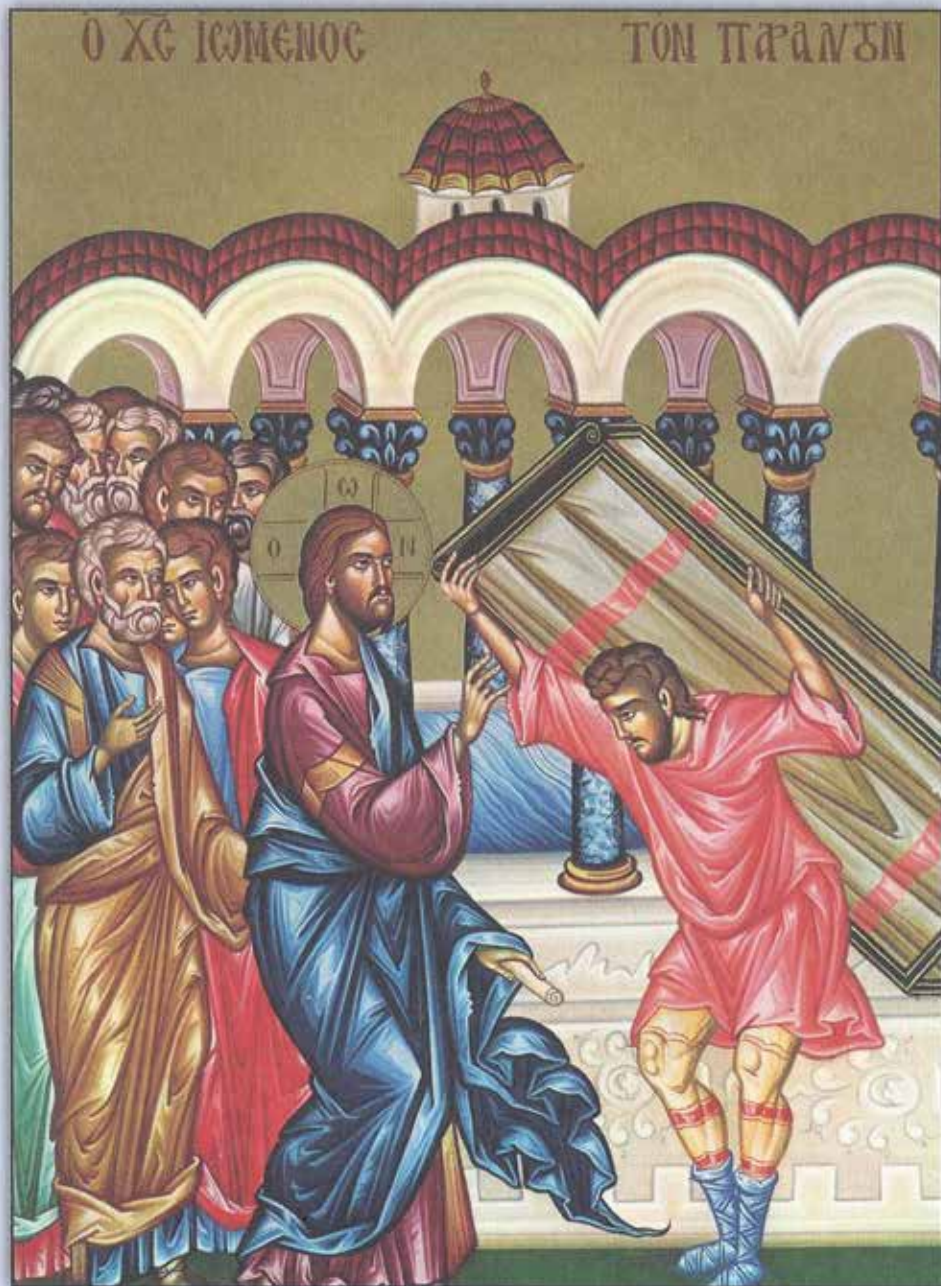


SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN



*Icon of Jesus Healing the Paralytic Man*

<b>May 12, 2019: Sunday of the Paralytic Man</b>	
Epistle: Acts 9: 32-42 <span style="float: right;">Gospel: Jn. 5: 1-15</span>	
<b>Mon., May 13</b>	8:00 + Joan Turko (Nancy Kohut)
<b>Tues., May 14</b>	8:00 + Jeff Marcinko (Andrea Novak & Family)
<b>Wed., May 15</b>	8:00 + Joseph Chmil (Tom & Cathy Matkosky)
<b>Thurs., May 16</b>	8:00 + Frank Evanitksy (Daughter, Michaelene)
<b>Fri., May 17</b>	8:00 + Evelyn Cheplick (Dorothy Zinsky) 6:30 pm Moleben to the Mother of God
<b>Sat., May 18</b>	No Morning Divine Liturgy 10:30 Confessions 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Andrea Turko Mitchell (Family)
<b>Sun., May 19</b>	9:00 For Our Parishioners 11:30 + Patrick Marcinko Jr. (Joe, Sandra, & Nikki Berta)



## A Reflection on Mothers' Day

Today, we give thanks to our mothers for their gift of life and nurture by remembering them especially in our prayers, and with acts of affection and goodness. We fondly and gratefully recall their living as bearers of light in our earthly life. Mothers give special witness as active bearers of the light of faith to their children, to their spouse, and to the entire family.

Jesus said that a person does not light a candle and then put it under a basket for no one to see. The gift of

our faith, the light of our faith is meant to shine brightly. It is meant to be a source of rekindling the faith in others around us who may be struggling. Mothers seem to be blessed with a compelling grace to actively teach and model their life-giving faith to their children and to others. They plant the early seeds of faith in Jesus Christ and nurture it throughout their lifetime. They do not surrender to being passive in the celebration of their faith for which all of us are so grateful. They are steadfast in their faith as witnessed by their steadfast participation in the Church.

The best testimony you and I can give to the gift of our mothers is to ourselves become bright bearers of the light of faith. Choose to nurture the seed of faith planted within you by your mother by learning more about your faith, your Church. Choose to actively share your faith with those whom you have been given to love and nurture in your life.

