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Divine Liturgy Schedule

May 14, 2023, A. D.

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



Saturday, May 13

6:00 PM

MOTHER'S DAY
SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

God's Blessings for All Mothers Living & Salvation for All
 Deceased Mothers

Petitions to the Mother of God

Sunday, May 14

10:30 AM

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Monday, May 15

10:00 AM

†Theodore Kulmatiski-Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Wednesday, May 17

6:30 PM

VESPERAL LITURGY FOR FEAST OF ASCENSION

†Theodore Weron- Gail & Bobby Miles

Thursday, May 18-Obligation

10:30 AM

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD (w/Myrovania)

God's Blessings for America - Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Friday, May 19

10:00 AM

†Shirley Yanoshak- Yanoshak Family

Saturday, May 20

8:30 AM

Reparations for the Sin of Abortion- Diane Petry
SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 1st ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

God's Blessings & Good Health for Marie Duncan-Helen Lipowski

Petitions to the Mother of God

6:00 PM

Sunday, May 21

10:30 AM

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 1st ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

†Dorothy Swiderski- Debbie Bushko & George V.

Petitions to the Mother of God

AFTER LITURGY

PARISH MEETING



SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

May 14, 2022

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

FIRST ANTIPHON:

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth; sing to his name, give glory to his praise! Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!

Say to God: how awesome are your works. Because of the greatness of your strength your enemies will fall before you!

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!

Let all the earth worship you and sing to you; let it sing to your name, O Most High!

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER... O ONLY BEGOTTEN SON...

THIRD ANTIPHON:

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.

Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs, bestowing life.

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs, bestowing life.

For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.

Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs, bestowing 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.

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 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 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).** Direct my steps according to Your word. **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 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.

INSTEAD OF IT IS TRULY RIGHT....: 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!" "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...", Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tomb bestowing life. (ONE TIME)

"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. (3 times)

**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
Assisted Living: Mary Hoolick. **At Home:** Geraldine Adamchak; Dolores Miller, Rita Kurtz, Diane Petry, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise Bailey. **Away:** Leona Kobela. **Prayer Request:** Michelle Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Fr. Peter Waslo; Sister Evhenia Prusnay MSMG; Mary Oresick; Fr. Paul Wolensky, Pavlyk Motychka (baby in Ukraine with SMA); Joyce Kishbaugh, Ken Weber; Marie Slota; Fr. Gregory Maslak, Angel Ocasio, Elizabeth Biasci.

“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”

MAY CANDLES

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given by Andy Sapol Jr.

In loving memory of Mary, Andrew & Stephen Sapol.

The **Altar Candles** are given by Andy Sapol Jr.

In loving memory of Mary, Andrew & Stephen Sapol.

The **Eternal Light** is given by Macu Family

In loving memory of Theodore Weron.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Lisa Placek

for God’s Blessings & Good Health for Benjamin Placek.

The **Candle Before the Icon of Christ** is given by Mary Ann

& Donna Kelley In loving memory of Brian Kelley.

The **Candle Before the Icon table of the Theotokos** is given by Helen Lipowski for God’s Blessings & Good Health for Marie & Jane Slota.

The **Icon table Candle of the Transfiguration of Our Lord** is given by Andy Sapol Jr. In loving memory of Mary, Andrew & Stephen Sapol.

The **Proscomedia Table** is given by Andy Sapol Jr.

In loving memory of Mary, Andrew & Stephen Sapol.



CHURCH NEWS Christ is Risen! Indeed, He Is Risen! ХРИСТОС БОКРЕЦЕ !

MOTHER'S DAY: Happy Mother's Day to All Our Parish Mother's!

MOTHER'S DAY TEA: Thank You the Catechism Students, their teacher, Allison Schappert, their Parents and all their assistants for a Lovely Tea at St. Peter & Paul Church in Plymouth!

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!!

FATHER WOLENSKY: Please keep Father Paul in your thoughts and prayers.

SAVE THE DATE: Parish Meeting on Sunday, May 21 immediately following Divine Liturgy.
Topic: Finances, Transfiguration Day, Cemetery Repairs, etc.

SAVE THE DATE MOVIE DAY: Movie Day will be Sunday, June 4th, Parish suggestions are welcome, if it includes lions! **Parishioners from Saint Peter & Paul are WELCOME!!!!**

SOROKOUSTY: The Fifth (and last) All Soul's Saturday is May 27th, 2023.

PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE: The Wyoming Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human, 31 Hanover Street, WB are always in need of wipes or disposable diapers in sizes 1-4. If you would like to donate to this cause, please drop them off in the church basement and Diane Petry has offered to deliver them to the center.

