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## Divine Liturgy Schedule

May 4, 2024, A. D.

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



Saturday, May 4  
6:00 PM

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND  
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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

Thursday, May 9  
10:30AM

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION  
God's Blessings on America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Friday, May 10  
10:00AM

For an End to the Sin of Abortion

Saturday, May 11

CYRIL & METHODIUS-APOSTLES  
SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

6:00 PM

For All Mothers Living & Deceased

Sunday, May 12

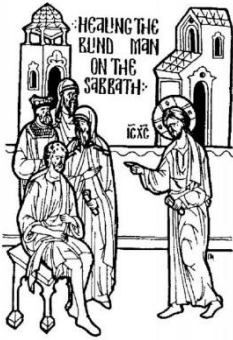
SUNDAY BEFORE PENTECOST- MOTHER'S DAY  
For All Mothers Living & Deceased



**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 Slota; Fr. Gregory Maslak, Angel Ocasio, Elizabeth Biasci, Dolores Jennings, Barnett Kurtz, Mike Oresick., Debbie Schwartz, Ed Schwartz; Julia Yurchak.

# SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

May 5, 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:** 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.



**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 (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). 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 disciple 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

**INSTEAD IF ..."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 Sion! 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.

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

**CHURCH NEWS .... Christ is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen! ХРИСТОС БОКРЕЦЕ !**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Happy Birthday to Gayle Miles who celebrates her birthday on May 15! Mnohaya Lita! May God Grant her Many Happy, Healthy & Blessed Years!

**LITURGY SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR THE MOTHER'S DAY TEA:** Please note that on **May 5<sup>th</sup>** in order for both churches 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.**

**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.

**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.

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



## May 2024

The **Altar Candles** are given by Mark & Arlene Jennings in loving memory of Anna Wrobel.

The **Eternal Light** is given by the Yanoshak Family in loving memory of Connie & Shirley Yanoshak

The **Candle Before the Icon of the Theotokos** is given by Diane Petry for the soul of Jason Yankosky.

The **Candle on the Proscomedia Table** is given by the MaryAnn & Donna Kelley in loving memory of Brian Kelley & Julia Boback.

The **Candle before St. Nicholas** is given by Lisa Placek For God’s Blessings on Ben Placek.

## PSALM 127

The Happy Home of the Just

Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways.

You shall eat of your hand’s labor:

Blessed are you, and it shall be well with you.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine

In the recesses of your house.

Your sons, like olive shoots around your table.

Behold, in this way shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you out of Sion;

And may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

May you see your children’s children. Peace be upon Israel.



## **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.





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.

The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on the fortieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter). Since the date of Pascha changes each year, the date of the Feast of the Ascension changes. The Feast is always celebrated on a Thursday. The Feast itself commemorates when, on the fortieth day after His Resurrection, Jesus led His disciples to the Mount of Olives, and after blessing them and asking them to wait for the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, He ascended into heaven. The account of the Ascension of our Lord, celebrated as one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church, is found in the book of the Acts of the Apostles 1:3-11. It is also mentioned in the Gospels of Mark (16:19) and Luke (24:50-53). The moment of the Ascension is told in one sentence: "He was lifted up before their eyes in a cloud which took Him from their sight" (Acts 1:9). Christ made His last appearance on earth, forty days after His Resurrection from the dead. The Acts of the Apostles states that the disciples were in Jerusalem. Jesus appeared before them and commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the "Promise of the Father". He stated, "You shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now" (Acts 1:5). After Jesus gave these instructions, He led the disciples to the Mount of Olives. Here, He commissioned them to be His witnesses "in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). It is also at this time that the disciples were directed by Christ to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). Jesus also told them that He would be with them always, "even to the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20). As the disciples watched, Jesus lifted up His hands, blessed them, and then was taken up out of their sight (Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9). Two angels appeared to them and asked them why they were gazing into heaven. Then one of the angels said, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him going into heaven" (Acts 1:11). The icon of The Ascension of Our Lord is a joyous icon. It is written with bright colors. Christ is shown ascending in His glory in a mandorla. A mandorla is a design which is almond-shaped or round. Inside the mandorla is the figure of a holy person. Christ blesses the assembly with His right hand. In His left is a scroll. The scroll is a symbol of teaching. This icon shows that the Lord in heaven is the source of blessing. In addition, Jesus is the source of knowledge. The icon reminds us that Christ continues to be the source of the teaching and message of the Church, blessing and guiding those to whom He has entrusted his work. The Theotokos occupies a very special place in this icon. She is in the center of the icon, immediately below the ascending Christ. The gesture of her

hands is gesture of prayer. She is clearly outlined by the whiteness of the garments of the angels. The Theotokos is depicted in a very calm pose. This is quite different from the appearance of the Disciples. They are moving about, talking to one another and looking and pointing towards heaven. The entire group, the Theotokos and the disciples represent the Church. The icon of the Ascension includes some who did not witness the Ascension. St. Paul is shown to the left of the Theotokos, but we know that he was not present at the Ascension. At that time, St. Paul did not yet believe in Jesus. But he became a Christian and one of the greatest Apostles and missionaries of Church. The icon expresses the sovereignty of Christ over His Church; He is its Head, its guide, its source of inspiration and teaching; it receives its commission and ministry from Him, and fulfils it in the power of the Holy Spirit.