвитерство и диаконство, боголюбивый монашеский чин и все верные чада церковные!

ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕСЕ!

Этим радостным восклицанием ныне мы вновь приветствуем друг друга. Пасхальное ликование наполняет наши сердца, ибо Христово Воскресение — это основание жизни, победившей смерть, порок и тление. Пасху как торжество жизни мы призваны переживать не только сегодня: каждый воскресный день являет нам величие подвига Спасителя, освободившего нас от смерти и разрушившего оковы греха, который отделяет человека от Бога. Более того, каждая минута жизни истинного христианина должна быть наполнена Пасхальной радостью.

«Я есмь воскресение и жизнь, — сказал Господь, — верующий в Меня, если и умрет, оживет» (Ин. 11, 25). Воскресение Христово даровало нам подлинную свободу и наполнило бытие человека смыслом и надеждой. Самое же главное — оно открыло путь в Жизнь Вечную всякому верующему во Христа и пребывающему в Церкви. Поэтому нет причин для отчаяния, уныния, страха у тех, кто любит Христа и следует за Ним во всех обстоятельствах своего земного пути, ибо «Христос воскрес из мертвых, первенец из умерших» (1 Кор. 15, 20).

Пасхальное торжество жизни объемлет собою весь мир, все Божие творение, оживотворяя его благодатью. «Воскресе Христос, и жизнь жительствует!» — говорит святитель Иоанн Златоуст в своем пасхальном слове. Божий дар жизни,

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попранный и оскверненный падением ветхого Адама, вновь во всей полноте открыт нам новым Адамом — Христом.

Приобщившись к полноте этого щедрого явления Божественной милости, будем же, дорогие мои, ценить и сохранять этот дар! Там, где льется кровь и страдают люди, там, где образ Божий попирается в угоду наживе, распрям, эгоизму, — встанем на его защиту, исполняя свое христианское призвание. Пусть познание нами Истины Христовой явится прочным основанием для свидетельства о Христе Воскресшем ближним и дальним, дабы они обрели жизнь вечную.

Да укрепит Всесильный Господь нас в богопознании, во взаимной любви, в делах сострадания и милосердия. Будем ревностно прилагать усилия к тому, чтобы не только жизнь каждого из нас, но и жизнь всего общества устраивалась по Божиим заповедям, ибо только их исполнение принесет людям полноту и гармонию бытия. Именно этим мы сможем засвидетельствовать свою любовь к Богу, ведь Он Сам сказал: «Если любите Меня, соблюдайте Мои заповеди» (Ин. 14, 15).

В эти нелегкие времена явим делом свое христианское призвание, поддержим друг друга, дабы никто не чувствовал себя униженным, оставленным, бедным, ущемленным. Желая всем вам непрестанно устремляться к Небу во всех помышлениях, поступках и намерениях, помня апостольские слова: «Итак, если вы воскресли со Христом, то ищите горнего, где Христос сидит одесную Бога» (Кол. 3, 1).

Исполняясь радости о Христе, поправшем смерть и растерзавшем узы ада, мне особенно хотелось бы обратиться к молодежи, которой предлежит широкое поле трудов, дерзаний и свершений. Вам предстоит созидать своими усилиями будущее нашего народа и нашей Церкви. Пусть же силы, таланты, способности, дарованные вам от Господа, будут использованы на благо ближних, во исполнение своего призвания, для свершения святой воли Божией.

Дорогие мои! В «сей нареченный и святой день» обнимаю и приветствую каждого из вас, разделяя свою радость со всеми, кто исповедует имя Христово, и с каждым, кто готов принять в свое сердце радость Пасхального приветствия:

ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕСЕ! ВОИСТИНУ ВОСКРЕСЕ ХРИСТОС!

Аминь.

+КИРИЛЛ, ПАТРИАРХ МОСКОВСКИЙ И ВСЕЯ РУСИ
Пасха Христова 2009 года,
град Москва

PARISH LIFE IN APRIL

April was a busy month, with a total of 16 services. Besides services on the first and third Sundays, as usual (the second of which was the midnight Paschal service), this number includes the Service of General Anointing on Sunday April 5th and certain evening services particular to Great Lent. Approximately 25 people were present at the Service of General Anointing.

In mid-April, Nina Golovin co-ordinated the preparation of the вербы (pussy-willows) that were blessed on Lazarus Saturday. 50 were prepared, and all were sold. More will certainly be needed next year. The challenge will be to harvest the pussy-willow just before it flowers, and then to store it!

On Monday April 13th, the Easter Monday public holiday, a general clean-up was held at church in preparation for Holy Week and Pascha. Approximately 15-20 people attended and helped. On the same day, Katya Rubbo's beautiful icon of Christ enthroned was hung in the altar by Rick Golovin and Victor Bendeovski, with Rick framing the icon later in the week. Victor also replaced the icon-corner in the hall with a smaller one.

The midnight Paschal service - the first since 2004 - was well-attended and most joyous, despite the downpour of rain just as we began to sing «Христос Воскресе»! Many people, including visitors from Newcastle, stayed afterwards to share in a festive meal.