FLEA MARKET ITEMS WANTED & MEMORIAL WEEKEND FLEA MARKET: We will have a Flea Market in our church hall on **Friday and Saturday May 26 and May 27** from **9 a.m. to 2 p.m., (SUNDAY CLOSED)** and **Saturday June 3 from 9am until 2 pm**. We will be collecting items for the sale. They must be clean and usable. Jewelry, books, kitchen, knick knacks, toys, garden, tools, pots, pans, etc. **NO CLOTHING**. Please call Johanna 570-256-7883 for questions or concerns. Help is always needed. This will be the only sale until Christmas, and we will not accept anything after the sale due to limited space at the hall. We will have food on both Saturdays featuring Potato Pancakes and Pyrohy.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS: Our Parish is extremely grateful for the Memorial Donations that we have received. Next week we will publish the list for Memorial Donations.



PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

We pray You, O almighty and eternal God! Who through Jesus Christ hast revealed Your glory to all nations, to preserve the works of Your mercy, that Your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of your name. Amen.

“A psalm implies serenity of soul; it is the author of peace, which calms bewildering and seething thoughts. For, it softens the wrath of the soul, and what is unbridled it chastens. A psalm forms friendships, unites those separated, conciliates those at enmity. Who, indeed, can still consider as an enemy him with whom he has uttered the same prayer to God? So that psalmody, bringing about choral singing, a bond, as it were, toward unity, and joining the people into a harmonious union of one choir, produces also the greatest of blessings, charity. A psalm is a city of refuge from the demons, a means of inducing help from the angels, a weapon in fears by night, a rest from toils by day, a safeguard for infants, an adornment for those at the height of their vigor, a consolation for the elders, a most fitting ornament for women. It peoples the solitudes; it rids the marketplace of excesses; it is the elementary exposition of beginners, the improvement of those advancing, the solid support of the perfect, the voice of the Church. It brightens the feast days; it creates a sorrow which is in accordance with God. For, a psalm is the work of angels, a heavenly institution, the spiritual incense.”— **St. Basil the Great**



Prayer For Peace in Ukraine

Heavenly Father, You Son taught us “Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons of God.” We fervently pray in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that you inspire men to become peacemakers. May mankind seek reconciliation and peace as is Your Will in this world. May tranquility be restored to all nations and especially Ukraine. God, Our Father, we beseech You to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded, and accept the souls of the dearly departed into Your heavenly kingdom. May the Most Holy Mother of God extend Her Mantle of Protection over Ukraine and the whole world. May each of us always live our lives as instruments of Your peace, in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer for Strength and Faith

Dear Lord, help me through these hard times. In these troubling times, I am filled with unspeakable fear. I reach out my hand to you and ask for your aid. My burdens are overwhelming me, with Your aid I can succeed. Please walk with me. Please guide me. Please help me fight the good fight, through the trials and storms I am purified. Help me remain faithful even in the darkest hour. Show me Your way and will abide in You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

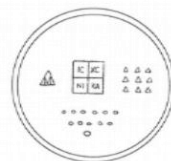


ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, I thought the Eucharist was “just” about the body and blood of Christ, my friend tells me that there are particles for Mary and the Saints? I think I am lacking some knowledge about this can you help? In other words, I was never taught this.

The Preparatory Ritual begins with the Priest coming before the Proskomedia (Table of Preparation). (He begins with 5 Small Prospophora Loaves.) He bows, makes three reverences, and says quietly 3 times: "O God, be gracious unto me a sinner, and have mercy upon me." He takes the bread in his hands, elevates it to his forehead with the seal of the loaf upward, and says: "You have redeemed us from the curse of the law by thy precious Blood. By being nailed to the Cross and pierced by the spear, you have become a foundation of immortality for all people. O our Savior, Glory to you." And then he says: "Blessed is our God always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen." The priest then begins the cutting of the bread. He takes the bread in his left hand and the spear or lance in his right hand, makes the sign of the Cross over the seal with the lance and says three times: "In remembrance of Our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ."

First, he moves to the central portion of the seal bearing the inscription ICXC NIKA (Jesus Christ Conquers) in its four corners. This portion is called the **Amnos**, or **the Lamb**, which represents our Lord who takes on the sins of the world. **The Lord is called "Amnos" or Lamb, because like a lamb, He accepted His death with humility and without protest.**

The priest cuts along the left side of the Amnos, saying: "And as a spotless lamb is dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth." And along the upper side of the Amnos, saying: "In his humiliation his judgment was taken away." And along the bottom side of the Amnos, saying: "And for his generation who shall declare it?" And along the right side of the Amnos, saying: "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter." Then the priest inserts the lance in the bottom of the bread beneath the Amnos. He lifts the Amnos up, and while removing it, he says: "For his life is raised up from the earth." The priest then places the Amnos upon the Paten, makes a deep crosswise cut on the back of the Seal without cutting through it and says:



"Sacrificed is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, for the life of the world and its salvation." The Amnos is then turned so the seal is upward, and pierces with the lance the section marked NI, saying: "One of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side and immediately there came forth blood and water. And he who saw it bore witness, and his witness is true." The priest then pours wine and a little water into the Chalice, blesses it and says: "Blessed is the union of thy holy gifts, always, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen To the right of the Amnos (on the left of the bread as the priest faces it) is the portion for the **Mother of God**. From this second portion, **the priest cuts out the triangle** with the letter **M (for Mary)**, and places it on the Paten. **This is in commemoration of our Most Blessed Lady, Panagia, the Theotokos, Mother of God, to whom we pray to intercede for us to her Divine Son**. As the priest places this portion to the right of the Amnos, he says: "On Thy right hand stood the Queen clothed in garment wrought with gold and arrayed in many colors" (Ps. 44:10).

