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**Christ is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!**  
**Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!**  
**Divine Liturgy Schedule**  
**April 26, 2026, A. D.**



**Saturday, April 25**  
**6:00 PM**

**SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN**  
†Robert Baginski- Denise Kaminsky

**Sunday, April 26**  
**10:30AM**

**SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN**  
God's Blessings & Good Health for All Parishioners  
For All the Living & Deceased Victims of the Chernobyl Disaster

**Monday, April 27**  
**9:00AM**

God's Blessing for America - Tom & Mary Ann Potsko

**Tuesday, April 28**  
**9:00AM**

†Henry, Helen & Joseph Heylek - Tom & Mary Ann Potsko

**Saturday, May 2**  
**6:00 PM**

**SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**  
God's Blessings & Good Health for All Parishioners

**Sunday, May 3**  
**10:30AM**

**SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**  
†Wasil Kobela – Ellen Alqrainy & Leona Kobela



**Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)**  
Divine Liturgy: Saturday 4:00PM; Sunday 8:30AM

## SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

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**PASCHAL TROPARION:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.

**According to Galician usage, we continue to sing the First Antiphon of Pascha and the Third Antiphon, “Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord” with the refrain “Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death” until the eve of Ascension.**

### FIRST ANTIPHON:

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth; sing to his name, give glory to his praise!

**Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!**

Say to God: how awesome are your works. Because of the greatness of your strength your enemies will fall before you!

**Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!**

Let all the earth worship you and sing to you; let it sing to your name, O Most High!

**Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!**

**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER... O ONLY BEGOTTEN SON...**

### THIRD ANTIPHON:

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.

**Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs, bestowing life.**

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

**Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs, bestowing life.**

For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.

**Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs, bestowing life.**

**TROPAR:** Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead; He saved us from the abyss of Hades and granted great mercy to the world. **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.**

**KONDAK:** Lord, as of old You raised the Paralytic, lift my soul by Your divine presence, for by my many sins and foolish actions, I, too, am now afflicted and crippled. Raise me, that being saved I may cry to You: Glory to Your power, O merciful Christ.  
**Now and forever and ever. Amen.**

**KONDAK:** Though You descended into a tomb, O Immortal One, yet You destroyed the power of Hades; and You rose as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice! and giving peace to Your Apostles: You, who grant Resurrection to the fallen.

**PROKIMEN:** Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You. Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

**A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (9: 32-42):**

Have  
Faith  
in  
GOD

In those days, as Peter traveled about the country, he went to visit the Lord's people who lived in Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who was paralyzed and had been bedridden for eight years. "Aeneas," Peter said to him, "Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and roll up your mat." Immediately Aeneas got up. All those who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas, meaning gazelle); she was always doing good and helping the poor. About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!" Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them. Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, arise." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.



**ALLELUIA:** Alleluia(3). Of Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation. Alleluia(3). For You have said, "Mercy will be established forever." Alleluia(3).

## **GOSPEL OF Saint John 5:1-15**



At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda, and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. Here a great number of infirmed used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

“Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me. Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.” But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’ ” So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?” The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there. Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.” The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

**IN PLACE OF “IT IS TRULY PROPER”:** The Angel cried out to the One full of Grace: O chaste Virgin, rejoice! And again, I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day and raised the dead. Let all people rejoice! Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exult now and be glad, O Sion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.



**COMMUNION VERSE:** Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**IN PLACE OF: "Blessed is He"..., "We have seen the true light...", (1X)**

Christ is Risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs bestowing life.

**IN PLACE OF: "May our mouths be filled...", "Blessed be the name...", (3X)**

Christ is Risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs bestowing life.

**IN PLACE OF: “Glory be...”,** Christ is Risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs bestowing life. Lord Have Mercy, Lord Have Mercy, Lord Have Mercy give the Blessing.

**I nam darovav zhivot vichny poklanyayemsia Yeho Trydnevnomu voskreseniyu.  
To us he gave life everlasting, let us bow before His third-day Resurrection.**



**PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL: Holy** Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

## **APRIL CANDLES**

**The Eternal Light** is given by the Yanoshak Family  
In loving memory of Shirley & Connie Yanoshak.

The **Altar Candles** are given by M/M Brian Kawczenski in  
In loving memory of Leo & Mary Kawczenski.

The **Candle Before the Icon of the Theotokos** is  
Given by Tom & MaryAnn Potsko  
in loving memory of Theodore Kulmatiski.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by M/M Brian Kawczenski  
In loving memory of Paul Kawczenski.

**CHURCH NEWS .... Christ is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen! ХРИСТОС БОЖКРЕЦЕ !**

**THERE SHOULD BE NO KNEELING DURING THE PASCHAL SEASON UNTIL PENTECOST SUNDAY.** This regulation is mentioned by the Council of Nicaea, which met in the year 325, and also set the date for Pascha. Our Father, Saint Basil the Great, explains that this symbolizes our personal resurrection as well as our calling to higher, heavenly things.

