Schedule for This Week

SUNDAY - 21 May - Sixth Sunday of Pascha - Sunday of the Blind Man
9:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY

Monday; 22 May - The Translation of the Relics of St. Nicholas to Bari, Italy (“Warm Nicholas”)
9 AM - DIVINE LITURGY for the repose of the soul of Mykola Moroz (+52nd anniversary of repose) requested by his grandchildren.
6 PM Moleben to the Mother of God “Queen of All” (immediately followed by the Parish Board Meeting)

Tuesday; 23 May - The Holy Apostle Simon the Zealot
Acts 17:19-28   John 12:19-36

6:30 PM - MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD FOR THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF UKRAINE -
Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church 315 Fourth St. West Easton (Sponsored by the Brotherhood of Ukrainian Clergy)

Wednesday; 24 May - The Holy Equals-to-the-Apostles Methodius and Cyril, First Apostles to the Slavs
Acts 18:22-28   John 12:36-4

6 PM - VESPERS for the Feast of the Ascension

Thursday; 25 - THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST (MAJOR HOLY DAY)

9 AM - DIVINE LITURGY

Friday; 26 May - The Holy Martyrs Glyceria and Laodicius

Saturday; 27 May - The Holy Martyr Isidore of Chios
Acts 20:7-12   John 14:10-21

SUNDAY - 28 May - Seventh Sunday of Pascha - Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council
Announcements

• **PRAY FOR UKRAINE!** - Clearly Ukraine is in need of our prayers. The Brotherhood of Ukrainian Clergy in the Lehigh Valley will be sponsoring weekly Moleben services for the peace and well-being of Ukraine. *The next Moleben service will be this Tuesday; 23 May at 6:30 PM at Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church 315 Fourth St. West Easton.* We urge everyone to attend and PRAY FOR UKRAINE!

• **MOTHER’S DAY BRUNCH** - We wish to express our thanks to all the gentlemen of our parish who pitched in and helped with the preparation and serving of our Mother’s Day Brunch last Sunday. The ladies of our parish were very appreciative. You did a great job, guys!

• **Parish Board Meeting** - The regular monthly meeting of St. Mary’s Parish Board will take place tomorrow evening at 6:30 PM following Paschal Vespers. All Parish Board members are urged to attend.

• **MEMORIAL SATURDAY GRAVE BLESSINGS** - The last Memorial Saturday - the Saturday before Pentecost will be observed this year on 03 June. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at our gazebo chapel in our parish cemetery for the repose of all those at rest there. Individual grave blessings will take place immediately after the Liturgy. You will find an envelope in today’s bulletin for that purpose. Please return the envelope as soon as possible. Extra envelopes are available in the back of the church. We urge everyone to clean up the graves of their loved ones and come out on that day for the Liturgy and grave blessings. PLEASE DON’T FORGET YOUR DECEASED LOVED ONES! (In case of inclement weather, the Liturgy will be moved to the church.)

• **ATTENTION FISHERMEN!** - The Men’s Club of St. Demetrius Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Carteret, NJ invites the men of our parish to join them on their annual fishing trip to be held on Saturday 24 June. For complete details, see the flyer in today’s bulletin. Anyone interested should make their reservation ASAP with Brian Borsevich.

• **HOUSE RESOLUTION 149:** - In today’s bulletin, you will find a copy of a new Congressional resolution that has been recently authored and introduced into Congress by our own Congresswoman Susan Wild regarding the genocidal abduction of Ukrainian children by the Russian Federation. It is officially estimated that since the invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, over 200,000 children have been forcibly abducted by Russia. We ask that you read the resolution and then show your support for it by calling the Congresswoman’s office and expressing your thanks to her introduction of this resolution. Representative Susan Wild can be reached at her Lehigh County Office: (484) 781-6000 or Northampton County Office: (610) 333-1170.
- ATTENTION VIETNAM ERA VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES: - 2025 marks the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. Ukrainian American Veterans Post 42 would like to honor you for your service. If you had honorably served in the US Armed Forces at any time between 01 November 1955 –15 May 1975, regardless of your location, you, or the spouse of a deceased eligible veteran, are eligible to receive the Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin on behalf of a grateful Nation. We need your name, address, branch of service, dates of service, phone and email. Please contact either Matt Kozlak 610-867,4052 or Jerry Kindrachuk 610-730-3265 or by email to uavpost42@gmail.com no later than May 30. You will be contacted as to the time and place for the presentation.

- PYROHY SALE: - Pyrohy are available for sale. Potato/Cheese and Sauerkraut. $10 a dozen. Please see Barbara Hutzayluk for purchase.

- ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES - Classes continue every Saturday at 10 AM. Our own choir director, John Koretski leads the class. Anyone interested is welcome.

- Adult Ukrainian Language Classes - Classes continue every Thursday at 6 PM. Mr. Ihor Mirchuk is the instructor. Anyone interested is welcome.

- Medical and other supplies needed for Ukraine - This past Friday, we sent out our 13th shipment to Ukraine! We are now working on collecting our next shipment. There is a list in today’s bulletin with items that are needed for Ukraine right now. **Volunteers to help collect and organize these donations. To volunteer, please see Sisterhood President Barbara Hutzayluk.**

- Coffee Social: Today’s coffee hour will be hosted by: THE CHOIR. Please consider hosting an upcoming Sunday.

