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Divine Liturgy Schedule
Christ is Risen! Indeed, He Is Risen!
Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!
May 9, 2021

Saturday, May 8

6:00PM

†Lev Szumskyj- Ulana Campbell

Sunday, May 9

10:30 AM

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND-MOTHER'S DAY

3:00PM

God's Blessings and Good Health on all Parishioners

9th HOUR/MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, May 10

9:00AM

God's Blessings on America- Parish Family

Wednesday, May 12

6:30PM

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD-Obligation

Thursday, May 13

11:00AM

†John Hoolick- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD-Obligation

Friday, May 14

9:00AM

God's Blessings and Good Health on all Parishioners

†Henry Heylek Sr.- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Saturday, May 15

6:00PM

†Theodore Kulmatiski-Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Sunday, May 16

10:30 AM

SUNDAY OF THE FATHER'S OF THE 1st ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

3:00PM

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 MAN BORN BLIND

May 9, 2021



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. Pray and give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 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 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 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, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

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. By death he conquered death, and to those in the graves he granted life.

CHURCH NEWS ХРИСТОС БОКРЕЦЕ!



MEMORIAL DAY LITURGY: On Sunday, May 30 we will have a Memorial Day Liturgy in memory of all Deceased Veterans. Please submit the names of Deceased Veterans to the rectory office. This day we honor these men & women for their service to our country to preserve our freedoms. Too little is said of their sacrifice in the media in these troubled times. They are indeed Heroes and Role Models for our youth. Taps will be played in their memory.

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.

MOTHER'S DAY: Wish All Mother's a Very Happy Mother's Day! Mnohaya Lita!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Happy Birthday Greetings to Gayle Miles who celebrates her birthday on May 15. Mnohaya lita! May God grant you many Happy, Healthy Years!!

PARISH BREAKFAST EVENT: Vitaemo Snidati! Welcome Back Breakfast! We will have a Breakfast Fund Raiser on Saturday, June 26 from 8:00am to 1:00pm at the Church Hall. Menu includes Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Links & Home fries, Beverages and more.... There will be a Food Sale (ToGo Only) to include Arlene's Homemade Haluski, Stan's Famous Clam Chowder, our very own Pyrohy, a Bake Sale and a 50/50 Raffle. Tickets will be presold. All CDC guidelines will be followed. **SAVE THE DATE ANNOUNCEMENT.**

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: We will make Pyrohy on Saturday, June 12.

BREAKFAST BAKE SALE: We would greatly appreciate donations of Baked Goods for our Welcome Breakfast. Donations towards the breakfast items are always appreciated.

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."

CEMETERY WATER: The water will be turned on Thursday, May 13.

THE ANGEL CRIED... This coming Wednesday is the **last** day for this cherished hymn.

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!

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.

“Don’t say, “Bible-reading is for monks; am I turning my child into a monk?” No! It isn’t necessary for him to be a monk. Make him into a Christian! Why are you afraid of something so good? It is necessary for everyone to know Scriptural teachings, and this is especially true for children. Even at their age they are exposed to all sorts of folly and bad examples from popular entertainments. Our children need remedies for all these things! We are so concerned with our children’s schooling, if only we were equally zealous in bringing them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord! And then we wonder why we reap such bitter fruit when we have raised our children to be insolent, licentious, impious, and vulgar. May this never happen; instead, let us heed the blessed Paul’s admonition to bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Let us give them a pattern to imitate; from their earliest years let us teach them to study the Bible.”

-St. John Chrysostom

Prayer to Our Guardian Angel:

O Holy Angel of God, guardian and protector of my soul and body, forgive me everything in which I have grieved you all the days of my life, and in which I sinned in the day just past. Protect me during the coming night and keep me from every influence of the enemy, that I may not anger God by any sin. Intercede for me to the Lord that He may strengthen me in His fear and make me worthy to be a servant of His goodness. Amen.



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Does Jesus (as a Man) have any brothers or sisters-children of Joseph and Mary? Did Joseph have any other children?

According to Church Tradition, Joseph was a widower. Joseph had many children with his first wife. These children would be considered the stepbrothers & sisters of Jesus. Joseph and Mary did not have any children together. Mary was the only child of Joachim (Joseph) & Anna. Joachim & Anna had brothers & sisters who consequently gave Jesus many cousins. Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, was a cousin to Mary. The short answer is no, Joseph & Mary bore no Children as husband & wife. The church teaches Mary is “ever-virgin” meaning Joseph & Mary never had marital relations. Keep in mind the Bible comes out of Tradition of the Church and not the Church comes from the Bible. There are many more teachings of Christ and the Church that are not in the Bible, some are written down and some are passed on orally. Part of this confusion comes about because the New Testament is written all in Greek (Koina Greek) there is no word for cousins- the word brothers included cousins and sisters.



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Is God at work in the world? [How do I know?]

Yes. God is at work in the world. God does not tell lies. Jesus Christ tells The Church, the faithful people of God, the gates of Hell will not prevail against The Church. In the Gospel of Matthew Chapter 16, Jesus says in reply to Peter, “On this Faith the gates of Hell will not prevail.” What this means is that clearly Lucifer and all his demons and all of Hell will work unceasingly to attack The Church and anyone who dares to believe in God. In Luke Chapter 18, Jesus Christ says, “**When the Son of Man returns will there be any faith left?**” This is a rhetorical question making a statement and that the statement is that there will be very few people left in the entire world who will know God and live the faith, hence, it will feel like there is no one left of faith in the world. How more can I know that God is at work? Jesus says that he will send the advocate who he sends from the Father, whom we know is the Holy Spirit. (John 15) Clearly God promises he will always be with the faithful and always at work. Lastly, we know that

Jesus says, "No servant is greater than his master, look at what they do to me, they will do the same to you and worse." So, if it feels bad, that's because it probably is, but God promises He is always at work. What is God working for? You-salvation. Eternity with Him in Heaven. What do the atheists work for? An easy and high life now centered on themselves. Know God, worship Him and may you have salvation.



Hail Mary

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



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