**SVIACHENNE:** A sincere thank you to everyone who helped out with the **Sviachenne** this past week. It was especially nice to see everyone enjoying themselves and working together. Thank you again to everyone who donated the food, money and their time to make it happen!

**WALKING PILGRIMAGE:** Save the date Saturday, June 13. Seven-mile trek from St. Mary's Church, Mocanaqua to St. Nicholas Church, Glen Lyon. More information is on the flyer on the bulletin board.

**SOROKOUSTY SERVICE:** The fifth Sorokousty is Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 am.



**EARTH DAY CLEANUP:** The Nanticoke Conservation Club will have its City Wide Earth Day Clean-up on the **rain date of Saturday, May 2nd**. Please come out and help. Meeting place is the LCCC parking lot on Lower Broadway in Nanticoke.

**Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners:** Please pray for our Parishioners **At Home:** Shirley Kozar, Dolores Miller, Rita Kurtz, Diane Petry, Mary Louise Bailey. **Prayer Request:** Michelle Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Fr. George Worschak; Fr. Peter Waslo; Fr. Paul Wolensky, Pavlyk Motychka (baby in Ukraine with SMA); Joyce Kishbaugh, Ken Weber; Marie Slota; Angel Ocasio, Elizabeth Biasci, Dolores Jennings, Mark & Debbie Schwartz, Mary Schwartz, Helen Lipowski, Raquel Camelia, Marie Neimeyer, Leona Kobela, Paulette Parcel, Josh Alberola, Sister Evhenia Prusnay & Mother Maria M.S.M.G. & all Parishioners who are experiencing health issues. Please pray for all clergy both in America and Ukraine. Please keep Ukraine in your prayers.

**40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF CHERNOBYL DISASTER:** The disaster took place April 26, 1986. The World Health Organization estimates that 30,000 deaths can be directly attributed to the Chernobyl Disaster and over 7 million people have been exposed to radiation from the accident. The Chernobyl explosion unleashed at least 400 times more radioactive fallout than the bomb the United States dropped on Hiroshima in 1945. Soviet Authorities allegedly forced thousands of pregnant women within an 18.6 miles exclusion zone to get an abortion after the disaster. Although the Chernobyl accident occurred in Ukraine, Belarus received about 70 percent of the contamination. Three men prevented a steam explosion after the initial Chernobyl accident. The explosion would have destroyed the entire Chernobyl plant and rendered all of Europe uninhabitable for hundreds of years. Please pray for the living and deceased victims of this disaster and for the whole world.

## **On Death and Resurrection in Christ**

Yesterday I was crucified with Him; today I am glorified with Him.

Yesterday I died with Him; today I am made alive with Him.

Yesterday I was buried with Him; today I am raised up with Him.

Let us offer to Him who suffered and rose again for us

. . . ourselves, the possession most precious to God and most proper.

Let us become like Christ, since Christ became like us.

Let us become Divine for His sake, since for us He became Man.

He assumed the worse so that He might give us the better.

He became poor that by His poverty we might become rich.

He accepted the form of a servant that we might win back our freedom.

He came down that we might be lifted up.

He was tempted that through Him we might conquer.

He was dishonored that He might glorify us.

He died that He might save us.

He ascended that He might draw to Himself us, who were thrown down through the fall of sin.

Let us give all, offer all, to Him who gave Himself a Ransom and Reconciliation for us.

We needed an incarnate God, a God put to death, that we might live.

We were put to death together with Him that we might be cleansed.

We rose again with Him because we were put to death with Him.

We were glorified with Him because we rose again with Him.

A few of drops of Blood recreate the whole of creation!

-St. Gregory the Theologian- Easter Orations

## **Acts of the Apostles**

The book of the Acts of the Apostles was written by St. Luke towards the end of the first century, as the second part of Luke's history (circa 50-90A.D.) for Theophilus (a follower of Christ) about Christ and His Church. The book begins with an account of the Lord's Ascension and the election of Matthias to take the place of Judas as a member of the twelve apostles. Then follows the record of the events of the day of Pentecost when the promised Holy Spirit came upon the disciples of Christ empowering them to preach the gospel of new life in the resurrected Savior to the people of Jerusalem. The first chapters of the Book tell the account of the first days of the Church in Jerusalem and provide us with a vivid picture of the primitive Catholic community being built up through the work of Apostles. It tells of the people being baptized and endowed with the gift of the Holy

Spirit through repentance and faith in Christ, and continuing steadfast in their devotion “to the Apostles’ doctrine and communion, to the breaking of the bread and the prayers.”  
(2:42)

**MOTHER’S DAY:** Mother’s Day is Sunday, May 10th. We will have Divine Liturgy for All Living and Deceased Mothers’ of our Parish. Remember your Mom in Divine Liturgy.