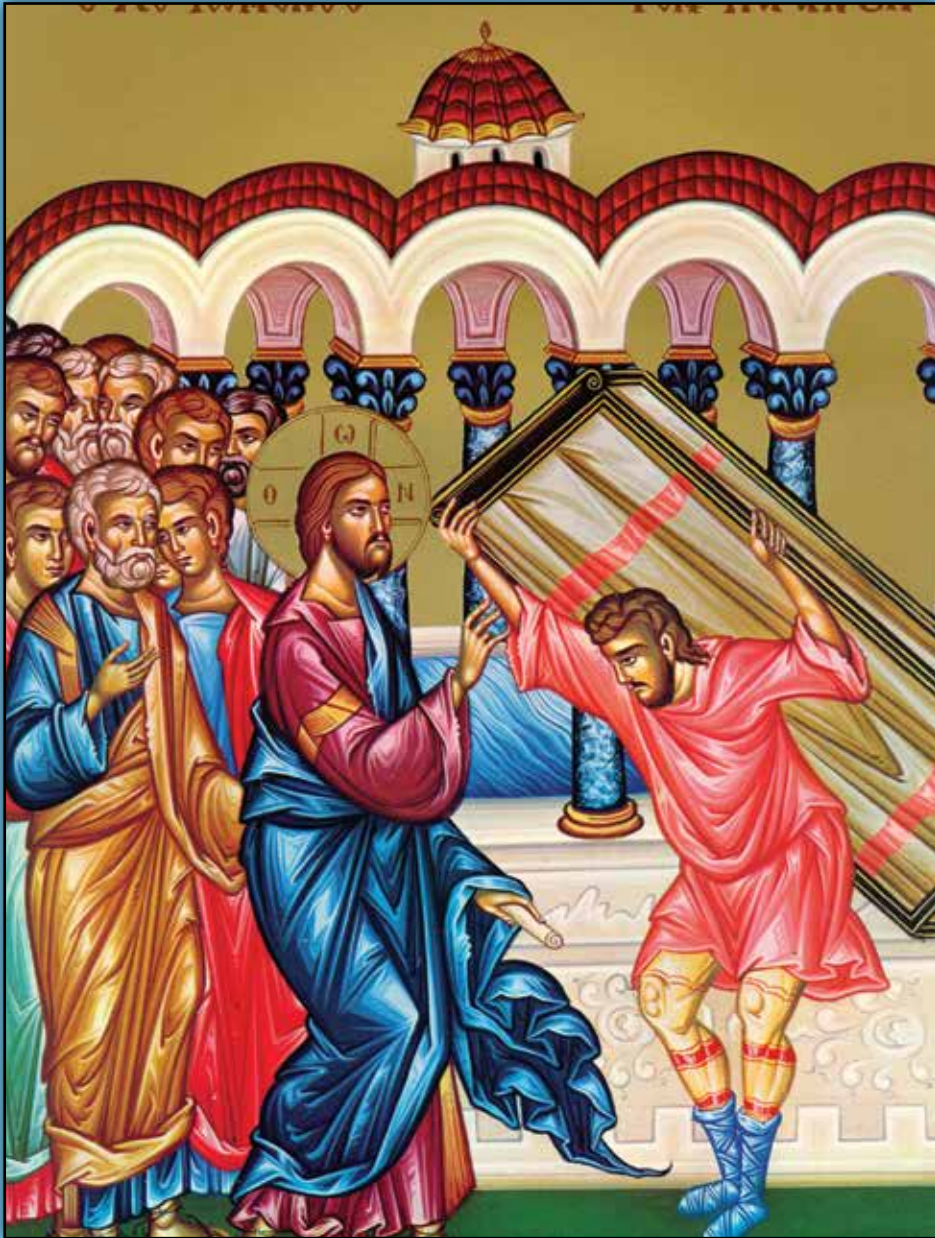
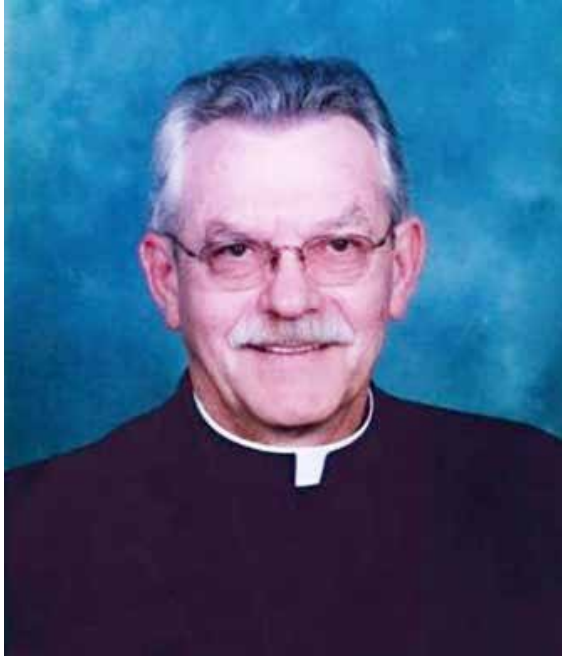


## SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN



*Icon of the Paralytic Man*

<b>May 8, 2022: Sunday of the Paralytic Man</b>		
Epistle: Acts 9: 32-42		Gospel: Jn. 5: 1-15
<b>Mon., May 9</b>	9:00	+ Deceased of the Surkey Family (Gloria Jablonski)
<b>Tues., May 10</b>	9:00	+ Leonard Mitchko (Arnold & Rosemary Palazzari)
<b>Wed., May 11</b>	9:00	+ Mike Romanovitch (Wife, Shirley Romanovitch)
<b>Thurs., May 12</b>	9:00	+ John Melnick (Mary Ann & John Turko)
<b>Fri., May 13</b>	9:00	+ Delores Wargo (Bill & Jane Granza)
<b>Sat., May 14</b>	<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy</b>	
	2:00	<b>Confessions</b>
	4:00 pm	+ Frank Evanitsky (Michaelene Davis)
<b>Sun., May 15</b>	10:30	For Our Parishioners; Moleben to the Mother of God



## **+ REV. ARCHPRIEST URIY MARKEWYCH**

Rev. Archpriest Uriy Markewych, 83, of Fleetwood, Pa., went to sleep with the Lord Wednesday morning April 27, 2022. He was born in Vynnyky, Ukraine, a son of the late Dmytro and Anna (Skremeta) Markewych. He was a graduate of St. Basil's Prep School and St. Basil's Seminary College in Stamford, Conn. and Catholic University in Washington, D.C. Rev. Archpriest Uriy was Ordained April 10, 1965, in Philadelphia. Throughout his Priestly service, he served with

numerous parishes: Passaic, Jersey City, Millville, Rutherford, Great Meadows, Whippany, and Ramsey in N.J.; Philadelphia (St. Josaphat), Lyndora, Nanticoke, Chester, Warrington, Plymouth, West Easton, Reading, Minersville, and Mount Carmel in Pa.; Baltimore and Curtis Bay, Md., St. Basil Prep, Conn., and St. Petersburg, Fla. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers Bohdan, Roman, and Walter. He is survived by his sister Helen Obaranec, nephews George Obaranec (Kristen), and Myron Obaranec (Carolyn) and great-nephew Andrew. Friend and caregiver was Christine Matus. A Priestly Parastas was celebrated on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> with the Most Rev. Reverend Borys

Gudziak, Archbishop-Metropolitan for Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia celebrant. A Requiem Divine Liturgy was celebrated on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church with Main Celebrant, Most Reverend Borys Gudziak, Archbishop-Metropolitan for the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia along with clergy of the South Anthracite Deanery. Rev. Archpriest Michael Hutsko, and Reverend Mark Fesniak, Homilists. Interment was at Our Lady of Sorrows Cemetery, Langhorne, Pa.

