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Divine Liturgy Schedule

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He Is Risen!

Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!

May 2, 2021

Saturday, May 1

6:00PM

†Justin Petrunick-Jack Lee

Sunday, May 2

10:30 AM

3:00PM

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

God's Blessings and Good Health on all Parishioners

9th HOUR/MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, May 3

9:00am

God's Blessings on America- Rita & Diane

Thursday, May 6

9:00AM

End to Abortion-Rita & Diane

Friday, May 7

9:00AM

Honor & Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus-

Rita & Diane

Saturday, May 8

6:00PM

†Lev Szumskyj- Ulana Campbell

Sunday, May 9

10:30 AM

3:00PM

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND-MOTHER'S DAY

God's Blessings and Good Health on all Parishioners

9th 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 SAMARITAN WOMAN

April 25, 2021



TROPAR: When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection and cast off the ancestral condemnation, they proudly told the apostles: “Death has been *plundered*! Christ our God is risen, granting to the world great mercy.”

TROPAR: At the mid-point of the Feast, O Saviour, water my thirsty soul with streams of true godliness; for You cried out to all: Let any who thirst, come to Me and drink. O Source of Life, Christ our God, glory to You!

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

KONDAK: Drawn to the well by faith, the Samaritan woman beheld You, the Water of Wisdom, and drinking abundantly of You, she inherited the heavenly Kingdom for ever, becoming everlastingly glorious.

Now and ever, and forever. Amen.

KONDAK: At the mid-point of the Feast according to the Law, Creator of all things and Master, You said to those present, O Christ God: Come, and draw the water of immortality. And so we fall before You crying out with faith: Grant us Your mercies, for You are the source of our life.

PROKIMEN: Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing. verse: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy. Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (11:19-26, 29-30):

Brethren, in those days, the apostles scattered because of the troubles caused by what happened to Stephen, and went as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, making the message known to none but Jews. Some of them were Cypriots and Cyreneans who had come to Antioch and began to talk even to the Greeks, announcing the good news of the Lord Jesus to them. The hand of the Lord was with them and a great number of them believed and were converted to the Lord. News of this eventually reached the ears of the church in Jerusalem, Barnabas' being sent to Antioch. On his arrival he rejoiced to see the evidence of God's favor. He went off to Tarsus to look for Saul; once he had found him, he brought him back to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and instructed great numbers. It was in Antioch that the disciples were called Christians for the first time. This made the disciples determine to set something aside, each according to his means,

and send it to the relief of the brothers who lived in Judea. They did this, dispatching it to the presbyters in the care of Barnabas and Saul.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3). Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, and meekness, and justice. Alleluia (3). verse: You have loved justice and hated iniquity. Alleluia (3).

GOSPEL John 4:5-42

At that Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sichar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, wearied as he was from the journey, was sitting at the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a Samaritan woman to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me to drink"; for his disciples had gone away into the town to have food. The Samaritan woman therefore said to him, "How is it that you, although you are a Jew do ask a drink of me, who am a Samaritan woman?" For Jews do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her. "If you did know the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give me to drink,' you perhaps would have asked of him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then have you living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons and his flocks?" In answer Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again. He, however, who drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him shall become in him a fountain of water springing up unto life everlasting." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water that I may not thirst, or come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband and come here." The woman answered and said, "I have no husband," Jesus said to her, "You have said well 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband. In this you have spoken truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you say that at Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. For the Father also seeks such to worship him. God is spirit, and they who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth." The woman said to him "I know that the Messiah is coming (who is called Christ), and when he comes he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak with you am

he.” And at this point his disciples came; and they wondered that he was speaking with a woman. Yet no one said, “What do you seek?” or “Why do you speak with her?” The woman therefore left her water-jar and went away into the town, and said to the people “Come and see a man who has told me all that I have ever done. Can he be the Christ?” They went forth from the town and came to meet him. Meanwhile his disciples besought him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” The disciples therefore said to one another “Has someone brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them “My food is to do the will of him who sent me to accomplish his work. Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest’ Well I say to you, lift up your eyes and behold that the fields are already white for the harvest. And he who reaps receives a wage, and gathers fruit unto life everlasting, so that the sower and the reaper may rejoice together. For herein is the proverb true ‘One sows, another reaps.’ I have sent you to reap that on which you have not labored. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labors.” Now many of the Samaritans of that town believed in him because of the word of the woman who bore witness, “He told me all that I have ever done.” When therefore, the Samaritans had come to him, they besought him to stay there; and he stayed two days. And far more believed because of his word. And they said to the woman, “We no longer believe because of what you have said, for we have heard for ourselves and we know that this in truth the Savior of the world.”

