

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN



Icon of Christ with the Samaritan Woman



PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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Divine Liturgy Schedule: Saturday, May 11th, at 7:00pm; and Saturday, May 25th, at 7:00pm

PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday of the Samaritan Woman 4.28.2024	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For the repose of the souls of: +Eugene Kakalec, Sr., +Eugene Kakalec, Jr., +Elizabeth Kakalec, and +Paul Kakalec From: The Kakalec Family
Sunday of the Man Born Blind 5.5.2024	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For: Living and Deceased Parishioners of our Church
Ascension of Our Lord Thursday, 5.9.2024	6:00pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy Anointing/Mirovanije	For: Living and Deceased Parishioners of our Church

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman – Propers are included in the green Pascha booklets.

MYSTERY OF REPENTANCE: Confession is available beginning an hour before Divine Liturgy, and ending 15 minutes before the start of services.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Christós Voskrése! Voístinnu Voskrése!

HOLY COMMUNION AND VISITATION OF THE SICK: Holy Communion can be brought to parishioners who are ill, in the hospital, or at home. If you would like to receive Communion, or a visit by either Fr. Vasyl, or Deacon Tony, you can send the church an email or contact either one.

LITURGY INTENTIONS: It is a beautiful part of our Byzantine Catholic tradition to have the Divine Liturgy celebrated for a special intention or for health and God's blessings upon a living person, or for the repose of the soul of a deceased person. Liturgy intention books and forms are available on the bookrack in the Narthex. Forms can also be found on our website. A donation or stipend is an offering made to the priest for the Divine Liturgy for such a request. **Checks should be made payable to: Fr. Vasyl Symyon.** You can either mail your Intention request to the rectory, or place it in the offertory basket in the back of our Temple. A special date may be requested, but it may not always be available. The date is assigned on a first come, first served basis, and are reserved upon receipt of the offering. **We currently have some dates open, beginning in May, if you would like to request an intention!**

THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC LITURGICAL PRACTICE OF OBSERVING ALL SOULS SATURDAYS:

Mark your calendar - the fifth and final service this year for "All Souls," will be held at **6:00pm, on Friday May 17th.** Parishioners are encouraged to attend these services, for by your presence and personal prayers, it strengthens the bond with your departed loved ones, and indeed keeps their memory eternal! **VICNAJA PAMJAT'!** Please join us!

SAVE THE DATE - THE DUAL ANNIVERSARIES: A Jubilee Weekend Celebration will take place October 12-13, 2024, in Washington D.C., and Annandale, VA. More details to follow.

- 1. 1924 CENTENNIAL 2024** - Establishment of the Byzantine Ruthenian Church Exarchate in the United States. The Ruthenian Exarchate was established on February 25, 1924. Pope Pius XI appointed Most Reverend Basil Takach, D.D., as the first Byzantine-Ruthenian Bishop in the United States on May 20, 1924. He arrived at New York Harbor on August 13, 1924, on the liner RMS Mauretania and offered a Moleben of Thanksgiving at St. Mary of the Protection Church, New York City.
- 2. 1974 GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY 2024** – Dedication of the Byzantine Ruthenian Chapel, Washington, D.C./Dedication of the Byzantine Ruthenian Church in the United States to the Protection of the Mother of God.

GOD WITH US - FREE ONLINE WEBINAR: You can register for the following event, or if you missed an event, there are hundreds of hours of free pre-recorded webinars, series, conferences, and lectures for inquirers, the faithful, and catechists which are available in video and audio format. Please visit www.godwithusonline.org, click on "online," and choose which webinar you would like to register for, or view one of the archived events.

- People who desire communion with God can discover how the Postinia powerfully fulfills their yearning by reading Catherine Doherty's spiritual classic! In it we are invited to leave the noise and hurried pace to enter a place of silence and solitude in the heart! Please join Fr. Michael Winn and Fr. Deacon Robert Klesko for this 90-minute webinar, "**Postinia: The Desert – Encountering God in Silence, Solitude & Prayer,**" on **Monday, May 20th, at 7:00pm.**

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: Theosis in Action & the Eparchy of Passaic Present: "Poustinia," an evening of encounter and hospitality in the light of the Byzantine East. The next event will take place on **May 18th, from 7-10pm** at St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church in Hillsborough, NJ. This event is open to all young adults ages 18-35. For more information, contact: FatherTomByz@gmail.com or on [facebook.com/theosisinaction](https://www.facebook.com/theosisinaction).

“OUR DAILY BREAD” CASSEROLE DONATIONS: Thank you to all that made casseroles to help feed our neighbors at “Our Daily Bread.” Last Sunday, we had our first casserole collection of 2024, and we **delivered 11 pans** to the Daily Bread kitchen in Baltimore. These pans helped feed approximately 66 individuals who are in need of food. Each day between 600 and 800 meals are served, and as a church community we can help! Casserole pans are available, along with recipes, on the counter in our social hall kitchen. Pick one up today! Making pans can be a great family or individual project, and don't forget that any students that need community service hours can qualify for 2 hours per casserole made. It is simple: grab a pan, pick a recipe, cover the finished pan with aluminum foil, and freeze it, then bring it to church and drop it off in our freezer. Just remember to write the date, Patronage Church, and the name of the dish on it. Additional information can be found on the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex, and in our social hall at the bottom of the steps. ***Our next tentative date for the next collection is Sunday, June 9, 2024.*** If you have any questions or need someone to sign off on service hours, please contact Greg Calvitt (gregcalvitt@gmail.com), or Mike Skovran (michaelskovran@gmail.com).

