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**Christ is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!**  
**Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!**  
**Divine Liturgy Schedule**  
**May 10, 2026 A. D.**



**Saturday, May 9**

**6:00 PM**

**SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND**  
**MOTHER'S DAY**

For All Mothers Living & Deceased  
†John & Mary Barno- Barno Family

**Sunday, May 10**

**10:30AM**

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**Tuesday, May 12**

**9:00AM**

†Michael, Anna, & Mary Kulmatiski- Tom & Mary Ann Potsko

**Thursday, May 14**

**10:30AM**

**ASCENSION OF OUR LORD- OBLIGATION**

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

**Saturday, May 16**

**6:00**

**SUNDAY OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

†Tina Kempinski- Jack & Judy Lee

**Sunday, May 17**

**10:30AM**

**SUNDAY OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

†Peter Wrobel, Jr. - Tom & Mary Ann Potsko



**Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)**

Divine Liturgy: Saturday 4:00PM; Sunday 8:30AM

**ASCENSION DAY, Thursday, May 14: 8:30AM**

**SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND**

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**THE HOLY APOSTLE SIMON- THE ZEALOT**

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



**TROPAR:** Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

**TROPAR:** Holy apostle Simon, intercede with the merciful God to grant forgiveness of sins to our souls.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.**

**KONDAK:** Blinded in the eyes of my soul, I come to You, O Christ, like the man who was blind from birth, and I cry in repentance: You are the brilliant light of those in darkness.

**Now and for ever 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:** Pray and give praise to the Lord our God. In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel. Their utterance has gone forth to all the earth and their words unto the ends of the world.

***A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 16:16-34):***

Brethren, in those days, while we (apostles) were on our way out to the place of prayer we met a slave girl who had a clairvoyant spirit. She used to bring substantial profit to her masters by fortune telling. The girl began to follow Paul and the rest of us shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God; they will make known to you the way of salvation." She did this for several days until finally Paul became annoyed, turned around, and said to the spirit. "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you, come out of her!" Then and there the spirit left her. When her masters saw that their source of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the main square before the local authorities. They turned them over to the magistrates with this complaint: "These men are agitators disturbing the peace of our city! Furthermore, they are Jews, which means

they advocate customs which are not lawful for us Romans to adopt or practice." The crowd joined in the attack on them and the magistrate stripped them and ordered them to be flogged. After receiving many lashes they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was given instructions to guard them well. Upon receipt of these instructions he put them in maximum security, going so far as to chain their feet to a stake. About midnight, while Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God as their fellow prisoners listened, a severe earthquake suddenly shook the place, rocking the prison to its foundation. Immediately all the doors flew open and everyone's chains were pulled loose. The jailer woke up to see the prison gates wide open. Thinking that the prisoners had escaped, he drew his sword to kill himself; but Paul shouted to him, "Do not harm yourself! We are all still here." The jailer called for a light, then rushed in and fell trembling at the feet of Paul and Silas. After a brief interval he led them out and said, "Men, What must I do to be saved?" Their answer was, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, and all your household." They proceeded to announce the word of God to him and to everyone in his house. At that late hour of the night he took them in and bathed their wounds; then he and his whole household were baptized. He led them up into his house, spread a table before them, and joyfully celebrated with his whole family his newfound faith in God.

**ALLELUIA:** Alleluia (3). Look upon me and have mercy. Alleluia (3). Direct my steps according to Your word. Alleluia (3). The heavens shall confess your wonders, O Lord, and your truth in the church of the saints. Alleluia (3).

