Schedule for This Week

SUNDAY - 07 May - Fourth Sunday of Pascha - Sunday of the Paralytic
9:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY

Monday; 08 May - The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark

Tuesday; 09 May - The Holy Hieromartyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea

6:30 PM - MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD FOR THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF UKRAINE - St. Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church 1031 Fullerton Ave. Allentown  (Sponsored by the Brotherhood of Ukrainian Clergy)

Wednesday; 10 May - MID-PENTECOST - The Holy Hieromartyr Symeon, Kinsman of the Lord
Acts 14:6-18    John 7:14-30

9 AM - DIVINE LITURGY for the repose of the soul of Emil Scocypec requested by the family.

Thursday; 11 - The Holy Apostles Jason and Sosipater of the Seventy
Acts 10:34-43   John 8:12-20

Friday; 12 May - The Holy Nine Martyrs at Cyzicus
Acts 10:44-11:10    John 8:21-30

Saturday; 13 May - The Holy Apostle James, Brother of John the Theologian
Acts 12:1-11    John 8:31-42

SUNDAY - 14 May - Fifth Sunday of Pascha - Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
Acts 11:19-26, 29-30    John 4:5-42
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 Tuesday; 09 May at 6:30 PM at our own church St. Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church 1031 Fullerton Avenue Allentown.* We urge everyone to attend and PRAY FOR UKRAINE!

• **SISTERHOOD MEETING** - The Sisterhood of St. Anna will meet today at coffee hour. All ladies of the Sisterhood are asked to gather at the table reserved for them.

• **Musical Benefit for Ukraine.** - **TODAY** -May 7, 2023 at 3 PM- at Wesley United Methodist Church Bethlehem. For details see the enclosed flyer.

• **MOTHER’S DAY BRUNCH** - Next Sunday, 14 May is Mother’s Day. Please join us for a special brunch prepared and hosted by the men of our parish in honor of all the ladies of St. Mary’s who work so hard for our parish community.

• **PYROHY SALE:** - Pyrohy are available for sale. Potato/Cheese and Sauerkraut. $10 a dozen. Please see Barbara Hutzaylk 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** - We are preparing our 13th shipment to go out within the next week!!!! 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: _____________. Please consider hosting an upcoming Sunday.

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

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**MONTHLY PARISH FINANCIAL RECAP**

*In an effort to make our parishioners aware of the financial status of our Parish, we will na new monthly feature will appear the first Sunday of every month in our bulletin. In this feature you will see the total of the regular Sunday collections for the previous month, as well as the regular normal expenses (e.g., utilities, salaries, maintenance services, etc.). No special donations will be included here: neither will expenses for special projects be listed. We hope that this will help our parishioners to understand the normal financial issues of the Parish.*

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**Sunday of the Paralytic Man: Our Main Spiritual Sickness Is Our Damaged Will**

By Priest Dimitry Fetisov—Edited for the Bulletin

Without a doubt, the Gospel teaching of the healing of the paralytic is not just the description of one of many incidents of Christ the Savior’s mercy to mankind, but also an allegory describing and solving the problem that remains relevant throughout all time. Thoughts about this are contained in the very text of the service for the Sunday of the Paralytic. The image of a paralyzed man, who without any help from others has not been able for many years to enter the healing pool located only two steps away from him, portrays the main spiritual sickness that each of us suffers—our own damaged will, which as a consequence of sin has become not entirely obedient to us. Each of us is overcome by this illness in one way or another. Even the great apostle Paul says humbly of himself, For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do (Rom. 7:19). The more broken a person is by sin, the more he loses this precious and simple gift—the ability to control himself, and not remain in slavery to his own passions, weaknesses, and, in an era of informational technology, also to silly, fairy tale illusions of pseudo-relationship or seductive daydreams. Our current situation is significantly simpler than that of the unfortunate man who waited many years unsuccessfully for the miraculous descent of the angel to make the water curative. After all, we are much closer to miraculous means not only for bodily healing, but we also have communion with God Himself—the Church sacraments, which can instantly heal us spiritually, inde-pendently of our own resolve, and make us new people. But how often are we literally unable to get up in the morning for Liturgy, or motivate ourselves to repent? Well, of course, the story of the paralyzed man is a reproach and warning to each one of us: every day we walk past scores of paralytics, to whom we should be giving more attention and encouragement to take if only a small step to Christ and His Church. But we never seem to have time for that... Besides, if we think about it, there is a reason why the Gospels give an exact number of years—thirty-eight—during which this sick man lay helpless, hav- ing no opportunity to be healed by entering the pool of Siloam. On the one hand, it is clear that the people around him were hard-hearted, since they did not notice him all those years and did not try to help him. On the other hand, we can come to the sad conclusion that that before his illness he may have egotistically spent his life only for himself and indulged in his passions. Apparently this sickness was also sent to the unfortunate man for his sins; after all, the Lord gave him a stern warning afterwards: Be- hold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee (Jn. 5:14). Most likely this is why the wretch had neither family nor friends who might have given him self-sacrificing help.

**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 form 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 3 Troparion** *(Resurrection)*

Let the heavens rejoice!
Let the earth be glad!
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.
He has trampled down death by death.
He has become the first born of the dead.
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,
and has granted to the world://
great mercy.

**Tone 3 Kontakion** *(Pentecostarion)*

By Your divine intercession, O Lord,
as You raised up the Paralytic of old,
so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts;
so that being saved I may sing to You://
“Glory to Your power, O compassionate Christ!”

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

**Tone 1 Prokeimenon** *(Pentecostarion)*

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us /as we have set our hope on You! (Ps. 32:22)

V. *Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps. 32:1)*

**Epistle**

Acts 9:32-42

**Tone 5**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. *I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation. (Ps. 88:1-2)*

V. *For You have said: Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be prepared in the heavens. (Ps. 88:3)*

**Gospel**

John 5:1-15

*(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!
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!
A Musical Offering to Support Ukraine
Matthew Kopetskie’s Eagle Scout Project
Wesley United Methodist Church
2540 Center St. Bethlehem, PA 18017
May 7, 2023 @ 3pm
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
Free will offering to the Assumption of the Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church.
Proceeds will purchase medical/first aid supplies to be sent to Ukraine.