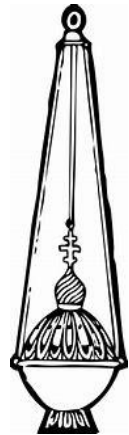


From the third prosphoron, the left of the Amnos (on the right as the priest faces it) cuts out the nine small triangles. He places them on the Paten on the left side of the Amnos, in the same position as they were on the bread. **These nine triangles symbolize the nine orders of saints and the angels in heaven, as follows:** Angelic Leaders Michael and Gabriel, Prophet Baptist John, Prophets Moses and Aaron, Elijah, and Elisha, David and Jesse, of the three holy Children, Daniel the Prophet, and of all the holy Prophets, Apostles Peter and Paul, of the Twelve and the Seventy, and of all the holy Apostles, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom, Of Athanasios and Cyril, Nicholas of Myra, and all the holy hierarchs. Of the holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen; of the holy Great Martyrs George the trophy-bearer, Demetrios Myrobletes, Theodore Tyre, Theodore Stratelates, and all the holy Martyrs, Of our Venerable and God-bearing Fathers Anthony the Great, Euthymios, Paisios, Sabbas, Onouphrios, Peter and Athanasios of Athos, and of all the holy ascetics, Of the holy, glorious and wonder-working healers Cosmas and Damian, Cyrus and John, Panteleimon and Hermolaos and of all the holy unmercenaries. Of, the holy and righteous Ancestors Joachim and Anna, of the Saints (the saints of the day) whose memory we commemorate today and of all the Saints, Of our Father among the Saints John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople or Saint Basil the Great, Archbishop Caesarea of Capadocia. Then the priest cuts two portions from the same prosphoron. From the one he commemorates the living by taking out particles and from

the other takes out particles to commemorate the dead. The congregation gives the names of the living and dead for whom they want the priest to pray. The priest commemorates the living by taking out their particles from the bread, calling each name that has been given to him to be remembered at this time, saying, "Remember, O Lord," and places them below the "Amnos." Below this, the dead are commemorated in a second row. The last portion is for the Priest who prays for his own salvation. After cutting out the portions of the bread, the Paten should look as follows:

When the Priest completes the Office of Oblation, he places upon the Paten the Asteriscos (Star Cover). The Paten with the Asteriscos and the Chalice are covered with separate veils. Both are then covered with a larger veil, which is called the Aer. The Office of Oblation is concluded with a prayer by the priest offered to our Lord, asking Him to bless the gifts of bread and wine, accept them in remembrance of those who offer them, and keep the priest pure during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy.

ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, in the Roman Catholic tradition at Easter Time, we have the symbol of the lamb of God- is that part of our Ukrainian Tradition- why does it not appear as prominent in our church? Father after church on Sunday, you were wearing a White Cassock- why? The Lamb of God absolutely is in our tradition in plain sight-but unrecognized. The white cassock of the priest is part of our tradition that if a priest or deacon has a cassock made of pure wool-the hair of the lamb- he wears it during Eastertide from Easter till Eve of Ascension. Likewise, the priest wears the brightest vestments he has during this time for the Liturgies. All of these are a reminder and a living of the sacrifice of the most pure and unblemished Lamb to atone for sin. Lastly the word, Pascha translates into "Lamb of God, Passover, and Bread of Life." Our church calls Easter the Feast of the Lamb of God.



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, the following passage is confusing “At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split, and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs after Jesus’ resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people,” could you help me with this? Does this mean that individuals other than Christ have risen from the dead and are in heaven? What does “appeared to many people” refer to, spirits? No, just as Lazarus was raised from the dead, Lazarus died a second time and was buried a second time. So too all those who rose from the dead-died a second time and were buried a second time. This is a reminder to us that at the end of days with the second coming of Christ, all the dead will rise from their tombs- their soul being re-united with their body. That little passage “returned to life” means that they went back to living as they were before they died and were buried in a tomb. Each of these people lived for a time and died a second natural worldly death. They too will rise at the end of time for judgement with all the dead. I believe your difficulty in understanding this, is the common concept today that being in heaven with God is your bodiless soul floating around in the sky eternally. This is simply wrong. Everyone will bodily rise from the dead, even the people who were vaporized by the atomic bombs of Japan at their epicenter will receive back their physical bodies with their soul reunited, and then judged for Heaven or Hell. A little side note, did you know that the cities of Nagasaki and Hiroshima had the highest populations of Catholics in Japan? This is an indication and a reminder to us of our end that God has in store for us. Your body and your soul both matter. So, let’s go to Revelation Chapter 20:12-15: