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Divine Liturgy Schedule

May 6, 2018

*Christ is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!
Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!*

Saturday, May 5

6:00PM

✠Elizabeth Hoover- Kimberly Smith
Petitions to the Mother of God

Sunday, May 6

10:30AM

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

God's Blessings and Good Health for All Parishioners

Petitions to the Mother of God

Wednesday, May 9

6:30 PM

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

God's Blessings on the Father George
Markewych - Parish Family

Saturday, May 12

6:00PM

God's Blessings on the Marriage of
Piper Mitchell & Michael Rodko III

-Bob & Johanna Longenberger

Petitions to the Mother of God

Sunday, May 13

10:30AM

MOTHER'S DAY

God's Blessings and Good Health for All Parishioners

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SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

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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.

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 ever, and forever. 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 thanks to the Lord our God. *verse:* In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel.

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 a 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). *verse:* Direct my steps according to Your word. Alleluia (3).

GOSPEL 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 works of God might be displayed in him. As long as it is day, we must do the works 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." After saying 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?" 9 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 asked. 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 perform such signs?” So they were divided. Then 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.” They 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 Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah 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 by telling the truth,” 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 disciples 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 person 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, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.”

IN PLACE OF “IT IS TRULY PROPER”: Virginity is alien to mothers and child-bearing is foreign to virgins; yet in you, O Mother of God, both of them came together. Therefore, we and all the nations of the earth without ceasing magnify you.

IN PLACE OF “IT IS TRULY PROPER”: The angel exclaimed to her, full of grace: “Rejoice, O pure Virgin. And again I say: “Rejoice!” Your Son is risen from the grave on the third day. With himself he has raised all the dead. All you peoples, rejoice!”

IRMOS: “Shine, O Shine! New Jerusalem! For the glory of the Lord has shone on you! Sing now and exult with joy, O Sion. And you, O pure Mother of God, adorn yourself in the splendor of your Son’s resurrection.”

IN PLACE OF: “Blessed is He”, “We have seen the true light”, “May our mouths be filled”, “Blessed be the name”, “Glory be to the Father”: Christ is risen from the dead. By death he conquered death, and to those in the graves he granted life.

LUC MOLEBEN: Father Walter Pasicznyk, pastor of Plymouth’s SS. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, extends a warm invitation to the beautiful Prayer Service - Moleben to Christ, Lover of Mankind on **Sunday, June 3, 2018** at 3:00pm to be followed by a church sponsored meeting of our North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics (LUC). This is a public event of SS. Peter and Paul parish to which all parishioners and friends are welcome.

CHURCH NEWS

SHROUD SIGN-UP SHEET: The sign-up sheet is in the back of the church for the Shroud Adoration. We need volunteers for this project. Please we have few volunteers signed up, if you can help, please sign the list.



LOTTERY TICKETS: Lottery Tickets are available for pick up in the back of the church. Tickets are for the month of June-Ticket returns are due by May 20, 2018. If anyone can sell more tickets, please contact Lisa at 570-574-1016.

MOTHER’S DAY: Mother’s Day is Sunday, May 13. We will have Divine Liturgy for All Living and Deceased Mothers’ of our Parish. Remember your Mom in Divine Liturgy.



CARNATION DRIVE: On Mother’s Day weekend, May 12th and 13th, we will be conducting the Annual Drive to support efforts for the Wyoming Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians For Human Life. Please support the efforts for defending human life and also to continue their free services at the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Wilkes-Barre where they have been in existence for the last twenty years. Donation is \$1.00. Thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Tom Potsko for organizing this drive.



PYROHY SALE: We are selling potato pyrohy at \$6.00 a dozen. We are trying a new strategy, pyrohy are frozen and available anytime from the church basement.

CEMETERY WATER: The water was turned on **Tuesday, April 24.**

ANNIVERSARY: Andrew and Deborah Kobela celebrated their 28th Wedding Anniversary on April 27. Mnohaya Lita! May God Grant Them Many Happy, Blessed Years!

PRAYERS: Please pray for all our parishioners who are ill or unable to attend services.



Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners

Nursing Homes: Dorothy Kopiak, Doris Conrad **Assisted Living:** Mary Manson, Anna Hopiak **At Home:** John & Mary Hoolick, Helen Bogdan, Dolores Miller, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise Bailey, Dorothy Swiderski.

Sophie Staronka **Away:** Leona Kobela, Peter Slota. **Prayer Request:** Mike Sawczuk; Michelle Miller; Kerri; Anna Kutsup; Ellen Kobela, Sister Martin Rodko.



“BARVINOK” UKRAINIAN DANCE ENSEMBLE: Scranton’s St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic parish is sponsoring a performance by the Ukrainian Folkdance group “Barvinok” [Periwinkle in Ukrainian] on Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 4:00pm at its parish center 428 North Seventh Avenue. The highly acclaimed dance group which hails from the Metropolitan New Jersey/New York City area has appeared in numerous venues on the East

Coast and in Ukraine where they took first place in an international folk dance competition. Under the direction of Mr. Gregory Momot, the troupe performs traditional dances from various regions of Ukraine while attired in colorful embroidered costumes. Mr. Momot was trained at the Kyiv Cultural University and danced with the world renowned Virsky Ukrainian National Dance Company. His energetic and intricate choreography along with beautiful regional costumes bring alive the electrifying spirit of Ukrainian dance. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance - \$12.00 at the door and can be purchased by phoning 570 241-1223.

PSALM 51: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.



A WORD ABOUT MEMORIALS: The church has always prayed for the souls of the departed. In God and in His Church there is no division between the living and the dead, for God “is not God of the dead, but of the living.” Whether we are living or we have departed, we are members of the Church, and have a duty to bear one another’s burdens. Therefore, as Orthodox Christians here on earth we pray for one another, and ask for one another’s prayers, so too we pray for our departed brothers and sisters, and ask them to pray for us. Death cannot sever the bond of mutual love which links the members of the Church together. According to the teachings of the Church,

the results of the Resurrection are placed in the realm of the future. Nevertheless, its initial meaning is revealed in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, for in Baptism we both die and rise, or rather, we are initiated into the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The finality and power of Death is destroyed, for by His Resurrection, Christ has destroyed its power. On the last day, the bodies of all the dead in Christ will rise in their glorified form. The glorified body and the soul will recompose into their indestructible unity, as Christ, the God man, both before and after His Resurrection, was and is an indivisible unity. We mourn the death of our loved ones but we pray that they will find rest and forgiveness in Christ. It is our duty to pray for the repose of all members of the Body of Christ. Memorials are offered on the third, ninth, and fortieth day after death; after three months, six months, nine months, on the first anniversary of one’s death, and annually thereafter. (excerpt from “The Heavenly Banquet”)



Prayer to Our Lady during Times of Personal Illness

Blessed Mother, through the countless miracles attributed to your intercession, you have evidenced a generous and compassionate heart and a great love for the sick. Be with me during this time of ill health, and accompany me as I face sickness and infirmity.

Help me to experience God's healing power through your prayers, as well as my own. Lead me to unite myself to the Cross of Jesus Christ, so that this suffering brings spiritual benefit to me and to others. May my bearing the cross of illness here on earth, prepare me for the eternal joys of perfect happiness and fullness of life with God forever in heaven. Amen.