A surprising success was the service of Paschal Vespers at 11.00am on the morning of Pascha, attended by around 25 people. Easter baskets were blessed afterwards, and most people stayed for a cup of tea. This will be a regular Paschal service in our parish from now on.

PARISH LIFE: A BABY ARRIVES

On Wednesday April 29th, a third child was born to Victor and Susie Bendeovski. A baby boy, he has been named Daniel. God willing, baby Daniel will be baptised on Saturday June 6th, the day before Pentecost. Our warmest congratulations and best wishes to Victor and Susie, and to big brother and sister Phillip and Melanie!

PARISH LIFE: A BAPTISM

On May 2nd 2009, Father James baptised three year-old Lydia Tatarinoff, the daughter of Mark Tatarinoff and Melissa Turner of McMaster's Beach, and younger sister of Anya. Lydia's godparents were Dmitri Lihachov and Vanessa Speed. May God grant many years to the newly-illuminated Lydia, and to her family!

DIOCESAN LIFE: VLADYKA HILARION IN AUSTRALIA

Metropolitan Hilarion arrived back in Australia on Saturday May 9th. It is expected that he will stay here until shortly after the feast of Saints Peter and Paul on July 12th. At this stage it appears unlikely that he will be able to visit Gosford on a Sunday during his time in Australia, as there are only 5 "Gosford" Sundays, and two of them are the feasts of Pentecost and All Saints of Russia, Croydon's feast-day. We nevertheless hope that Vladyka will be able to visit at some stage in order to become acquainted with developments in parish life. Gosford parishioners are encouraged to visit the Wallsend parish when Vladyka serve there on Sunday May 24th, further information concerning which can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

PARISH LIFE: BOOKSTORE NEWS

Late in April, an order of new English-language books arrived. Many of these were small and inexpensive booklets, focusing on such themes as prayer and spiritual life, Orthodox beliefs and practices, and church history. Easy to read, these books will help the reader better understand Orthodox Christian faith and worship, and to explain our practices to those who ask or challenge us concerning them. Parishioners and friends are encouraged to take the time to look over the new books. Another recent acquisition is a number of copies of the 'Prologue', a set of books that includes short lives of saints and spiritual readings for each day of the year.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council met on Tuesday April 7th and again on May 5th. The election of office-bearers took place in April, with all previous office-bearers returned to their positions: Kate Marcotrigiano as Secretary, Sophia Kfoury as Treasurer, Rick Golovin as Building and Maintenance Co-ordinator, Paul Pereboeff as Fundraising and Charities Co-ordinator, and Olga Petroff, in her absence, as Head Sister. A new position was created, that of Property and Insurance Co-ordinator, and Victor Bendeovski was elected to this position. At the May meeting, Father James reported on parish life during April, and he and Sophia presented the March and April accounts in the new format showing trends and the actual financial position of the parish. The parish Winter camp was also discussed. Although it was initially agreed that the camp not go ahead, plans have since changed, as will be seen below. The Parish Council is due to meet next on Tuesday June 9th, 2009.

PARISH LIFE: OUR 2009 WINTER CAMP

Despite some recent hesitation, our parish Winter Camp will go ahead as planned. As noted in the last issue of the newsletter, the Crosslands Youth and Convention Centre at Galston Gorge has been booked for the weekend of July 17th-19th. Parishioners and friends are asked to keep this weekend free for the winter camp, which will begin on Friday night and finish on Sunday afternoon.

On Friday night we will set up, share an evening meal, and perhaps play a game or watch a short film. We plan to have a range of activities during the day on Saturday, with Matins served at 4.00pm, followed by dinner at 6.00pm and a campfire at 7.00pm. Divine Liturgy will be at the camp at 9.00am on Sunday morning. After lunch on Sunday and a final activity, we will pack up and return home.

Detailed information, including cost, will be provided to parishioners and friends shortly. Until then, PLEASE let Father Martin know as soon as possible, or email wintercamp@gosfordrussianchurch.org.au if you will be attending.

The camp this year will be dedicated to the Royal Martyrs of Russia. Matushka Marie has written a short play based on the lives of the Royal Martyrs that will be performed by children and adults at the camp, perhaps after lunch on Sunday. Anyone interested in participating should talk to her about this.

PARISH LIFE: SERVICES DURING WINTER 2009

A schedule of services has been prepared for the Winter months - June, July and August - and will be available in church from Sunday May 17th onwards. Services of note include an English service on Sunday May 31st; services for the Great Feast of Pentecost on Saturday June 7th and Sunday June 7th; our feast-day of Saint Panteleimon on Sunday August 9th; and services for the Great Feast of Transfiguration on Tuesday August 18th and Wednesday August 19th. Services on the weekend of July 18th-19th will be at our parish camp in Galston.

Something of importance to note is that our services during August will be on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, and not, as usual, on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays. This is to make allowance for Saint Panteleimon's day, which falls this year on the 2nd Sunday in August. Raeders are asked to remember this, so as not to arrive at church on the wrong Sunday in August!

