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Divine Liturgy Schedule
April 28, 2024 A. D.
Christ is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!
Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!



Saturday, April 27
6:00 PM

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN
God's Blessings & Good Health for Ed Schwartz
-Helen Lipowski

Sunday, April 28
10:30AM

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN
God's Blessings & Good Health for Mike Oresick
-Helen Lipowski

Thursday, May 2
10:00AM

God's Blessings for America-Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Friday, May 3
10:00AM

†Irene Hvozda- Robert Lowry

Saturday, May 4 8:00 AM

For the Enlightenment of Souls

Saturday, May 4
6:00 PM

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND
†Ted Weron- Barno Family

Sunday, May 5

NO LITURGY AT TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Sunday, May 5
10:00 AM
AFTER LITURGY

LITURGY AT Ss. PETER & PAUL CHURCH
SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND
God's Blessings and Good Health for all Parishioners
MOTHER'S DAY TEA



Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners Assisted Living: Mary Hoolick. At Home: Geraldine Adamchak; Shirley Kozar, Dolores Miller, Rita Kurtz, Diane Petry, 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 Slotka; Fr. Gregory Maslak, Angel Ocasio, Elizabeth Biasci, Dolores Jennings, Barnett Kurtz, Mike Oresick., Debbie Schwartz, Ed Schwartz.



SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

April 28, 2024

After the priest has exclaimed, Blessed be the Kingdom... and the people have responded, Amen, the clergy sing the Paschal Troparion once and the people repeat it. Then, the clergy sing the first half, and the people conclude it.

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

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 Savior, water my thirsty soul with the 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 for ever and ever. 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. Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy. Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.



PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL: Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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). You have loved justice and hated iniquity. Alleluia (3).

Gospel of 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."

INSTEAD OF ..."It Is Truly Right....."HYMN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD: The Angel cried out to the One full of Grace: O chaste Virgin, rejoice! And again I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and raised the dead. Let all people rejoice! Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exult now and be glad, O Zion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.



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. **...", "May our mouths be filled...", "Blessed be the name..."**, Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tomb bestowing life. (3X).

"Glory be to the Father..." Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tomb bestowing life. Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy. Give the Blessing.

<p>I nam darovav zhivot vichny poklanyayemsia Yeho Trydnevnomu voskreseniyu. To us he gave life everlasting, let us bow before His third-day Resurrection.</p>

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.

MISSIONARY IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is a 4' x 6' exact digital replica of the original Miraculous Image "painted" by Heaven on St. Juan Diego's cloak in 1531.

The Rector of the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Msgr. Diego Monroy, blessed the Missionary Image for the purpose of promoting sanctity of the family, solidarity of the Church in America, a culture of life, and a civilization of love.

Thus, we are pleased to announce that this Missionary Image will be at

Holy Transfiguration Ukrainian Catholic Church, Nanticoke

Friday, May 10- 10:00AM Divine Liturgy

11:00AM Short Talk about the Missionary Image

11:15-12:15 Hour of Prayer

12:15 – 2:00PM Veneration of the Image

Saturday, May 11- Noon to 4:00PM Veneration of the Image

6:00PM Divine Liturgy

7:15PM Short Talk about the Missionary Image

Ss. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, Plymouth

Sunday, May 12 - 8:30AM Divine Liturgy; 9:45AM Short Talk about the Missionary Image

10:00AM– 2:00PM Prayer & Veneration of the Image



Prayer For Peace in Ukraine

Heavenly Father, Your 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. Heavenly 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.

CHURCH NEWS Christ is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen! ХРИСТОС БОЖПЕЦЕ !

38th ANNIVERSARY OF CHERNOBYL NUCLEAR DISASTER The Chernobyl Nuclear Disaster occurred on April 26, 1986. The No. 4 [reactor](#) of the [Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant](#) exploded, near the city of [Pripyat](#) in the north of the [Ukrainian SSR](#), close to the border with the [Byelorussian SSR](#), in the [Soviet Union](#). Let us keep everyone who was affected by this disaster and continues to live in it's consequences in our prayers.

LITURGY SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR THE MOTHER'S DAY TEA: Please note that on **May 5th** in order for both chruches to be able to attend the tea, we will have one Liturgy at Ss. Peter & Paul Church in Plymouth at 10:00AM. **There will be no Sunday Liturgy at Transfiguration of Our Lord Church on this day.**



MOTHER'S DAY TEA: There will be a Mother's Day Tea at Ss. Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth) following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, May 5th hosted by the Catechism Class. There will be one Divine Liturgy on this particular Sunday at 10:00AM at Ss. Peter & Paul Church in Plymouth. **Everyone is Welcome.** There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. If you wish to make a donation- a dessert item (cut-up for serving) would be very welcomed and as always monetary donations are helpful. Any questions, please contact Ali Schappert at 570-709-2514. **Please sign-up this weekend so we have a final count.**

PYROHY FOR SALE: We have potato pyrohy for sale in the church basement for \$10.00 a dozen.

SOROKOUSTY SERVICE: The fifth Sorokousty is Saturday, May 18 at 8:00 am.

ZONING VARIANCE: Please note that on Thursday, May 23, the City of Nanticoke will hold a meeting at 6:00PM to discuss an application for a zoning variance which is required to establish 4 apartment buildings (12 Units each) "behind Birchwood Nursing," which is the general location of this apartment complex. (See the pink sign outside our Parking Lot.) Keep in mind that this is Phase I – they are considering Phase II. The April 25 meeting was unexpectedly canceled.