In your Christian Charity, please remember in your prayers the soul of Fr. Uriy. May his memory be eternal! Vichnaya Pamyat!

## 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 lifegiving 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*

## **HOW THE VIRGIN MARY PROTECTS HER FAITHFUL CHILDREN FROM ALL EVIL**

The Virgin Mary is first of all a mother, and a very powerful spiritual mother! She is fully united with her Son in Heaven and seeks to use all of her power to protect her children, who are invited to turn to her in their time of need. St. Louis de Montfort, an 18th

century priest who dedicated his whole life to leading souls to Jesus through Mary, wrote about the protection she offers in his book entitled True Devotion to Mary. He compares her to a hen who gathers her brood under her wings, saving them from outside

enemies.

Mary, the beloved Mother of chosen souls, shelters them under her protecting wings as a hen does her chicks. She speaks to them, coming down to their level and accommodating herself to all their weaknesses. To ensure their safety from the hawk and vulture, she becomes their escort, surrounding them as an army in battle array. This she does out of the pure love she has for us, especially those who are daily devoted to her. This simple truth has been confirmed by many throughout the years, especially exorcists.

Famed exorcist Fr. Gabriele

Amorth discovered this reality in his dialogues with the devil, where the devil said to him, "I am more afraid when you say the Madonna's name, because I am more humiliated by being beaten by a simple creature, than by Him."

Pope Francis related similar words in a homily at St. Mary Major, "Where the Madonna is at home the devil does not enter; where there is the Mother, disturbance does not prevail, fear does not win."

Let us stay underneath the wings of the Blessed Mother and let her safely guide us to eternal life!

## LITURGICAL NOTES ABOUT THE PASCHAL SEASON

*This period of great festivity and joy finds its liturgical expression in the following manner:*

**Easter Greeting** - we greet each other with the Paschal salutation, "Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!" for 40 days, until Ascension Day.

**No Kneeling** - Please remember that here is NO kneeling during the en-

tire Easter Season. Kneeling has been our position of prayer during the Holy Season of the Great Fast (Lent) as the expression of our humility and our repentance.

**The Paschal Troparion** - "Christ is risen from the dead" is sung or said at the beginning or end of all prayers until the Eve of Ascension.

## PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons of God." We fervently pray in the name of the

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that you inspire men to become peacemakers. May mankind seek reconciliation and peace as is Your Will in this world.



May tranquility be restored to all nations and especially Ukraine.

God, Our Father, we beseech You to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded, and accept the souls of the dearly departed into Your heavenly kingdom. May the Most Holy

Mother of God extend Her Mantle of Protection over Ukraine and the whole world. May each of us always live our lives as instruments of Your peace, in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **2022 FOOD TRUCK FESTIVALS**

This year's Food Truck Festivals are scheduled for Saturdays and Sundays, May 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>, and October 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>. We have some new trucks joining the familiar group and some new games for the kids. In addition, we will be holding a basket raffle for the benefit of the Humanitarian Effort for Ukraine. We would appreciate your donation/solicitation of baskets for this worthy cause. Baskets should be delivered no later than Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Call Michaelene regarding basket donations, (570) 209-2026.

We need additional pop-up tents

and volunteers to help with set-up on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> and take-down on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Call Michaelene (570) 209-2026 if you can loan a tent and/or help with set-up/take-down. If you know anyone who would like to join our list of crafters, call Carol (570) 706-0596. If you would like to volunteer time at the Food Truck Festival, call Jule (570) 357-6171.

Flyers for these events can be found in the vestibule. Please take several and distribute to as many places as you can think of.

## **JON LEONETTI MISSION**

St. John Vianney Parish invites all to join them for their Parish Mission featuring Catholic speaker, best-selling author and radio host, Jon Leonetti for a two night life changing event! Sunday, May 22, 6:30-8p WHO IS GOD AND WHY THAT MATTERS.

