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MARCH 31, 2024 - EASTER SUNDAY

SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST

9:00 AM – Easter Sunday service with the procession of the three symbols of Easter: The Pascal Candle, the Glorified Cross, and the Statue of the Risen Lord.



ENTRANCE HYMN

(Psalm 139:18, 5 -6; 118:1-2)

- V. I have risen: I am with you once more; you placed your hand on me to keep me safe. How great is the depth of your wisdom. Alleluia.
- R. O Lord, you have probed me and you know me; you know when I sit and when I stand. Alleluia.
- C. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the Highest,
And peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God, and Father
We worship You; we give You thanks
We praise you for Your glory
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God

You take away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us
You are seated at the right hand of the Father
Receive our prayer
For you alone are the Holy One
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory
of God the Father. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

- C. The Lord be with you.
- R. And also with you.
- C. Let us pray. Almighty God, our Father, You have raised Christ, Your Son, Who conquered death and opened for us the way to eternal life, let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the risen Christ Who is among us. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
- R. Amen.



LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS (Acts 10:34, 37-43)

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

- C. The Word of the Lord.
- R. Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

(Psalm 118: 22-23, 24, 1-2,16-17 – 118:24)

- V. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done, it is wonderful in our eyes. Alleluia.
- R. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia.
- V. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever." Alleluia.
- R. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia.
- V. The right hand of the Lord has struck with power: the right hand of the Lord is exalted. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord." Alleluia.
- R. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia.
- V. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done; It is wonderful in our eyes. Alleluia.
- R. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia.



A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE COLASSIANS (Colossians 3:1-4)

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what of what is above, not is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

- C. This is the Word of the Lord.
- R. Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

(1 Corinthians 5:7-8)

- C. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- V. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed.

 Therefore, let us celebrate the feast not with the old yeast, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
- R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN (John 20:1-9)

- C. The Lord be with you.
- R. And also, with you.
- C. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.
- R. Glory be to You, O Lord.

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So, she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put Him." So, Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that He had to rise from the dead.

- C. This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth

Of all that is seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

The only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father.

God from God, Light from Light, True God

from true God, begotten not made

Of one being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made

For us and for our salvation.

He came down from heaven:

By the power of the Holy Spirit

He was born of the Virgin Mary

AND BECAME MAN.

For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
In fulfillment of the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and
Is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
To judge the living and the dead
And His kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Lord and Giver of Live
Who proceeds from the Father,
With the Father and the Son
He is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church
I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
I look for the resurrection of the dead
And the + life of the world to come. Amen.



OFFERATORY VERSE

(Psalm 89:13b-16)

- C. The Lord be with you.
- R. And with your spirit.
- V. The earth feared and was silent when God arose in judgment. Alleluia.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

V. Almighty and Loving Father, accept these sacrificial gifts we offer You with joy in which Your Church is reborn and nourished, Through Jesus Christ, our Lord; Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

This prayer is offered for all those who will not be able to receive the Holy Eucharist sacramentally at this time. May we pray together for the co-union or communion we share with our Lord:

Let us Pray: Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You

in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. Inflame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

COMMUNION VERSE

(Romans 6:9)

V. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over Him.
Alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- V. The Lord be with you.
- R. And also with you.
- V. Let us pray. Eternal Father, watch over Your Church and bring us to the glory of the Resurrection promised by this Easter Sacrament. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
- R. Amen.

EASTER SUNDAY LITURGY

In the beginning of this great Solemnity, the three symbols of Easter are presented to members of our congregation to carry in procession: The first is the **Pascal Candle**, the Second is the **Glorified Cross**, and finally the **Statue of the Resurrected Lord**. Members carrying these three Easter symbols then take their places behind the Processional Cross. The celebrant now goes to the **Altar of Repose** where Psalms are sung.

Following the Psalms, the celebrant blesses and incenses the **Monstrance** and removes the tulle covering. Donning the **Humeral Veil**, the celebrant holding the **Monstrance** containing the Blessed Sacrament intones: "Come, Rejoice Our Lord Has Risen."

The procession begins with the Crucifier, then the three symbols of Easter, followed by the altar servers finally the celebrant. The procession goes around the interior of the Church three times, stopping at the four corners and proclaiming the Lord's Resurrection. This is to signify the proclaiming the news of the Risen Lord to the four corners of the world. The procession concludes with the celebrant placing the **Monstrance** on the **Mensa**, or altar table, and following a final

blessing and incensing, the **Luna** with the consecrated host is placed back in the tabernacle. The three symbols of Easter are then placed back to their designated places in the Sanctuary. The final symbol, the **Glorified Cross** is taken by the celebrant and kneeling at the top step of the Main Altar, he intones three times: "Christ the Lord is risen from the grave, Alleluia". Finally, the Cross is placed back on the Epistle side of the main Altar and Holy Mass begins.



THOSE WHO SAW THE RESURRECTED LORD THAT FIRST EASTER DAY

The following is taken from Holy Scripture and tells of the appearance of the Risen Lord that first Easter.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

(Mark 16:9-11; John 20:11-18)

"Now after He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons. She went out and told those who had been with Him, while they were mourning and weeping. But when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it."