VLADYKA SERVING IN NEWCASTLE

On Sunday May 24th, Metropolitan Hilarion will visit our neighbouring parish of Saint Nicholas', Wallsend, for the celebration of the parish feast-day. The preceding

Friday, May 22nd, will be the feast of the Translation of the Relics of Saint Nicholas from Myra in Lycia to Bari. Vladyka's visit to Wallsend this year is of particular importance in that the parish now includes many who worshipped at the Russian Orthodox Church of the Theophany in Mayfield, a parish of the Moscow Patriarchate. The Theophany parish closed in February this year when the parish priest, Father Alexander Filchakov, returned to Russia. In addition to celebrating the feast of Saint Nicholas, therefore, the people will also be celebrating the integration of the two Russian Orthodox communities.

A festive vigil will be served on the evening of Saturday May 23rd. The following morning at 8.15am, there will be a lesser blessing of water. Vladyka will be welcomed at 9.00am. It is expected that priests of the Moscow Patriarchate (Father Igor Filianovsky, from Melbourne), the Serbian Orthodox Church (Father Milic Rakic, of Newcastle) and the Romanian Orthodox Church (Father Theodor Postelnisescu, whose mission in Newcastle makes use of the Wallsend church) will concelebrate. During the service, a subdeacon and reader will be tonsured. After the customary moleben to Saint Nicholas, there will be a festive lunch.

The parishioners and friends of our Gosford parish are encouraged to visit Wallsend for these festive services. The Wallsend and Mayfield parishioners, now united in one parish, have often travelled to visit us for our feast-day and on other special occasions, and it would be encouraging for them to have us there with them on such an important day. The Wallsend parish is just an hour's drive from West Gosford.

CHURCH LIFE: SISTERS FROM THE SAINT ELIZABETH CONVENT IN MINSK TO VISIT OUR DIOCESE IN MAY

In the last edition of this newsletter, it was advised that a small delegation of sisters from the Convent of Saint Elizabeth in Minsk, Belarus, would visit our Diocese in May. The sisters arrived in Australia in early May, and will be with us on May 17th. There will be a collection for the convent after Divine Liturgy, and after the service the sisters will talk and show a short film about the life and work of the convent, and offer some items (handcrafts and recordings of liturgical music) for sale. Further information about the convent can be obtained from its' website, www.obitel-minsk.by.

PARISH LIFE: KIDS' FISHING DAY

On Sunday May 31st 2009 we will have a kids' fishing day at The Entrance after church. The plan is to meet in the park at the northern end of The Entrance bridge at approximately 12.00pm. The cost will be \$5.00 per child, \$10.00 per adult, or

\$20.00 per family, and includes lunch, soft drinks, and bait. Participants should take their own rods if possible, although there will be a few extra rods available for use. Hooks, sinkers and swivels will be provided. The day is planned as one on which the kids can enjoy themselves and experience fishing - hopefully catching a fish! Prizes will be awarded for various skills and qualities on the day. For more information, or to confirm attendance, please call Paul Pereboeff before 30 May 2009 on 0414-950741, or email fishingcomp@gosfordrussianchurch.org.au.

DIOCESAN LIFE: YOUTH TALKS

Following the Youth Conference held in Strathfield during Great Lent, a series of monthly talks has been organised for youth aged 16-35. The first of these talks will be at Cabramatta in the church hall at 6.00pm on Sunday May 31st 2009, and will be given by Metropolitan Hilarion. Most of the priests of the Sydney Deanery will give a talk over the next few months, with Father James scheduled to talk in September. More information will be made available in church soon!

ETERNAL MEMORY!

On Thursday April 30th, a longstanding parish member, Lydia Ustimko, reposed in the Lord at 94 years of age. Although she lived in Sydney, Lydia often visited our parish with her daughter, Klavdia Dmitrieff, and extended family, who have a home at Umina Beach. Her funeral, at which Father James served, was at Strathfield on May 5th. We offer condolences to Klava and family. Eternal Memory!

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL ARE ASKED FOR:

The sick: Priest Simeon; Protodeacon Christopher; our parishioner Victor (Manjetny); and also for Vasili, Eugenia, Olga, Margaret, Galina, Nun Euphrosyne, Nikita, Kirsten, Sergei
Travelling: Vladimir and Nina, Protodeacon Christopher and Matushka Julie
Expectant mothers: Kira, Mary, Svetlana, Olga, Tamara
Families with new babies: Victor and Susannah, with baby Daniel
Newly-baptised: Child Lydia
Newly-departed: Lydia (Ustimko)
Departed: Patriarch Alexis, Metropolitan Vitaly, Metropolitan Laurus, and former parishioners and benefactors Irina (Kamenev), Nun Maria, George (Kraihin), Theodore & Antonina (Tialshinsky), Lyubov (Smieska), Victor (Pulkownik), Olga (Timohina), Alexander (Dikan), and Elena (Yakupova)



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