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 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”, “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.

CHURCH NEWS XPICTOC BOCKPECE!

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.

BREAKFAST MEETING: We will have a meeting about the breakfast on **Tuesday, May 4th at 5:00 at the church hall on the corner of Bliss & Center.** Everyone is welcome! Come out and Help!

MEMORIAL DONATION: Thank you to Ellen Aqrainy for your donation in memory of John Hook.

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.



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: As a Parish, we are so deeply grateful for everyone who came out to HELP and EVERYONE who donated and made Pyrohy, Potato Pancakes, Haluski, Clam Chowder and Other food items to sell. We could NOT have done this without YOU! Thank you to EVERYONE who donated Flea Market items!

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

FLEA MARKET: "Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, North River & West Chestnut Streets, Wilkes-Barre will hold a Flea Market & Homemade Food Sale, Saturday, May 22, 2021 from 8:00am to 2:00pm and Sunday, May 23, 2021 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Tables for the sale are \$10. Call (570) 829-3051 to reserve your table by Thursday, May 20th. Come out and sell your Spring-Cleaning Treasures or Browse our vendors' selection of theirs. Find a bargain and enjoy some good food from Baba's Kitchen. Chances will be sold for our Variety Basket Raffle."

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!

PSALM 54

Save me, O God, by your name; vindicate me by your might.

Hear my prayer, O God;

listen to the words of my mouth.

**Arrogant foes are attacking me;
ruthless people are trying to kill me—
people without regard for God.**

Surely God is my help;

the Lord is the one who sustains me.

**Let evil recoil on those who slander me;
in your faithfulness destroy them.**

**I will sacrifice a freewill offering to you;
I will praise your name, LORD, for it is good.
You have delivered me from all my troubles,
and my eyes have looked in triumph on my foes.**



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.

Take Time to Be Kind by Helen Steiner Rice

Kindness is a virtue given by The Lord, It pays dividends in happiness, and joy is its reward..... For, if you practice kindness in all you say and do, The Lord will wrap His kindness around your heart and you.... And wrapped within His kindness you are sheltered and secure, and under His direction your way is safe and sure.

"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem." - Isaiah 66:13



MAY CANDLES

The Altar Candles are given by Brian and Joanne Kawczenski
in loving memory of Tom & Mary Sweeney.

The Eternal Light is given by Fr. Walter
in loving memory of the Kuczeriawie Family

The Candle Before John the Baptist is given by Fr. Walter
in loving memory of the Pasicznyk Family.

The St. Nicholas Candle is given by Diane Petry
For God's blessings and salvation for Jason Yankosky.

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

The Candle before the Icon of the Theotokos is
given by the Schwartz Family in Thanksgiving and Special Intention.

The Proscomedial Table is given by Mary Ann & Donna Kelley
In memory Brian Kelley.



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, who is the Samaritan Woman? Does she have a name? And why is she simply called the Samaritan Woman?