PRINTER CARTRIDGES: We continue to collect used printer cartridges to recycle, and earn rewards to help pay for new cartridges and paper we use to print our weekly bulletins and Liturgical information. You can place your cartridges in the labeled box in the cry room. ***Many thanks to those who have already contributed – we've now collected over 150 cartridges, so far!***

USED BATTERIES: We are beginning to collect single-use batteries (AA, AAA, 9V, C, D) to recycle for rewards at Staples (just like the printer cartridges). You can drop off your batteries in the labeled box in the cry room. Thank you for your support!

SAVE THE DATE:

- PATRONAGE CHURCH PICNIC:** On **Sunday, July 21st**, after our 11:00am Divine Liturgy, our parish will be having our 1st, hopefully, annual, picnic at Holy Trinity Cemetery (Cathedral Gardens) in Elkridge (only a few miles away from our church), at their pavilion/playground area. More details to follow.
- 90th ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:** This year's Pilgrimage (Otpust) will take place on **August 30th – September 2nd, 2024**, in Uniontown, PA. The annual Pilgrimage, in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, is a special ministry of the Sisters of St. Basil. It has been held every Labor Day weekend since 1934. It was that year that the Sisters and pilgrims celebrated the blessing of the then newly acquired Monastery for the Sisters. In 1935, Pope Pius XI gifted the Sisters with a beautiful icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help requesting that they spread devotion to the Theotokos under that title. This is the oldest and largest Byzantine Catholic Pilgrimage in the United States. The Pilgrimage offers the celebration of Divine Liturgy; opportunities for the Mystery of Reconciliation; Anointing of the Sick; Adult Enrichment Programs; activities for children, teens, young adults; and pastoral counseling. The Sisters also have a religious gift shop. You can attend one or as many days as you want. More details, and a schedule, to follow.
- ANNUAL PATRONAGE CHURCH CRAB FEAST:** This year's Crab Feast will take place on **Saturday, September 21st**. Dann Karlson will be organizing this event. More details to follow.

CARPATHO-RUSYN SOCIETY FREE ZOOM EVENT: Join the Doma Dance Theater and the Carpatho-Rusyn Society for the virtual dance film premiere of **“Mamko Moja L’uba” on May 16th, at 7:30-8:30pm ET.** The screening will be followed by a discussion with Doma's choreographer Alexandra Bodnarchuk and C-RS President Emeritus John Righetti, on the future of Carpatho-Rusyn dance. To RSVP (encouraged, but not required) and for more information, click here: <https://c-rs.org/event-5693907>. Use this link to join the Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83981516746>.

EPARCHY OF PASSAIC YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS: Registration is now open for the following camps, and will take place at The Carpathian Village, 802 Snow Hill Road, Cresco, PA 18326. Visit www.eparchyofpassaic.com, click on “Youth and Young Adult Ministries,” then “Youth Summer Camps” to download the forms. If you have any questions regarding Camp Theotokos or Camp Saint Nicholas, please contact Maria Kovach - camptheotokos@gmail.com, Jon Aponik - passaicyouthcamps@gmail.com, or Fr. Teras Lovska. **If you are interested in attending a camp, please let Fr. Vasyl know.** A poster is on the bulletin boards in the Narthex, and in our social hall.

- Altar Server Congress:** July 21-25, 2024 – open to Altar Servers; cost is unknown at this time
- Camp Theotokos:** July 14-18, 2024 – open to girls ages 6-17; cost is \$175.00
- Camp Saint Nicholas** (pre-teen co-ed): August 11-15, 2024 – open to boys and girls ages 6-12; cost is \$175.00

PATRONAGE MAINTENANCE MINISTRY: We are looking for interested parishioners who want to join this ministry, and are willing to assist with projects in need of repair or improvement, around our church and rectory, with approval from Fr. Vasyl. The group will meet quarterly (and as needed, via Zoom online) to prioritize projects needing attention. The ministry will also coordinate volunteers and/or recommended contractors for completion of a project. Email Kevin Ross at keviross@gmail.com, if you are interested in joining this ministry. Thank you to those who have already said, “Yes,” to participating in this ministry. More details to follow.

“Come work for the Lord. The retirement benefits are out of this world!” - Author Unknown **3**

GCU MEMBERS 2024 DISCOUNTED TICKETS: Visit www.gcuusa.com for more information. You can also contact Chris Chamberlain at 724-495-3400, X3810, or cchamberlain@GCUusa.com, if you have any questions. You are a GCU member if you have a GCU life insurance or annuity product in your name.

