Schedule for This Week

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

Monday; 15 May - The Holy Athanasius the Great, Archbishop of Alexandria
Acts 12:12-17  John 8:42-51

Tuesday; 16 May - The Holy Martyrs Timothy the Reader and his wife Maura of Antinoe

6:30 PM - MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD FOR THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF UKRAINE
- St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church 1826 Kenmore Ave. Bethlehem  
  (Sponsored by the Brotherhood of Ukrainian Clergy)

Wednesday; 17 May - The Holy Virgin-Martyress Pelagia of Tarsus

9 AM - DIVINE LITURGY for the repose of the soul of Michael Heretz requested by the family.

Thursday; 18 May - The Holy Great-Martyress Irene of Thessalonica

Friday; 19 May - The Holy Righteous Job the Long-Suffering
Acts 15:5-34  John 10:17-28

Saturday; 20 May - The Appearance of the Sign of the Cross over Jerusalem

SUNDAY - 21 May - Sixth Sunday of Pascha - Sunday of the Blind Man
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 St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church 1826 Kenmore Avenue Bethlehem. We urge everyone to attend and PRAY FOR UKRAINE!

- **MOTHER’S DAY BRUNCH** - TODAY 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.

- **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 Koziai 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: _______________. Please consider hosting an upcoming Sunday.
- **Please pray for the sick and infirm of our Church:**

**The Commemoration of the Appearance of the Sign of the Cross over Jerusalem in 351 AD**

Compiled from Various Sources

During the second century, the heresy of Arianism, which taught that Christ was merely a creature and not God, was causing great turmoil and division throughout the Roman Empire. Even after the First Ecumenical Council at Nicea in 325, many people were drawn to this false teaching, and the orthodox found themselves in the minority in many places.

See Empire, by that time was administratively split into Eastern and Western parts. Constantius, the ruler of the eastern part of the Empire, was a fervent supporter of Arianism. His brothers Constantine II and Constans, who were pious orthodox Christians, ruled in the west. They were both killed in separate battles around 350, leaving Constantius as sole ruler. Also in 350, Saint Cyril became Patriarch of Jerusalem and began his zealous struggle against Arianism.

In May of 351 a luminous Cross appeared over Jerusalem, stretching from Golgotha to the Mount of Olives, a distance of about five and a half miles. The Cross was wide as it was long, and shone more brightly than the sun. Many people left their homes and workplaces to gather in the church and glorify Christ. The historian Sozomen says that this wondrous sign led to the conversion of multitudes of pagans and Jews to Christianity.

A letter from Saint Cyril to the emperor describing this phenomenon, and admonishing him to become Orthodox, has been preserved. He wrote "At about the third hour of the day [mid-morning] an enormous cross, formed of light, appeared in the heaven above holy Golgotha and reaching to the holy Mount of Olives, being seen not by one or two only, but manifest with perfect clarity to the whole multitude of the city; not, as one might suppose, rushing swiftly past in fancy, but seen openly above the earth many hours in plain sight, and overcoming the beams of the sun with its dazzling rays."

The apparition of the Cross remained over the city for a whole week. The vision of the Cross over Jerusalem strengthened the Orthodox faithful and contributed to the return of many Arians to the Church. It is also a reminder of the awesome Second Coming of Christ, when “the sign of the Son of man shall appear in heaven (Matthew 24:30).

**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 4  Troparion  (Resurrection)**

When the women disciples of the Lord
learned from the angel the joyous message of Your Resurrection,
you 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 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… “
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!