

Schedule for the Week

Monday; 23 May - The Holy Apostle Simon the Zealot

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

6:30 PM - MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD FOR THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF UKRAINE -
Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church 315 4th Street West Easton
(Sponsored by the Brotherhood of Ukrainian Clergy)

Tuesday; 24 May - The Holy Equals-to-the-Apostles Cyril and Methodius, Teachers of the Slavic Peoples

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

Wednesday; 25 May - The Holy Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus

Acts 13:13-24 John 6:5-14

9AM - Divine Liturgy For the repose of the soul of Mykola Moroz (51st Anniversary) requested by family and friends

Thursday; 26 May - The Holy Virgin-Martyress Glyceria and her jailer the Martyr Laodicius

Acts 14:20-27 John 9:39-10:9

Friday; 27 May - The Holy Martyr Isidore of Chios

Acts 15:5-34 John 10:17-28

Saturday; 28 May - Venerable Father Pachomius the Great

Acts 15:35-41 John 10:27-38

NO VESPERS

SUNDAY - 29 May - SIXTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA - SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN - Venerable Father Theodore the Sanctified

Acts 16:16-34 John 9:1-38

9:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY

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 Monday; 23 May at 6:30 PM at Holy Ghost Catholic Church 315 4th St. West Easton. We urge everyone to attend and PRAY FOR UKRAINE!

- **NO KNEELING:** - Please take note, during the Paschal Season, there is no kneeling during liturgical services. For that matter, there is, in fact, no kneeling even for private prayer! We stand in the glorious light of our Savior's Resurrection. Kneeling will begin again with Vespers on Pentecost Sunday.
- **Saturday Evening Vespers Postponed** - Beginning immediately, Saturday evening Vespers will be postponed for the Summer months. This postponement affects ONLY Saturday Evening Vespers. Vespers for the Great Feasts will still be celebrated and will be announced in the bulletin. Saturday evening Vespers will resume in the Fall.
- **Refugees from Ukraine:** Recently, in his trip to Poland, President Biden made a statement that the United States is ready to accept 100,000 refugees from Ukraine. We now have received information on the process. Anyone who might be willing to provide temporary shelter for any Ukrainian individual or families that might need a home. ***If you are interested or know someone who is, please sign-up on the bulletin at the office***
- **Fall Ukrainian Language Classes** - These classes will be starting here at our parish soon. The classes will be open to all ages. ***If anyone is interested, please sign-up on the bulletin board at the office.*** Mr. Ihor Mirchuk will be the instructor. The list to sign up is on the office door.
- **Medical and other supplies are still needed for Ukraine !!! - We wish to thank EVERYONE who has contributed to this effort whether the donations have been items from the list or financial donations. They are all very much needed.** Please check the parish website for an updated list. **In addition, we need volunteers to help collect and organize these donations. To volunteer, please see Susan Cooke or Tania Smirnova or Barbara Hutzalyuk**
- **Administrator Assistance Needed:** Volunteers are needed to help with the extra office work that we have encountered as a result of the war in Ukraine. We are looking for a number of people who could commit to one or two sessions a week, either a morning or afternoon session. Duties would include answering phone calls, taking donations, etc. Please see Vera Muzychka to sign up.
- **Coffee Social:** Please consider hosting an upcoming Sunday.
- **Please pray for the sick and infirm of our Church:** Metropolitan Antony; Fr. Yakiw Norton, Fr. Oleh Hucut, Fr. Vasyi Dovgan, Tanya Antoniewicz, Richard Antoniuk, Bohdan Baranczyk, John Chorney, Gloria Dunski, Joan Hepner, Peter Holowiak, Eva Lazor, Mary Maksymiak, Daniel Milinichuk, Michael Onushko, Rosalie Onushko, Mary Ellen Mackiewicz, William Radio, Kathryn Solan, Elsie Moroz, Myroslav Kmet, Andriy Kmet, Dan Gulack, Rodney Townes, Karina Strashinsky, Katherine Cox; Gordon
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Today's Liturgical Propers

Priest: "Blessed is the Kingdom..."

Choir: "Amen."

Priest: "Christ is risen... " (2 ½ times)

Choir: "and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!"