Celebrate your faith energetically and enthusiastically, and without reservation, in imitation of your mother's gift to you. Choose to put aside your passivity! It only limits and constrains the gift so freely given to us by our mother.

The Blessed Mother of God gave her passionate and unconditional 'yes' to celebrate God's plan through her. It led to a gift for all of us beyond our comprehension – God's saving plan for all of us in Jesus Christ, our Savior. The love and unconditional commitment of our earthly mother has given you and me opportunity to celebrate life and all its wonders as recipients of God's love. In testimony to our loving mothers, let us live as bright bearers of light!

God bless all of our mothers in ways only He can for many blessed and happy years! May the souls of our loving departed mothers be granted eternal peace with Jesus Christ!

-- *Archbishop-Emeritus Stefan Soroka*

## HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!

### Angels We Have Heard...

On this Mother's Day, we will have a special treat during the 11:30 Divine Liturgy. Our children will be singing the responses to the Divine Liturgy. And

they say "those who sing, pray twice." There can be nothing more touching and sweet and beautiful than hearing young voices lift up their prayers to God. We

thank Cathy and Patrick Marcinko for special event.  
helping to prepare the children for this

## Why do we stand, and not kneel, from Easter to Pentecost?

In the tradition of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, it is not correct to kneel at anytime from Easter to Pentecost. Despite the fact that other churches do it or “visitors...are surprised” does not change the fact that kneeling is not proper during this time. In the Ukrainian Catholic Tradition, the action of kneeling and prostrating is a penitential posture. It is the position of a sinner seeking forgiveness. It is NOT a position of adoration (as it is in the West). This is why it is practiced so often in the Lenten season.

Standing is the proper position for giving praise and thanks to God in the spirit of joy and happiness. During the Paschal Season (Easter to Pentecost),

the time for repentance, and fasting, is over. It is the time of our salvation for “Christ is Risen!” We express our joy, thanksgiving and adoration for this fact and the fact that we who have “...been baptized into Christ and put on Christ” have also risen with Him. It is for this reason that kneeling is improper during this holy season. To kneel during this season is to imply that you do not accept the Resurrection of Christ. By standing for all prayer, (even private before and after services) we are demonstrating, in a bodily way, that you believe that “*Christ is risen from the dead, and by death He has trampled death and to those in the graves He has granted life.*”

## Mark Your Calendars

Over the past few years, attendance at the Memorial Services at the Cemetery on Pentecost Sunday has been declining. It was decided at a Parish Meeting to change the Memorial Services from Pentecost Sunday to the Sunday of the Memorial Day Weekend. **THEREFORE, THE MEMO-**

**RIAL SERVICES AT OUR CEMETERY WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, MAY 26<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:00 AM. THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE DIVINE LITURGY ON THAT SUNDAY.** Following the Divine Liturgy, a Panachyda Service will be held to pray for all those buried at our Cemetery,

after which, individual graves will be blessed. Hopefully this will increase attendance.

## **Church Shirt Available For Order!**

The 3-button placket, collar, short sleeve shirt, no pocket, (for adult males and female) EMBROIDERED with “SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church” and our the 3- bar Cross is available to order. Order forms are available in the vestibule of the church. (along with a sample of the shirts). We need a minimum of 12 pieces for the entire order to be placed with “Talk Shirty to Me” Company on the Scranton-Carbondale Highway. We are offering you this shirt at “cost” and it only reflects a \$3.00 rise in price from our original order (\$15.00 each) 5-6 years ago.

The shirt will be available in Adult sizes: S-M-L-XL at \$18.00 each, Size XXL at \$20.00 each, Size XXXL at \$22.00 each, Size XXXXL at \$24.00

each. An assortment of colors: white, black, navy, turquoise, fuschia, red, navy, light blue, light yellow, light pink, silver grey, etc... Available in “Performance” fabric (100% polyester, no shrink, repels stain) and also available in 50% Cotton/50% polyester.

The deadline for placing orders is Sunday June 2, 2019. Orders only accepted with payment. Make checks out to “St. Cyril’s Church” and Memo “3-button shirt” (put in collection basket or give to Lauren). Prices listed above....no tax or delivery charges. Shirts will be available for pick up at the church, in about 2 weeks, after the placement of the order. A great gift for current and past parishioners of our church. A shirt to wear proudly!

## **May, Moleben, and the Mother of God.**

Mary, the Mother of God, our spiritual Mother and Mother of the Church, brings a certain tenderness, compassion, and loving concern which has touched the hearts, souls, and minds of every generation throughout the history of the Church. Her title of

“Mother” reveals her unique relationship with her Son and with the Church. In this, she is a wonderful source of inspiration, hope, and courage as we face the many trials and challenges of our Church and society.

Although we honor Mary at all

times and in all our prayers and church services, May has been chosen as a time to focus on the Mother of God and her place in our salvation. Mary is the greatest of all the saints. Every Divine Liturgy is offered first “for our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary.” She was chosen and saved from the beginning of her life because of the unique role she was to play in salvation history. When Mary said yes to bearing the Son of God, she became the first to be saved. Many events of her life provide us with a model of how we should live. We celebrate and venerate the Mother of God because she was the Theotokos (God-bearer).

Devotional services have been the Church’s response to help us express certain aspects of our relationships with God, Mary or certain saints. First among these services are those that honor the Mother of God. We do not adore her or

worship her as we do God, but we venerate her; that is, we show her reverence and honor.