- Mark 16:9-11

"But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to Me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to My brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your

God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that He had said these things to her."

- John 20:11-18

He Appears to Mary Magdalene, Salome, and Mary the mother of James

(Matthew 28:1-10)

"Now after the sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Mag'dalene and the other Mary went to see the sepulcher. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that He has risen from the dead, and behold, He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him. Lo, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy and ran to tell His disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Hail!" And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

Jesus appears to Peter

(Luke 24:34)

"We do not know the details of this appearance, only that when the two of His disciples were on the road to Emmaus and came back to Jerusalem to tell the Lord's disciples that Jesus appeared to Peter. "They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and He has appeared to Simon!"

He appears to two men on the road to Emmaus

(Luke 24:13-35)

"Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing Him. And He said to them, "What are you discussing

with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered Him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" 19 He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people and how our chief priests and leaders handed Him over to be condemned to death and crucified Him. But we had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find His body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, He interpreted to them the things about Himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, He walked ahead as if He were going on. But they urged Him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So, He went in to stay with them. When He was at the table with them, He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was talking to us on the road, while He was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and He has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how He had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Jesus appears to the Apostles (Luke 24:36-45)

"While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at My hands and my feet; see that it is I Myself. Touch Me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, and He took it and ate in their presence.

JESUS APPEARS TO THE APOSTLES BUT WITHOUT THOMAS

(John 20:19-25)

"When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with vou." After he said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So, the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in His side, I will not believe."



REFLECTIONS ON THIS EASTER DAY

"But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for He is risen, as He said."

- Matthew 28:5-8 5

"There was once a man, the author of life, who overcame death and the grave. There was once a lamb who was holy enough, whose blood and sacrifice has the power to save. There was once a Shepherd with love so great, He chose to die for our gain and there was one and is only one Lord, one matchless king, who is worthy enough to reign."

- Anonymous

According to the Gospel of Saint Mark we read that when the women went back to the tomb of Jesus to finish the anointing of our Lord, that Easter morning, they encountered an angel. Now an angel. in God's hierarchy, we are taught, are "pure spirits," who came unto the OT prophets of God, to Mary, the mother of our Lord, prior to His birth in the NT and still come to proclaim God's Word, God's promises and God's joy.

"He is not here, for He is risen," the women are told. So where did our Lord go following His glorious resurrection? He went to His believers, like you and me. He appeared to Mary and other women, to the two disciples on the road of Emmaus, and to His first chosen that first Easter day.

We must understand that the first Gospel, the Gospel of Mark was written around 70 A.D, some 40 years after the resurrection of the Lord, while the three remaining Gospel accounts were written after the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. The last Gospel according to John was written some 20 years later circa 90 AD. We find that in these four Gospels there are discrepancies to the appearances of the Risen Lord, but all agree that He rose from the dead that first Easter morning.

I think the message of Easter is life itself. Look at the person who is sitting next to you. Look to your family and friends and those who you love and understand the importance and the preciousness of life. I think that as we all get older, I think we appreciate the gift of life more that comes from God and that Easter tells us that life is eternal through the resurrection of Jesus.

I hope that this evening, after all our Easter celebrations with our loved ones, we might find a moment of quiet time of prayer and reflect on this most important miracle of life.

"At Easter, we remember a love that sacrificed all, a power that conquered all, a hope that reaches all."

To believe that the Resurrection of Jesus and His appearances to others that first Easter, was only a story that took place some 2000 years ago, is limiting the very power and presence of the eternal God who made all.

The greatest truth this Easter Day is that Christ lives and He presents Himself to those who truly seek Him and believe in the miracle of the Resurrection. When He seek Him, He comes to us. It may not be an intense light that fills your entire house, as what happened to St. Paul on the road to Damascus, but it may be just a simple feeling but a true feeling, found in the depths our heart, that we know, without a doubt that "He lives."

The joy of Easter is so much more than candy or blessed food; it so much more than Easter parades or putting on a new Easter bonnet or dressing up. It is the gift of life itself, and it is the gift of Eternal life that God gave to us through His Son death and His resurrection.

The message of the Resurrected Lord is found in the Gospel of John 14:19: "In a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me, because I live and you will live."

May you all experience His loving presence this Easter in your life and in the lives of your loved ones.



EASTER - THE LORD CALLS TO US BY NAME

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me, and I give them eternal life; that they shall never perish."

- John 10:27-28a

We read in today's Gospel, taken from the 20th chapter of St. John's account, that Mary of Magdala, goes very early in the morning, to the tomb of Jesus and she finds that His burial stone has been rolled away. In fear, she runs and tells Peter and John, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put Him." As we continue to read in the Gospel of John, Mary returns to the empty tomb and she first encounters two angels and then Jesus, who she mistakes to be a gardener. She said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take him away." Jesus then says to her, "Mary." She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabbo'ni!" (which means my Teacher).

