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### Divine Liturgy Schedule

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He Is Risen!

Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!

April 25, 2021

Saturday, April 24

6:00PM

†Michael Yurkowski- Jo Ann Grout

Sunday, April 25

10:30 AM

**SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN**

God's Blessings and Good Health on all Parishioners

Thursday, April 29

10:00AM

†Wasil Kobela- Ellen Alqrainy

Friday, April 30

10:00AM

True Conversion of Heart for Allison Poullard

-Poullard Family

Saturday, May 1

6:00PM

†Justin Petrunick-Jack Lee

Sunday, May 2

10:30 AM

**SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**

God's Blessings and Good Health on all Parishioners

3:00PM

**9<sup>th</sup> HOUR/MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD**



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

**Assisted Living:** Olga Yurkowski, Mary Hoolick. **At Home:** Anna Kutsup, Helen Bogdan, Dolores Miller, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise Bailey, Sophie Staronka, Andrew Kobela, Josephine Latoszewski, MaryAnn Kelly. **Away:** Leona Kobela.

**Prayer Request:** Michelle Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Sister Martin Rodko, Fr. Uriy Markewych, Fr. Peter Waslo, Bishop John Bura Emeritus, Sister Evhenia

Prusnay MSMG, Mary Oresick, Fr. Paul Wolensky, Fr. Daniel Gurovich.

## SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN

April 25, 2021



**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.

**TROPAR:** Learning from Peter the chief apostle you too became an apostle of Christ and shone on various lands like the sun. O blessed one, adornment of Alexandrians, through you Egypt was freed from deceit. For you are a pillar of light for the Church enlightening all with your teaching of the Good News. Therefore, we feast your memorial, O Mark, divinely inspired. Ask God, whom you preached to all, to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

**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):**

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, get up." 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 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 disabled people 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 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.”

**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...", "May our mouths be filled...", "Blessed be the name...", "Glory be to the Father...": Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tomb bestowing life. (three times).



### **Psalm 28**

To you, LORD, I call; you are my Rock, do not turn a deaf ear to me. For if you remain silent, I will be like those who go down to the pit. Hear my cry for mercy as I call to you for help, as I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place.

Do not drag me away with the wicked, with those who do evil, who speak cordially with their neighbors but harbor malice in their hearts. Repay them for their deeds and for their evil work; repay them for what their hands have done and bring back on them what they deserve. Because they have no regard for the deeds of the LORD and what his hands have done, he will tear them down and never build them up again. Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him. The LORD is the strength of his people, a fortress of salvation for his anointed one. Save your people and bless your inheritance; be their shepherd and carry them forever.

**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 which 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.



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Congratulations to Andrew and Deborah Kobela who will be married 30 years on April 27. May our Risen Lord grant them and their family peace, health, salvation, and longevity for many blessed years, for Christ is Risen! Please keep Andrew in your thoughts and prayers due to his health.



**SYMPATHY:** Please remember in your prayers the soul of Ann Hopiak who fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, April 24. May Our Lord grant her rest in the bosom of Abraham, may she be numbered among the saints. Christos Voskres. Christ is Risen. Mrs. Hopiak was very active in the Parish. She will be remembered for her work with many Parish Activities and Projects. Our deepest sympathies are extended to the Hopiak Family. Parastasis will be held Saturday at 1:00PM at Transfiguration of Our Lord Cemetery.



**PYROHY PROJECT:** Many thanks to our Pyrohy Champions who came out Saturday, April 17 to make pyrohy to sell and for the Flea Market.

**FLEA MARKET:** The Next Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday, 24 April from 10am to 2pm and will be a BAG DAY. Customers will pay \$5 for a brown bag and fill it with clothes or/and merchandise. Jewelry, lamps, Capodimonte flowers and some other items are not included in the bag sale. **Pyrohy Take-Out will be available for sale.**

**MOTHER'S DAY:** Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. We will have Divine Liturgy for All Living and Deceased Mothers of our Parish. Remember your Mom in Divine Liturgy.

**PRAYERS:** Please remember in your prayers all who are in need of God's help. Remember those in the nursing facilities, hospital and at home, all the sick and the suffering. Please say a special prayer for all of our nation's soldiers and their families at home and abroad.

**SAVE THE DATE JUNE 26! BREAKFAST & FOOD SALE:** More information to come!

**FATHER WALTER'S CELLPHONE: JUST A NOTE:** Father Walter's cell phone literally smashed into pieces in an unfortunate incident. Please text Father your name in conjunction with you cell phone number as he is unable to access his data from his broken cell phone and it was not backed up. Father was unable to receive calls on Good Friday due to this incident. Father Walter's cell phone has been replaced; it's just missing your cell phone number!! Give Father a Text!



**ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, I only hear of Matins in relation to Easter & Christmas do they only happen twice a year? What about Vespers and Hours? Are these Russian Orthodox traditions only?**

Liturgically the day begins at sundown. The church gathers as the evening draws to a close and they begin with the evening prayer which is called Vespers. During Vespers, the sun is setting so that by the time Vespers is over the sun has set. By church tradition, the beginning of a new day begins with the singing of O' Joyful Light. Such that Vespers marks the beginning of the new day. You did not ask but you might be interested that the during Vespers of a Holy Day is the time when the icon of that Holy Day is brought out and placed on the Tetrapod. This is done at the part of Vespers called Litiya. Vespers is therefore the Evening Prayer. This true for the Eastern Orthodox and Catholics. Vespers are celebrated every day in the Eastern Church, not just on Christmas and Pascha. The "Hours" more correctly called the Liturgy of the Hours are named by the time of day they are recited. So there are four of them: 1<sup>st</sup> Hour (6:00AM), 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour(9:00AM), 6<sup>th</sup> Hour (12:00 noon) and 9<sup>th</sup> Hour(3:00PM). The Hours are celebrated every day also, just like Matins would generally be done after the first Hour and followed by the Liturgy. Matins is called Morning Prayer and is done every day; however, you generally will find the Matins every day in the monastery. It is difficult for people to gather for all these services in the modern working world. There are special prayers for every day of the year for each of these services. To summarize, Vespers, Matins and the Hours are both Orthodox and Catholic Traditions.



### Prayer to Saint John the Baptist

O Martyr invincible, who, for the honor of God and the salvation of souls didst with firmness and constancy withstand the impiety of Herod even at the cost of thine own life, and didst rebuke him openly for his wicked and dissolute life; by thy prayers obtain for us a heart, brave and generous, in order that we may overcome all human respect and openly profess our faith in loyal obedience to the teachings of Jesus Christ, our divine Master.

### For Unfailing Strength

Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then. Put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations and say continually: "The Lord is my strength and my shield. My heart has trusted in Him and I am helped. He is not only with me but in me, and I in Him.



### ST. ISAAC THE SYRIAN: A PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

"At the door of Your compassion do I knock, Lord; send aid to my scattered impulses which are intoxicated with the multitude of the passions and the power of darkness. You can see my sores hidden within me: stir up contrition—though not corresponding to the weight of my sins, for if I receive full awareness of the extent of my sins, Lord, my soul would be consumed by the bitter pain from them. Assist my feeble stirrings on the path to true repentance, and may I find alleviation from the vehemence of sins through the contrition that comes of Your gift, for without the power of Your grace I am quite unable to enter within myself, become aware of my stains, and so, at the sight of them be able to be still from great distraction."

+ St. Isaac the Syrian, from *The Prayers of St. Isaac the Syrian*

## **St. Isaac the Syrian: Do not fall into despair because of stumbling...**

“Do not fall into despair because of stumbling. I do not mean that you should not feel contrition for them, but that you should not think them incurable. For it is more expedient to be bruised than dead. There is, indeed, a Healer for the man who has stumbled, even He Who on the Cross asked that mercy be shown to His crucifiers, He Who pardoned His murders while He hung on the Cross. ‘All manner of sin,’ He said, ‘and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men,’ that is, through repentance.”

+ St. Isaac the Syrian, *The Ascetical Homilies of St. Isaac the Syrian*, Homily 64, “On Prayer, Prostrations, Tears, Reading, Silence, and Hymnody”



### **APRIL CANDLES**

**The Altar Candles** are given by Maday & Niezgoda Families  
in loving memory of John & Anna Kulmatiski-Maday.

**The Eternal Light** is given by Brian & Joanne Kawczenski  
in loving memory of Mary & Leo Kawczenski.

**The St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Ed & Mary Schwartz  
For God’s Blessings on their grandchildren Samantha & Christopher.

**The Candle Before the Icon of Christ** is given by MaryAnn Jarolen for  
all the deceased members of the Hvozda & Frankowski Families.

**The Candle Before John the Baptist** is given by Brian & Joanne Kawczenski  
in loving memory of Paul Kawczenski.

**The Candles on the Tetrapod** are given by Joan Cominsky in  
Loving memory of John (Sonny) Petrochko.

**The Candles before the Icon** of the Transfiguration given by Joan Cominsky  
in loving memory of John Cominsky.

**The Icon Table Candles** before of the Theotokos is given by  
Joan Cominsky in loving memory of her parents,  
John & Marion Petrochko.

**The Candles before the Icon of the Theotokos** are  
given by Lipowski/Placek Families in loving memory of Barbara Siviluch.

**The Proscomedial Table** is given by Father Walter Pasicznyk for  
God’s Blessings on Father Dan Gurovich.