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

Tone 4 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the women disciples of the Lord
learned from the angel the joyous message of Your Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the apostles:
"Death is overthrown!
Christ God is risen,//
granting the world great mercy!"

Tone 8 Kontakion (Pentecostarion)

The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith;
she saw You, the Water of wisdom and drank abundantly.//
She inherited the Kingdom on high, and is ever glorified!

Tone 4 Kontakion (Midfeast)

Christ God, the Creator and Master of all,
cried to all in the midst of the feast of the Law:
"Come and draw the water of immortality!"
We fall before You and faithfully cry://
"Grant us Your mercies, for You are the Fountain of our life!"

Tone 3 Prokeimenon (Pentecostarion)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
(Ps. 46:6)

V. Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! (Ps. 46:1)

Epistle
Acts 11:19-26, 29-30

Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*V. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!
(Ps. 44:3b)*

V. For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity. (Ps. 44:6)

Gospel

John 4:5-42

(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 Theotokos,
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: "Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord..."

Priest: "O God, save Your people..."

*Choir: "Christ is risen from the dead..." (sung once, instead of "We have seen the True
Light...")*

Priest: "Always, now and ever..."

Choir: "Let our mouths be filled..."

*At the Dismissal, the Priest says: "Glory to You, O Christ..." and the choir sings
"Christ is risen from the dead..." (thrice).*

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

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UKRAINIAN DEVOTION TO THE MOTHER OF GOD: The “Kyiv-Bratsk” Icon of the Mother of God - _____ in a series.

Commemorated on [May 10/23](#)



Once again we reinstate our study of the various devotional images of the Birth-Giver of God in Ukraine with the wonderworking Kyiv-Bratsk (i.e. "Brotherhood") Icon of the Mother of God. This icon was revealed in 1654, and was originally kept in the church of Saints Borys and Hlib in the city of Vyshhorod (a suburb of Kyiiv), and was placed in a shrine to the left of the Royal Doors on the iconostasis. On May 10, 1662, during a war with Poland (1659–1667), the city suffered great damage from the Poles and Crimean Tatars who fought with the Poles. The church was ravaged and looted by enemy soldiers, who took all the jewels and icons, but the relics of the Saints Borys and

Hlib were hidden under a crypt. By God's Providence, the wonder-working Icon of the Mother of God was preserved.

Some devout Christians, at the risk of their very lives, rescued the Icon of the Mother of God and since they were unable to hide the Icon, they had consigned it to the Dnipro River, praying that God's will would be done. To their amazement, the Icon did not sink, but floated upright down the river.

Leaving Vyshhorod, the Tatars began to cross the Dnipro, but they were drowned during a storm. Only one of them escaped by clinging to the Icon of the Mother of God as though it were a raft. The river carried the holy Icon to the bank of the Podil in Kyiv, where it stopped before the Bratsk Monastery. The Tatar was afraid of drowning, and cried desperately for help. A boat was sent from the Monastery, into which the monks received the Icon and the Tatar.

The Tatar, whose life was spared by God, believed in Jesus Christ and was baptized. The Icon was placed in the wooden church at the Monastery, where it remained for a long time. An inventory of the church property in the Monastery, compiled in 1807, gives a description of the miraculous Icon.

In 1919, the Bratsk Monastery was closed by the atheistic Russian Communist occupiers of Ukraine, and the Kyiv-Bratsk Icon of the Mother of God was thought to be lost. For a long time, the lack of information about the shrines of the Monastery until the 90s of the 20th century was perceived as confirmation that the Icon was lost. In recent years, however, studies have shown that the Icon is one of the five most valuable icons in the Monastery. It was transferred to the Kyiv Caves Monastery in 1926, quite possibly to save it from the Russian Communists.

In 1948, this icon was first recorded in the ledger of the National Art Museum of Ukraine (NHMU) with a notation stating its origin was unknown. The reacquisition of the Kyiv-Bratsk Icon occurred in the early 2000s, when employees of the NHMU established a connection between these monuments and the Bratsk Monastery. Its reacquisition is regarded as confirmation of the Icon's miraculous qualities. There is an exact copy of the Icon, which is located in the Kyivan Monastery of the Protection of the Mother of God.