So, Mary, according to the Gospel of Mark 16:9 and the Gospel of John, was the first person to encounter the Risen Lord; not Peter, not John or any of His Apostles. but Mary. Whatever the reason Mary did not first recognize the Lord, we will never know, but she knew it was her Lord when He called her by

name. Mary must of went from uncontrollable grief and sadness to unbelievable joy and happiness. How she would have wanted to touch Him, to embrace Him, but most importantly, how relieved she must have been that He was alive. So, it is, on this Easter Sunday, that our blessed Lord calls silently to each one of us by name and says: "I am risen."

Today, as Christians approach the tomb of Jesus, and find it empty as Mary did, so it is with all our fears and doubts, sadness and even death, that no obstacle may prevent the season of Easter, who ushers in new beginnings, new hope, and new life. We read:

"In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

- 1 Peter 1:3

"Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there." — Clarence W. Hall

"If people did not love one another, I really don't see what use there would be in having any spring."

- Victor Hugo

"Easter is the demonstration of God that life is essentially spiritual and timeless."

- Charles M. Crowe

"The very first Easter taught us was this: that life never ends and love never dies." — Kate McGahan

"God gave us spring as a reminder of how beautiful life can be even after death." - Unknown



PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

In our prayers, may we remember all our brothers and sisters, who are sick and ill and ask for God's blessings of health and healing.

Let us pray. O Lord, God of mercies, in Your kindness stretch out Your hand and give strength to all our brothers and sisters who are in any way ailing. May they feel Your presence. Deliver them from their present sicknesses and illnessness and grant all of them recovery. We ask this in the name of the Risen Lord, Jesus' Christ. Amen.



OUR PARISH CALENDAR

DAILY HOLY MASS

8:45 am Morning Devotions

9:00 am Holy Mass of the Eucharist

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

(April 1st – April 6th)

Mon. 4/1 Private prayer and devotion.

Birth of Bp. Francis Hodur (1866)

Melito of Sardis, Bishop

Macarius the Wonderworker, Abbot, C.

Valery, Abbot

Tue. 4/2 Mass of Thanksgiving.

Mary of Egypt, Hermit Nicetius of Lyons, Bishop

Apphian & Theodosia, Martyrs

Wed. 4/4 Mass for Health & Healing

Pancras of Taormina, Martyr Sixtus of Rome, Bishop & Martyr

Nicetas, Abbot

Thurs. 4/5 Mass to the Holy Saints of God

Isidre of Seville, Bishop & Doctor Agathopus, D & M, Theodulus, Martyr

Plato, Abbot

Fri. 4/6 Mass to the Most Holy Angels of God

Derfel Gadarn, Confessor Gerald of Suave-Majeure, Abbot Ethelburga, Abbess

Sat. 4/7 Mass to the Holy Name of Jesus

Marcellinus, Martyr Celestine of Rome, Bishop Martyrs of Persia

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist to be celebrated in the Traditional rite.

"O Sacrament of Love, O Sign of Unity, O Bond of Charity. He who would have Life, finds indeed a Life, a Life to live in and a Life to live by." -St. Augustine



EASTERN DIOCESE OF THE PNCC THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024 DISCIPLESHIP 2024:

KNOW YOUR FAITH, GROW IN CHRIST

On Thursday March 4, 2024, at 7:00 PM (EDT)

Rev. Pawel Dudek will help us to explore the topic "The Holy Mass".

Please join us for the fourth in a series of virtual "Know and Grow" presentations. To join via Zoom, please contact: revpauls@yahoo.com or ksobiechowski@yahoo.com

ED MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION

"Your lamp is a lamp to my feet, and a light for my path." - Psalm 119:105

During the month of April 2024, the Eastern Diocesan Mission and Evangelism Commission of the PNCC, has called upon its members and others to offer these two following prayers on Wednesdays at noon:



A PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

O Lord Jesus Christ, before Your passion and death You prayed to Your Father for the Apostles "so that they may be one, even as We are one...so that the world may know that You have sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me." Reveal to the members of Your Church the peace, love and unity that comes through living in accordance with Your Word. Good Shepherd, lead us and make us one flock, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(from the PNCC Book of Devotions)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OUR FATHER who art in Heaven, hallowed by Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us of our trespasses as we forgive those who

trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.



LENTEN COLLECTION BOXES

As we have entered the liturgical season of Easter, I ask that all Lenten Collection Boxes be turned in at this time.. Our parish has decided that all monies collected will be used to help our various Outreach ministries for 2024.

I want to thank all who decided to help. God bless.



ONE BREAD, ONE BODY Daily Devotions

New copies of the Easter daily devotional booklet, "One Bread, One Body" are now available, free of charge, and found in the vestibule of our Church. These booklets provide daily devotions, which are in accord with the daily readings as found in the "Common Lectionary" of the Christian Church.



Our Food Ministry: "Feeding the Hungry"

"For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked, and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me."

- Matthew 25:35-36

I want to thank all who have and continue to donate non-perishable food items as well as monetary donations to aid our food ministry. We continue to ask for assistance with all non-perishable food items, as well as monetary donations. May God bless all our endeavors. The date of our next grocery ministry will be on **Saturday**, **April 19th from 10:00** am while supplies last.