Monday, May 23, 6:30-8p GOD'S DREAM FOR YOUR LIFE. Held at Corpus Christi Church, 704 Montdale Road, Scott Twp., PA 18447. Read reviews of Jon Leonetti Missions at [www.jonleonetti.com](http://www.jonleonetti.com)

## **50% OFF TICKET PRICE SET FOR JUNE 2022 FUNDRAISER AT ST. CYRIL'S.**

June 10th and 11th 2022 will be St. Cyril's, (Olyphant), the 12th annual Fundraiser event for furniture/rummage sale items offering 50% off the ticket price. We will have special pricing: all books (soft and hardcovers) will be .25 cents each and .25 cents each for all stuffed animals, (with few exceptions in the vintage area.) Glasses, that were priced at .25 cents each, will now be, 2 glasses for .25 cents!!! (great for home, restaurants, and bars)

Just a few areas of the school gym (133 River street) still needs to be tweaked and organized: the book room, jewelry table, the records area, the furniture in the gym, and set up of our "Check out area" Yes, we do need a few men to lend a helping hand. Donate an hour of your time towards this pre-rummage sale setup. Contact Lauren at cell: 646-241-9443 or Father Nestor at 570-291-4451. A donation box for monetary donations will be available to benefit Ukraine at the Sale.

We need "BOXES" since we are not "unpacking merchandise" we need boxes for the customers to use when shopping the Sale. Boxes from wine/liquor stores, grocery stores, etc... would be perfect. Anytime you have an opportunity to gather boxes, even just a few, drop them off at the school, leave them in the rear of the school (behind the rectory), Don't want to leave them out in the rain, (contact Lauren, when you drop the boxes off) or drop the boxes off, with the schedule for the week or after the Divine Liturgy on Saturday/Sunday during the month of May.

This week, we will be volunteering on Wednesday, May 11th, and Thursday, May 12th and Friday, May 13th, 2022, Starting at 9:45 a.m. for a few hours!!!! (or until 1:00 p.m. ) When the school gym doors are open, this week, you are welcome to come and shop with your family and friends.

At the school gym, you can pick up a "Flyer" and drop it off an at your favorite restaurant, doctor's office, Post Office, grocery stores, gas station/deli etc... (If they can't post it, ask them to put it in the Employee lounge) It Helps, getting the WORD out, by networking!!! Next week, volunteers can come on May 17 and May 18th, 2022. Save the dates, June 10th, and June 11th to volunteer during the sale for the St. Cyril's fundraiser.

## **COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...**

The Collection Processing Team for the Sereditch, Michaelene Davis, and Gloria month of May 2022 is Team #1: Jerry Jablonski.

**Sunday Collection for April 30 & May 1, 2022: \$**

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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

### ***Healing the Heart***

A monk, well known for his holiness, once went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. He had the great fortune of visiting many of the places where Jesus lived and taught. One of his great privileges was to visit the Jordan River, where he immersed himself in the very water in which Jesus had been baptized. He was very eager to take some of this Jordan River water back to the monastery.

As he was journeying back to the monastery, however, he encountered a beggar. The beggar wanted nothing more than a sip of water. The monk refused the request, explaining that the only water he had left was very special water from the Jordan River, and it was not for drinking or sharing. The beggar persisted, and the monk grew angry and cursed the beggar. At that moment the monk heard the words,

“My son, you have washed your body in the Jordan River, but you have not washed your heart.” With that, the beggar vanished from his sight.

In the Gospel reading today, we hear of Jesus’ cure of a paralyzed man near the pool of Bethesda. It was believed that anyone who washed in that pool, during the stirring of the water, would be cured. How wonderful it would be, we might say to ourselves, to have such a pool of healing today. Let us remember that we do not need a pool or any other means of miracles when we have Christ Himself. Our Risen Lord, Who has power over death, certainly has dominion over illness and our bodies as well. Sometimes, however, He desires for us a healing of the heart, before a healing of the body.