The Samaritan Woman's Name is Photina. We remember her on February 26. Her name is not recorded in the Gospels, because as Christ spoke to her directly, Christ speaks directly to us through her. It is not important therefore, to know her name and have it recorded in the Gospels. For more on who she is, here is what is known about Photina (means "Enlightened One") in the Church Tradition. The Holy Martyr Photin  (Svetlana) the Samaritan Woman, her sons Victor (named Photinos) and Joseph; and her sisters Anatol , Phot , Photida, Paraskev , Kyriak , Nero's daughter Domnina; and the Martyr Sebastian. The holy Martyr Photin  was the Samaritan Woman, with whom the Savior conversed at Jacob's Well (John. 4:5-42). During the time of the Emperor Nero (54-68), who displayed excessive cruelty against Christians, Saint Photin  lived in Carthage with her younger son Ios s, and fearlessly preached the Gospel there. Her eldest son Victor fought bravely in the Roman army against barbarians and was appointed as military commander of the city of Attalia (Asia Minor). Later, Nero called him to Italy to arrest and punish Christians. Sebastian, an official in Italy, said to Saint Victor, "I know that you, your mother and your brother, are followers of Christ. As a friend I advise you to submit to the will of the Emperor. If you inform on any Christians, you will receive their wealth. I shall write to your mother and brother, asking them not to preach Christ in public. Let them practice their faith in secret." Saint Victor replied, "I want to be a preacher of Christianity like my mother and brother." Sebastian said, "O Victor, we all know what woes await you, your mother and brother." Then Sebastian suddenly felt a sharp pain in his eyes. He was dumbfounded, and his face was somber. For three days he lay there blind, without uttering a word. On the fourth day he declared, "The God of the Christians is the only true God." Saint Victor asked why Sebastian had suddenly changed his mind. Sebastian replied, "Because Christ is calling me." Soon he was baptized, and immediately he regained his sight. After witnessing the miracle Saint Sebastian's servants were also baptized. Reports of this reached Nero, and he commanded that the Christians be brought to him at Rome. Then the Lord Himself appeared to the confessors and said, "Fear not, for I am with you. Nero, and all who serve him, shall be vanquished." The Lord said to Saint Victor, "From this day forward, your name will be Photinos, because through you, many will be enlightened and will believe in me." The Lord then told the Christians to strengthen and encourage Saint Sebastian to persevere until the end. All these things, and even future events, were revealed to Saint Photin . She left Carthage in the company of several Christians and joined the confessors in Rome. In Rome the Emperor ordered the Saints to be brought before him and he asked them whether they truly believed in Christ. All the

confessors refused to renounce the Savior. Then Nero ordered that the joints of the martyrs' fingers be broken. During their torments, the confessors felt no pain, and their hands remained unharmed. Nero ordered that Saints Sebastian, Photinos and Iósés be blinded and locked up in prison, and Saint Photiné and her five sisters Anatolé, Photó, Photida, Paraskevé and Kyriaké were sent to the imperial court under the supervision of Nero's daughter Domnina. Saint Photiné converted both Domnina and all her servants to Christ. She also converted a sorcerer, who had brought her poisoned food. Three years passed, and Nero sent to the prison for one of his servants, who had been locked up. The messengers reported to him that Saints Sebastian, Photinos and Iósés, who had been blinded, had recovered their sight, and that people were visiting them to hear their preaching, and indeed the whole prison had been transformed into a bright and fragrant place where God was glorified. Nero then commanded the Saints to be crucified, and their naked bodies to be beaten with straps. On the fourth day the Emperor sent servants to see whether the martyrs were still alive. But, approaching the place of the tortures, the servants became blind. An Angel of the Lord freed the martyrs from their crosses and healed them. The Saints took pity on the blinded servants and restored their sight by their prayers to the Lord. Those who were healed came to believe in Christ and were soon baptized. Enraged, Nero ordered that the skin to be flayed from Saint Photiné's body, and then to throw her into a well. Sebastian, Photinos and Iósés had their legs amputated, and they were thrown to dogs. Then their skin was flayed off. Saint Photiné's sisters also suffered terrible torments. Nero ordered soldiers to cut off their breasts, and then to flay their skin. An expert in cruelty, the Emperor prepared the most painful execution for Saint Photida. Her feet were tied to the tops of two trees which had been bent to the ground. When the ropes were cut the trees sprang upright, tearing the martyr apart. The Emperor ordered the others beheaded. Saint Photiné was removed from the well and locked up in prison for twenty days. After this Nero had her brought to him and asked if she would now relent and offer sacrifice to the idols. The courageous Photiné spat in the Emperor's face. Mocking him she said, "O most impious of the blind, you profligate and stupid man! Do you think me so deluded that I would consent to renounce my Lord Christ and instead offer sacrifice to idols which are as blind as you are?" After hearing such words, Nero ordered that the martyr be thrown into the well again. There she surrendered her soul to God (+ ca. 66).