### **Gospel of John 9:1-38**

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means Sent). So, the man went and washed and came home seeing. His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man." "How then were your eyes opened?" they demanded. He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So, I went and washed, and then I could see." "Where is this man?"

they asked him. "I don't know," he said. They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. Therefore, the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others asked, "How can a sinner do such miraculous signs?" So, they were divided. Finally, they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened." The man replied, "He is a prophet." The Jews still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. "Is this your son?" they asked. "Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?" "We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we know he was born blind. But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for already the Jews had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Christ would be put out of the synagogue. That was why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God," they said. "We know this man is a sinner." He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!" Then they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciple too?" Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from." The man answered, "Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly man who does his will. Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out. Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

**INSTEAD IF ..."It Is Truly Right....."HYMN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD:** 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 HYMN:** 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.**

**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.

The desire to rule is the mother of heresies. **-Saint John Chrysostom**



## MAY CANDLES

The **Altar Candles** are given by Mark & Arlene Jennings in  
Loving memory of Anna Wrobel & Miriam Jennings.

The **Eternal Light** is given by M/M Brian Kawczenski  
In loving memory of Julius & Lottie Kawczenski.

The Candle **Before St. Nicholas** is given by Lisa Placek  
For God's Blessings & Good Health for Benjamin Placek.

The Candle **before the Icon of the Theotokos** is given  
For the repose of the soul of Jason Yankosky.

The **Candle before Jesus Christ** is given by the  
Lipowski Family in loving memory of John Lipowski.



**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.

## PRAYER FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CHURCH

O glorious St. Michael, guardian and defender of the Church of Jesus Christ, come to the assistance of the Church, against which the powers of hell are unchained, guard with especial care her august Head, and obtain that for Him and for us the hour of triumph may speedily arrive. O glorious Archangel St. Michael, watch over us during life, defend us against the assaults of the devil, assist us especially at the hour of death; obtain for us a favorable judgement, and the happiness of beholding God face to face for endless ages. Amen.

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

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!:** Father Walter wishes all of the Mothers of our Parish a Very Happy and Blessed Mother's Day and Eternal Rest to all Deceased Mothers.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:** Happy Birthday to Gayle Miles who celebrates her birthday on May 15! Mnohaya Lita! May God Grant her Many Happy Years, Peace, Health & Salvation!

**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.

**RETIREMENT:** It is with sadness and much appreciation that we announce the retirement of **Bobby Miles** as the church groundskeeper after twenty years of faithful service. We deeply appreciate all the years and effort Bobby put into keeping the grounds beautiful. May God grant him many Happy Years, Peace, Health & Salvation! Mnohaya Lita!

**BIG BANG BASKET:** The City of Nanticoke has asked once again if we would donate a basket to the BIG BANG Celebration Raffle. If anyone is willing to donate any type of liquor or wine for the basket it would be appreciated, if you have questions call Lisa at 570-574-1016.

**VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED:** Volunteers are needed to cut the church lawn. If you are able to help with some or all of the grass cutting, please let Father know. Even if one person can help once a month that will be greatly appreciated or perhaps you can only weed wack- that great too.....

**WEBSITE INFORMATION:** There are 12 new pictures on the Historical Pictures and Videos page. Captions were added on the pictures. It would be appreciated if anyone could further identify the timing or event of the pictures.

**PETITIONS TO THE MOTHER OF GOD:** May is the month of Blessed Mother of God. We will have Petitions to the Mother of God following Divine Liturgies this month.



**WALKING PILGRIMAGE: FOOTSTEPS OF OUR ANCESTORS:** Save the date Saturday, June 13. A Seven Mile Walking Pilgrimage from St. Mary's Church in Mocanaqua through the Pinchot State Forest, Mocanaqua Tract to St. Nicholas Church, Glen Lyon. Divine Liturgy offered and lunch served at the end of the walk. Register by June 6, 2026 at [www.tinyurl.com/foapilgrimage26](http://www.tinyurl.com/foapilgrimage26). For more information call/text 570-301-9253 or email [foapilgrimage@gmail.com](mailto:foapilgrimage@gmail.com). The faith lives on in Glen Lyon.....

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



### Hail Mary

Bohorodice Ďivo radujsja,  
blahodatnaja Marie Hospod' s toboju,  
blahoslavanna ty vo ženach,  
i blahoslovennyj plod čreva tvojeho,  
yako rodila Jesi Christa Spasa  
izbaviteľa dušham našhim. Amiň.