One of the devotional services is the Moleben that we celebrate. In general, a moleben is a service of intercession or supplication. The Moleben to the Theotokos is based on the service of matins, as served on a feast day, complete with a Gospel reading — in this case, Luke’s account of Mary visiting Elizabeth. It also includes the trisagion hymn in honor of the Blessed Trinity, the Our Father, petitions from the faithful and, of course, hymns of praise. This particular moleben is said to have originated at the beginning of the 20th century in Western Ukraine. Since then it has become beloved by Ukrainian Catholics, who hold a special devotion to the Theotokos.

The Moleben to the Mother of God is celebrated in our church every FRIDAY at 6:30 PM throughout the month of May.

## Bus Trip to Enthronement

The North Anthracite Council of LUC has chartered a 33 passenger bus to the Tuesday, June 4th Enthronement of Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gud-



ziak at our magnificent Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. Pick-ups will be at 5:15am at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church in Berwick, 5:45am at SS. Peter and Paul Church in

Plymouth and 6:15am at St. Vladimir Church in Scranton. Cost is \$35.00 per person - please make out check to North Anthracite Council - LUC. Reservations can be made by contacting

Janina Everett at 570 441-9593, Paul Ewasko at 570 563-2275 or Sandra Berta at 570-383-9487. Reservations are on a first-come first- served basis. Payment in full reserves a bus seat.

## **9th Annual Fundraiser Rummage Sale 2019**

The dates have been set for our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Rummage Sale have been set. This Annual Fundraiser will take place on September 20-21-22, 2019. We will be accepting merchandise from estates, house sales, downsizing, throughout the next 4 months. Please contact Father Nestor or Lauren Telep if you have items for immediate donations.

Regarding “pickups” of furniture and merchandise, we prefer if items

can be dropped off at the gym. We are flexible, but limited when we need trucks and men to volunteer and pick up items. Trucks are always needed to help make this event successful. Let Father Nestor know, and you can be put on the list for when we need a truck.

More information regarding Raffle donations, dropping off donations in August and September will be printed at a later date.

## **Collection Processing Team...**

The Collection Processing Team for the month of May 2019 is Team #1:

Jerry Sereditch, Michaelene Davis, and Gloria Jablonski.

## **Sunday Collection for May 4 & 5, 2019: \$**

### **Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for May 18 & 19, 2019**

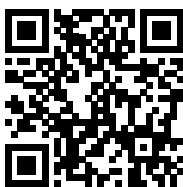
	<b>Altar Boys</b>	<b>Lectors</b>
4:00 pm	Samuel Sczesniak -- Nicholas Borowski	Andrew Augustine
9:00 am	Brennin Marcinko -- Cole Marcinko	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Tyler Muchisky -- Jordan Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

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### *The Cure of Baptism Foreshadowed*

What manner of cure is this? What mystery does it signify to us? For these things are not written carelessly, or without a purpose, but as a figure and type they show in outline things to come, in order that what was exceedingly strange might not, by coming unexpectedly, do harm among the many the power of faith. What then is it that they show in outline? A Baptism was about to be given, possessing much power, and the greatest of gifts, a Baptism purging all sins and making men alive instead of dead. These things then are foreshown as in a picture by the pool, and by many other circumstances. And first is given a water which purges the stains of our bodies, and those defilements which are not, but seem to be, as those from touching the dead, those from leprosy, and other similar causes; under the old covenant one may see many things done by water

on this account. However, let us now proceed to the matter in hand.

First then, as I before said, He causes defilements of our bodies, and afterwards infirmities of different kinds, to be done away by water. Because God, desiring to bring us nearer to faith in Baptism, no longer heals defilements only, but diseases also. For those figures which came nearer [in time] to the reality, both as regarded Baptism, and the Passion, and the rest, were plainer than the more ancient. ... And this miracle was done in order that men, learning that it is possible by water to heal the diseases of the body, and being exercised in this for a long time, might more easily believe that it can also heal the diseases of the soul.

*St. John Chrysostom*