- Hersheypark** – now through December 31, 2024. Tickets are offered to GCU members at \$38 per ticket and non-members at \$46 per ticket. Parking is \$25 per car.
- Knoebels Park** – now through November 1, 2024. \$20 ticket books are available to GCU members for \$16 each. Tickets are good for rides, pool, food, and games inside the park. No discount tickets will be available at the park.
- Kennywood Park** – now through September 14, 2024. Tickets are \$32 for GCU members, and \$39 for non-members.

GCU 2024 BYZANTINE FAMILY DAY AT KENNYWOOD: GCU & Kennywood...a partnership of family fun over a century in the making! **Thursday, July 25th** – ride all day! Order tickets at GCUusa.com or call 800-722-4428. Cost is \$27 (ages 4 and up); Free (ages 3 and under); \$20 kids lunch (ages 3-10); and \$25 adult lunch (ages 11+). Additional info to follow in the June issue of the GCU Magazine or available on the GCU website.

GCU 2024 BYZANTINE FAMILY DAY AND LUNCHEON AT KNOEBELS PARK: Mark your calendar – **Sunday, June 9, 2024**, from 10:15am – 8:00pm in Pavilion Q. At 11:00am, there will be a Divine Liturgy – **Celebrant: Fr. Paul Varchola West.** The deadline to order ticket booklets is Monday, May 20th, and to order luncheon tickets is Tuesday, May 21st. Visit www.gcuusa.com for more information. You can also contact Chris Chamberlain at 724-495-3400, X3810, or cchamberlain@GCUusa.com, if you have any questions.

CELEBRATING THE “SPRING ST. NICHOLAS” FEAST DAY: Since 1992, the St. Nicholas of Myra Byzantine Chapel, which is a replica of the wooden Greek Catholic Churches in the Carpathian Mountains, has beautified the grounds of the GCU headquarters in Beaver, PA. This chapel is a new-world homage to the old-world faith of the GCU's Rusyn immigrant founders. GCU Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Val Michlik, is establishing a “Spring St. Nicholas Day.” Next **Sunday, May 5th**, at the St. Nicholas Chapel, there will be Divine Liturgy at 3:00pm, followed by a banquet at Seven Oaks Country Club. Due to the Chapel's size, the Liturgical celebration is limited to the first 80 members who register. The banquet is open to all at a cost of \$40/person. For more information, and to register for the Liturgy and banquet, please visit www.gcuusa.com, and click on “Events.”

GCU HELPING HANDS DAY AT MT. ST. MACRINA IN UNIONTOWN, PA: This annual event assists the Sisters of St. Basil, and will take place on **Saturday, June 1st**. Work will be both inside and outdoors. They are requesting that you bring your own garden tools to assist with this effort. Lunch will be served. If you can't volunteer, but would still like to help by making a donation to purchase supplies and flowers, visit www.gcuusa.com, and click on “Events” to look for the link to donate. **The GCU will be matching total donations up to \$2,000 made by Tuesday, May 28th.** Please help support the Sisters of St. Basil – many thanks!

GCU CULINARY CHRONICLE COOKBOOK: This cookbook was first published in 1985, as a fundraising tool for the proposed construction of a wooden church on the GCU property in Beaver, PA. The dream was realized with the completion of the GCU St. Nicholas Chapel in 1992. The cookbook, over 270 pages of favorite family and ethnic recipes, submitted by GCU members, has continued to be very popular. If you are interested in purchasing a copy of this cookbook, they are available on the table in the back of our church. The cost is \$18 each. **4**

**Patronage of the Mother of God
Byzantine Catholic Church**

Mother's Day 2024

Commemoration

**All mothers, living or deceased, will be remembered at
the Divine Liturgy on Mother's Day
Sunday, May 12th**

Living Mothers:

Deceased Mothers:

Your Name:

Donation: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Fr. Vasyly Symyon

The Samaritan Woman

The Fourth Gospel, attributed to Saint John the Evangelist, is used exclusively from Easter until Pentecost for the Sunday readings. The first chapter of John's Gospel is the proclamation used for the Divine Liturgy on Easter itself. This week, we are reminded of the story of Christ's encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well of Jacob, and thereby Christ's fulfillment of the Old Testament. In one of the many unique stories of the Fourth Gospel not found in the Synoptics (Matthew, Mark or Luke), Jesus reveals himself as Messiah to this woman of Samaria and talks with her about the "water that I will give will become ... a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

In the early days of His ministry, Jesus travels back and forth between Galilee and Jerusalem, and must pass through Samaria. The Samaritans were outcast Jews because they were not subject

to the Babylonian exile of the Israelites from other provinces. Therefore, when Jesus talks with this Samaritan woman, His disciples are surprised and in shock that He would carry on a conversation with a woman at the well, let alone a Samaritan. But as the story is explained, the woman's testimony about Jesus spreads through the nearby town, and because of her many come to hear His teachings. After hearing His word, they come to believe in Him, and proclaim Him "the Savior of the world." (Jn 4:42)

With water as the focal point of this encounter, we are once again reminded of our Baptism, and that Christ's Baptism is that of "eternal life" through "living water."

Archbishop Vsevolod of Scopelos

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