### PRAYER TO THE MOTHER OF GOD

Mother of Perpetual Help, you have been blessed and favored by God. you became not only the Mother of the Redeemer, but Mother of the redeemed as well. We come to you today as your loving children. Watch over us and take care of us. As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms, so take us in your arms. Be a mother ready at every moment to help us. For God who is mighty has done great things for you, and God's mercy is from age to age on those who love God. Intercede for us, dear Mother, in obtaining pardon for our sins, love for Jesus, final perseverance, and the grace always to call upon you, Mother of Perpetual Help.

## **PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

O ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comfort of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; deign to cast upon me a look of mercy. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favors, and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence, to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. I will endeavor to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory, and bless you in eternity. Amen.

A mother experiences more than one death, even though she herself will only die once. She fears for her husband; she fears for her children; again, she fears for the women and children who belong to her children. ... For each of these-whether for loss of possessions, bodily illness, or undesired misfortune-she mourns and grieves no less than those who suffer. -**Saint John Chrysostom**



The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on the fortieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter). Since the date of Pascha changes each year, the date of the Feast of the Ascension changes. The Feast is always celebrated on a Thursday. The Feast itself commemorates when, on the fortieth day after His Resurrection, Jesus led His disciples to the Mount of Olives, and after blessing them and asking them to wait for the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, He ascended into heaven. The account of the

Ascension of our Lord, celebrated as one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church, is found in the book of the Acts of the Apostles 1:3-11. It is also mentioned in the Gospels of Mark (16:19) and Luke (24:50-53). The moment of the Ascension is told in one sentence: "He was lifted up before their eyes in a cloud which took Him from their sight" (Acts 1:9). Christ made His last appearance on earth, forty days after His Resurrection from the dead. The Acts of the Apostles states that the disciples were in Jerusalem. Jesus appeared before them and commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the "Promise of the Father". He stated, "You shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now" (Acts 1:5). After Jesus gave these instructions, He led the disciples to the Mount of Olives. Here, He commissioned them to be His witnesses "in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). It is also at this time that the disciples were directed by Christ to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). Jesus also told them that He would be with them always, "even to the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20). As the disciples watched, Jesus lifted up His hands, blessed them, and then was taken up out of their sight (Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9). Two angels appeared to them and asked them why they were gazing into heaven. Then one of the angels said, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him going into heaven" (Acts 1:11). The icon of The Ascension of Our Lord is a joyous icon. It is written with bright colors. Christ is shown ascending in His glory in a mandorla. A mandorla is a design which is almond-

shaped or round. Inside the mandorla is the figure of a holy person. Christ blesses the assembly with His right hand. In His left is a scroll. The scroll is a symbol of teaching. This icon shows that the Lord in heaven is the source of blessing. In addition, Jesus is the source of knowledge. The icon reminds us that Christ continues to be the source of the teaching and message of the Church, blessing and guiding those to whom He has entrusted his work. The Theotokos occupies a very special place in this icon. She is in the center of the icon, immediately below the ascending Christ. The gesture of her hands is gesture of prayer. She is clearly outlined by the whiteness of the garments of the angels. The Theotokos is depicted in a very calm pose. This is quite different from the appearance of the Disciples. They are moving about, talking to one another and looking and pointing towards heaven. The entire group, the Theotokos and the disciples represent the Church. The icon of the Ascension includes some who did not witness the Ascension. St. Paul is shown to the left of the Theotokos, but we know that he was not present at the Ascension. At that time, St. Paul did not yet believe in Jesus. But he became a Christian and one of the greatest Apostles and missionaries of Church. The icon expresses the sovereignty of Christ over His Church; He is its Head, its guide, its source of inspiration and teaching; it receives its commission and ministry from Him, and fulfils it in the power of the Holy Spirit.