MOTHER'S DAY: Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12th. We will have Divine Liturgy for All Living and Deceased Mothers' of our Parish. Remember your Mom in Divine Liturgy.



CHURCH USE LIBRARY: The library will be in the back of the church for meditation and use during the Period prior to Pentecost. Please sign out books if you take them home.

Acts 12:12-17; John 8:42-51

What means, do you think, did the Lord use to explain to the Jews the reason for their not believing in Him? The means He used was to tell them the truth. *And because I tell you the truth, you believe Me not. (John 8:45)* The lie, as it is said, turned into their flesh and blood, and made them incapable of receiving the truth. Why do people not believe today? For the same reason—the Lord speaks the truth, and therefore they do not believe. But how can this be? Are they not all learned and do they not talk only about the truth? They have many words, but no works. The weaving of their schemes is like the spinning of a spiders web, but they do not notice the flimsiness of it. The principles of their systems are groundless, and their conclusions cannot be proved, but they are satisfied with them nevertheless. There is now such a demand for hypotheses that it seems that they alone make up the entire content of their minds, and this reputed to be solid education. They apply the fog of their dreams to the few facts they have procured and in this fog these facts appear in a totally different way than what they are in reality. Nevertheless, this all reputed to be the sphere of immutable truth. So their mind has gone rotten, and it's taste has been ruined! How can it contain the truth! And so they do not believe the Lord, Who speaks only the Truth.- **St. Theophan the Recluse**

Acts 12:25-13:12; John 8:51-59

The Jews became angry with the Lord because of His accusation, and picked up stones to cast at Him. *But the Lord went through the midst of them, and so passed by. (John 8:59)*. They did nothing to the Lord, but they destroyed themselves, for the consequence of their unbelief was the terrible sentence of the Lord: *Behold, Your House is left unto you desolate. (Matthew 23:38)*. And also: *Let us go hence. (John 14:31)*. And the Lord passed to another place and chose other peoples for His Habitation, instead of the beloved Israel. Even now, insignificant people, in the self-delusion of a proud mind which does not contain the truth of Christ take up stones of opposition and cast them at Him. They do not harm Him, because He is the Lord, and His truth is the immutable truth; they only destroy themselves. The Lord goes by, leaving such people in their vain wisdom, which spins them around the way a whirlwind spins loose specks of dust. But when an entire nation is carried away with false wisdom, then the entire nation is left to it's fate, as was the case with the Jews. Understand, O you nations, and submit yourselves to the Lord. - **St. Theophan the Recluse**

This is how many God-fearing people think, people who foster virtue and are pricked with the suffering of compunction, who mourn over their sin; They live between sin and repentance all the time. Let us not be in doubt, O fellow humanity, concerning the hope of our salvation, seeing that the One who bore sufferings for our sakes is very concerned about our salvation; God's mercifulness is far more extensive than we can conceive, God's grace is greater than what we ask for. - **St. Isaac the Syrian**

Repentance is given us as grace after grace, for repentance is a second regeneration by God. That of which we have received an earnest by baptism, we receive as a gift by means of repentance. Repentance is the door of mercy, opened to those who seek it. By this door we enter into the mercy of God, and apart from this entrance we shall not find mercy. - **St. Isaac the Syrian**

THE SCORPION AND THE FROG:

One day, a scorpion looked around at the mountain where he lived and decided that he wanted a change. So he set out on a journey through the forests and hills. He climbed over rocks and under vines and kept going until he reached a river. The river was wide and swift, and the scorpion stopped to reconsider the situation. He couldn't see any way across. So he ran upriver and then checked downriver, all the while thinking that he might have to turn back. Suddenly, he saw a frog sitting in the rushes by the bank of the stream on the other side of the river. He decided to ask the frog for help getting across the stream. "Hellooo Mr. Frog!" called the scorpion across the water, "Would you be so kind as to give me a ride on your back across the river?" "Well now, Mr. Scorpion! How do I know that if I try to help you, you won't try to *kill* me?" asked the frog hesitantly. "Because" the scorpion replied, "If I try to kill you, then I would die too, for you see I cannot swim!" Now this seemed to make sense to the frog. But he asked. "What about when I get close to the bank? You could still try to kill me and get back to the shore!" "This is true," agreed the scorpion, "But then I wouldn't be able to get to the other side of the river!" "Alright then...how do I know you won't just wait till we get to the other side and THEN kill me?" said the frog. "Ahh...", crooned the scorpion, "Because you see, once you've taken me to the other side of this river, I will be so grateful for your help, that it would hardly be fair to reward you with death, now would it?!" So, the frog agreed to take the scorpion across the river. He swam over to the bank and settled himself near the mud to pick up his passenger. The scorpion crawled onto the frog's back, his sharp claws prickling into the frog's soft hide, and the frog slid into the river. The muddy water swirled around them, but the frog stayed near the surface so the scorpion would not drown. He

kicked strongly through the first half of the stream, his flippers paddling wildly against the current. Halfway across the river, the frog suddenly felt a sharp sting in his back and, out of the corner of his eye, saw the scorpion remove his stinger from the frog's back. A deadening numbness began to creep into his limbs. "You fool!" croaked the frog, "Now we shall both die! Why on earth did you do that?" The scorpion shrugged and did a little jig on the drownings frog's back. "I could not help myself. It is my nature." Then they both sank into the muddy waters of the swiftly flowing river. *Self destruction - "Its my Nature", said the Scorpion...*