

Christ is Risen!
Χριστός Воскресе!
Χριστός ἀνέστη!

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church
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Indeed He is Risen!
Востину Воскресе!
Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!

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26 April, 2015: Sunday of the Paralytic Man

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

Sat. Apr. 25	17:00 Vigil of the Paralytic Man: + Suffrages for Peter Shultz – <i>the Howard family</i> ; for Cody Fullman – <i>Dan & Kathy Overdorff</i> ; for Joseph Christie – <i>Dan & Kathy Overdorff</i> .
Sun. Apr. 26	10:30 Sunday of the Paralytic Man: + Suffrages for the parish ; for John Osif – <i>Mr. & Mrs. John Nemeth</i> ; for Michael Brehun – <i>William & Gloria Rohall</i> ; for Frank Adzima – <i>Marge and Family</i> .
Wed. Apr. 29	19:00 Mid-Pentecost + Suffrages for Mary Miscik – <i>Steve and Connie Urban</i> ; for Kathleen Snitzer – <i>Dolores Harai</i> ; Irene Strosko – <i>Father</i>
Sat. May 02	17:00 Vigil of the Samaritan Woman: + Suffrages for George Pavick – <i>Marge Hulyk & family</i> ; for John Osif – <i>James Basinger</i> ; for Cody Fullman – <i>Jack & Joan Overdorff</i> .
Sun. May 03	10:30 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman + Suffrages for Joseph Christie, Jr. – <i>Jack & Tracie Overdorff</i> ; for Peter Shultz – <i>Andrew Regalla</i> ; for Michael Brehun – <i>St. Mary Youth Group</i> .

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Acolytes

Readers

Ushers

Sat. Apr. 25	-----	J. Kontir	R. Garber, J. Snitzer
Sun. Apr. 26	Ruggieri, Syphans	F. Chappell	J. Knouse, R. Garber
Wed. Apr. 29	Syphan Brothers	T. Tomosky	Any two present
Sat. May 02	-----	J. Krynicky	J. Kontir, R. Garber
Sun. May 03	Hess Brothers	S. Vacha	R. Knouse, J. Knouse

4/19/15 Collection: Adult: \$812.00 Student: \$7.00 Candles: \$68.00

Total: \$887.00.

Attendance: Saturday 26 + 2 Sunday: 45 + 14

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THE PENTECOSTARION: Simply put the *Pentecostarion* is the chief book of hymns for the paschal season – the 40 days b/w Pascha and the Ascension. It takes its name

for *Pentecost*, which is the Greek word for the Feast of Weeks – an ancient Jewish holiday still celebrated in Judaism as *Shavuot*. The Feast of Weeks commemorates the anniversary of the day on which God gave the Law – Torah to the people of Israel at Mt. Sinai. Just as the date of *Shavuot* is linked to that of Passover, the day of Pentecost is linked to that of the Christian Passover – Pascha. It was on the day of Pentecost, 50 days after our Lord's Resurrection, that the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and all those with them in the Upper Room. The days of the *Pentecostarion* are meant to be filled w/ feasting and rejoicing, but we must not forget that it is also time to prepare for another great feast: Pentecost. The season of the *Pentecostarion* can be divided into two halves, with the **Feast of Mid-Pentecost** acting as a watershed b/w the celebration of Pascha and the preparation for Pentecost. From Pascha to Mid-Pentecost there is a greater emphasis on the Resurrection, while from Mid-Pentecost the emphasis shifts to the coming feast and the waters of baptism (The Pool of Bethesda, the Well of the Samaritan Woman, the Pool of Siloam). The 40 day paschal season, therefore, is both backward looking and forward looking: we celebrate and rejoice in our Lord's Resurrection, and we prepare for the great feast of the Holy Spirit descending upon us, filling and fulfilling the Church of Christ. The risen Christ will return to His Father in heaven and the Holy Spirit will come down to us on earth. This descent of the Holy Spirit and His indwelling within us is one of the principal themes of the baptismal theology of the Eastern Churches. Every year, the Church reminds us of our own baptism (however, long ago it may have occurred) and the incredible calling to be vessels of the Holy Spirit. The Church asks if we are living up to our sacred calling to be disciples of Christ and members of His Church.

adapted from «*Meditations for Pascha. Reflections on the Pentecostarion*» by Vassilios Papavassiliou

Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts of the Holy Apostles 16: 16 - 34 *Imprisonment of Paul & Silas at Philippi*

John 4: 5 – 42 *The Samaritan Women at the Well*



~ Announcements ~

- **Mary Ann Davis** fell asleep in the Lord this past week. Our most sincere condolences to her husband Edmond and to Jennifer, Jessica, and Christopher her children. *May God grant to His servant, Mary Ann, peaceful repose and eternal memory!*
- **Benedictine Pastor's Award:** Students planning to enroll as freshmen at Saint Vincent College in the fall are eligible for a Benedictine Pastor's Award. The College is granting this award because of the Benedictine presence in our parish. Simply ask Father Paul-Alexander to inform the Admission Office at SVC that your child has applied to the College and is currently a member of this parish. The scholarship is worth \$2000 annually (\$8000 over 4 years). The deadline to apply is May 1, 2015. Questions may be directed to 724-805-2500.

- **The 15th Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Lecture Series** will be held **Thursday, 7 May** at the St John Cathedral Center next to our Cathedral in Munhall. A reception will follow. The guest speaker is the noted Roman Catholic scholar **Dr. Scott Hahn**; his topic will be *The «Our Father» as a Synthesis of the Pattern of Scripture*. The event is **FREE**, but **registration is required**. You may call **412-321-8383**, email office@bcs.edu, or complete one of the forms in the narthex and mail it to our seminary in Pittsburgh.
- **Mother's Day is May 10th this year. Spiritual Bouquet Cards** are available on the tables in the Narthex. If you are writing a check, make it payable to Father, **NOT** to St Mary Church.
- **ENCOUNTER! REJOICE! LEAD! Young Adult Catholic Retreat Weekend** at Mount St. Marcina House of Prayer. **May 29 – 31**, 19:00 Friday thru 11:00 Sunday. Both singles and married couples, ages 18 – 35, are welcome. **Registration deadline is Friday, 22 May**. A \$50 deposit is due at the time of registration; the balance of \$50 is due upon check-in at the retreat. Flyers are available in the Narthex.
- **2nd Annual Greek Catholic Union and Byzantine Family Day at Idlewild Park: Saturday, May 30** from 10:30 am until park closing. The GCU is offering prepaid, discounted ticket sales, Ride-All-Day Tickets \$20. Tickets for the optional Catered All-You-Can-Eat-Lunch Buffet are (ages 6+) \$13, ages 5 and under \$7. Lunch includes *oven-baked chicken, hot dogs, baked beans, watermelon, chips, and soda*. The **deadline** to purchase discounted tickets is **Friday, May 15. No discounted tickets will be sold at the park. Make checks payable to: GCU – IDLEWILD**. The sign-up sheet and the schedule for the day's events are posted in the Narthex. Please turn in your reservations and remittances to the parish office by **Monday, 11 May**.
- **Festival Committee Chairs:** You should have received your letter in this week's mail. Please turn in your response as soon as possible, either by putting it in the envelope in the Narthex or by mailing it to the parish office. Once all replies are in, a first meeting will be scheduled.
- **Let's Speak Rusyn**, a revised and expanded edition phrasebook of the Rusyn language as codified in the Prešov Region in 2005 is available through Carpatho-Rusyn Research Center, Inc. Order forms may be found in the Narthex.