- Please pray for the sick and infirm of our Church:

THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS

The Commemoration of the Martyr Isidore—14/27 May

Compiled from Various Sources

A devout Christian from his early youth, he was kidnapped and impressed into the Roman Navy. Upon visiting Chios, where Christianity was not persecuted, he openly confessed himself a Christian and was denounced to the fleet commander, Admiral Numerius. The admiral summoned Isidore in order to determine whether or not the allegation was true. Saint Isidore admitted that he was indeed a Christian, and refused to offer sacrifice to inanimate idols, saying, "You may be able to kill my body, but you have no power over my soul. The true, living God, Jesus Christ, abides in me; even after my death He shall be with me, and I with Him. I shall abide in Him, and I shall never cease to confess Him while breath still remains in my body." During the investigation, the saint was disowned by his own father and led away to be imprisoned and tortured. In the midst of his suffering, he praised Christ God and mocked the pagan idols. Numerius ordered Isidore to be beaten with metal whips, and then dragged along over rocky ground. After that, his tongue was cut out. Even without his tongue, Saint Isidore was still able to speak, by the grace of God, and he continued to confess Christ. Meanwhile, God punished Numerius by causing him to loose the power of speech. Finally,
the Admiral gave a written order to behead Isidore. When he heard the sentence the holy martyr was overjoyed. Praising God, he was led to the place of execution, where he was beheaded.

After the Saint's martyrdom his body was thrown into a well to be devoured by animals, but two Christians, Saints Ammonios and Myrope secretly took his body, and buried it in a secret place, with all due honor. These two saints, like Isidore, would be tortured and suffer martyrdom by the hand of Numerius for their veneration of Isidore and their public profession of Christianity.

Many miracles have occurred by the intercession of Isidore, and many churches have been built in his honor as attested by St. Gregory of Tours in his BOOK OF THE GLORY OF THE MARTYRS. It is said that the saint's church in Chios was built around the well into which his body had been thrown. After drinking from the water of this well, possessed people, those with fevers, and others who are sick, are often cured. It is said that believers often see a light there, similar to a burning candle. It is also said that at the place where Saint Isidore was martyred, the mastic trees shed fragrant tears because of the Holy Martyr's suffering.

**Today’s Liturgical Propers**

*(at the Divine Liturgy)*

*Priest:* “Blessed is the Kingdom…”
*Choir:* “Amen.”

*Priest:* “Christ is risen…”
*Choir:* “Christ is risen…”

*Priest:* “Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,”
*Choir:* “and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!”

*(The Divine Liturgy is begun in this manner until the Leavetaking of Pascha.)*

**Tone 5**

*Troparion* *(Resurrection)*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead/ by His glorious Resurrection.

**Tone 4**

*Kontakion* *(Pentecostarion)*
I come to You, O Christ, blind from birth in my spiritual eyes, and call to You in repentance: “You are the most radiant Light of those in darkness.”

Note: The Kontakion of Pascha is not sung on this day.

**Tone 8**  **Prokeimenon**  *(Pentecostarion)*

Pray and make your vows / before the Lord, our God! *(Ps. 75:10a)*

**V. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.** *(Ps. 75:1)*

**Epistle**
Acts 16:16-34

**Tone 8**
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**V. Look upon me and have mercy on me!** *(Ps.118:132a)*

**V. Guide my steps according to Your word!** *(Ps. 118:133a)*

**Gospel**
John 9:1-38

*(Instead of “It is truly meet...,” we sing:)*

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace:
“Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: Rejoice, your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead.”

Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem!
The glory of the Lord has shone on you.
Exult now, and be glad, O Zion!
Be radiant, O pure Birth-Giver of God, 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! *(Ps. 148:1)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Priest:* “*In the fear of God…*”
* Choir: “Christ is risen from the dead… “ *(sung once instead of “Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord… “)*
Priest: “O God, save Your people…”

ST D’s MENS CLUB
FISHING TRIP
ABOARD THE CHARTER BOAT “MI-JO”
June 24, 2023

BOAT DEPARTS FROM
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS MARINA
AT 3:00 PM SHARP AND RETURNS 8:00 PM

PRICE OF $90.00 INCLUDES:
BOAT TRIP, ROD & REEL, BAIT,
FOOD, BEER, SODA
15% GRATUITY TO MATES

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PETE - CELL 732-718-8320
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Choir: “Christ is risen from the dead…” (sung once, instead of “We have seen the True Light…)
Priest: “Always, now and ever…”
Choir: “Christ is risen from the dead…” (sung once, instead of “Let our mouths …)

After the Prayer at the Ambo, the Choir responds with “Christ is risen from the dead…” three times.

At the Dismissal, the Priest says: “Glory to You, O Christ…” and the choir sings “Christ is risen from the dead…” (thrice), then “Lord have mercy.” (thrice), and finally “Master, bless.”

Priest: “Christ is risen…”
Choir: “Christ is risen…”
Priest: “Christ is risen form the dead, trampling down death by death,”
Choir: “and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!”

Priest: And unto us He has given eternal life.
Choir: Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!