

Christ is Risen!
Χριστός Воскресе!
Χριστός Ἀνέστη!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church
4480 Route 981 Latrobe, PA 15650

Indeed He is Risen!
Воистину Воскресе!
Ἀληθῶς Ἀνέστη!

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Confession Schedule: *Saturday* 16:00 – 16:30,
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22 APRIL 2018 / 7526 Fourth Pascal Sunday



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. Apr. 21 17:00 Vigil: Sunday of the Paralytic Man
Sun. Apr. 22 10:30 Sunday of the Paralytic Man Suffrages *pro populo*

Wed. Apr. 25 10:30 MID-PENTECOST w/ Lesser Blessing of Water, Mirovanije, Social after Liturgy
Sat. Apr. 28 17:00 Vigil: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
Sun. Apr. 29 10:30 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman Suffrages *pro populo*
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		ACOLYTES	LECTORS	USHER
Sat. Apr. 21	-----		J. Kontir	Any two present
Sun. Apr. 22		M. Syphan	G. Krynicky	R. Knouse, A. Syphan
Wed. Apr. 25	-----		J. Kontir	Any two present
Sat. Apr. 28	-----		S. Saldahna	Any two present
Sun. Apr. 29		E.R.A. Hess	A. Syphan	R. Knouse. D. Hess

04 / 15 / 2018 Adult: \$1252 Children \$16 Holy Week \$30
COLLECTION Pascha \$90 Candles \$87 Eastern Churches \$45
TOTAL: \$1520
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The Feast of Mid-Pentecost is celebrated for an entire week until the following Wednesday, making it an eight day feast. During this entire time the hymns of Mid-Pentecost are joined with that of Pascha. Because of the theme of water, the Church traditionally celebrates the *Lesser Blessing of the Waters* on this day. **Remember to bring a container so that you may take some blessed water home with you.** The theme of the feast not only invokes water, but even more central to the Gospel chronology it honors **Christ as Teacher and Holy Wisdom (Hagia Sophia)** as He reveals Himself between the stories of the Paralytic and the Blind Man.

CALLED BY NAME: Every Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic parish in America is participating in *CALLED BY NAME*, a program of vocation awareness that began last weekend. This program offers an opportunity for us to pray for vocations; to recognize gifts and potential for leadership and service in members of our parish; and finally to call forth and encourage these members to share their gifts in the priesthood, diaconate, monastic life. Perhaps you know someone (senior high age or older) who, in your opinion, would have the qualifications to become a priest, deacon, or monastic. Please recommend this person by filling out the nomination form located in the Narthex, and either send it directly to Fr. Kevin E. Marks, the Director of Vocations for the Archeparchy or, within a sealed envelope marked «*Vocations*», drop it in the offertory basket.

Next Sunday's Readings ~ Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Acts of the Holy Apostles 11: 19 – 26; 29 – 30 *The Church at Antioch*
St. John 4: 5 – 42 *The Samaritan Women at Jacob's Well*

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~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- ♦ **From the Archeparchial Safe Environment Office:** April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Important information may be found in the Narthex.
- ♦ **15th Annual Day of Reflection for Women** will be held on **Saturday, 5 May 2018** from **9:00 – 14:30** at our cathedral of St John the Baptist in Munhall. The cost is \$25 (no refunds) box lunch included. Benefit Auction proceeds will be given to local women's shelters. Make your check payable to Office of Religious Education. Brochures are in the Narthex. Registration deadline is 26 April.
- ♦ The members of the **ARCHEPARCHIAL CHOIR** welcome all to the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Munhall on **May 6** - the 6th and final Sunday of Pascha - as the glorious Resurrection is celebrated in readings, hymns and songs. The hour-long inspirational presentation "*Rejoice and Be Glad!*" will begin at **3:00 p.m.** A hospitality reception with light snacks and beverages will follow the program in the Cathedral's lower level.
- ♦ **18th ANNUAL SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS LECTURE** sponsored by the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Pittsburgh. **Wednesday, May 16.** Lecture at 7:00 pm Reception to follow This event is FREE but registrations are required by April 30th. Register on-line, call 412-321-8383, or email office@bcs.edu. Hosted by St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Cathedral Munhall. **Guest Speaker:** Archbishop Alexander (Golitzin) **Topic:** The Place of the Presence of God: Aphrahat of Persia's Portrait of the Christian Holy Man.
- ♦ This fall 2018, the Byzantine Catholic Seminary is making available its **MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY** degree program with fully online courses. These classes are consistent with those offered on campus and utilize many of our in-house faculty. **Byzantine Online** seeks to produce exceptional academic leaders in Eastern Christian theology, scripture and dogma. A new chaplaincy focus has been added as well. More information can be found at **online.bcs.edu**.



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RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

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Hosted by Saint John Byzantine Catholic Cathedral
210 Greentree Road
Munhall, PA 15120

Our Guest Speaker: Archbishop Alexander (Golitzin)

TOPIC: The Place of the Presence of God:

Aphrahat of Persia's Portrait of the Christian Holy Man

Aphrahat the Persian sage is the earliest writer in Christian Syriac of whom we have proof. Writing in the 330s and 340s in the vicinity of modern Iraqi Kurdistan, his works are notable for their relative freedom from the lexicon and thought world of Greek philosophy; neither does he appear to know any prominent, pre-Nicene Church Fathers. Although unacquainted with Greek and Latin patristic literature, Aphrahat clearly possessed considerable authority in the Church of the Persian Empire. Archbishop Alexander will examine the portrait Aphrahat paints of the holy man in his fourteenth Demonstration. The idea of transformation, of becoming divine, is clearly central to Aphrahat. While the language of the Greek Fathers' theosis is absent, he phrases it in an idiom much more akin to that of Second Temple apocalypses, and of the later Jewish Ezekiel chariot-throne mystics of whom he was a likely contemporary.



Archbishop Alexander was born in Burbank, CA in 1948 and raised attending Saint Innocent Orthodox Church. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of California at Berkeley and a Master of Divinity degree from Saint Vladimir's Seminary. He pursued doctoral studies at Oxford University in England under His Eminence, Metropolitan Kallistos [Ware]. During this time, he also spent two years in Greece, including one year at Simonos Petras Monastery on Mount Athos. After receiving his D.Phil., Archbishop Alexander returned to the U.S. He was ordained to the diaconate in 1982 and to the priesthood two years later. In 1986, he was tonsured to monastic orders. He served O.C.A. missions in northern California and headed the Diocese of the West's mission committee. From 1989 to 2012, Archbishop Alexander taught in the Theology Department at Marquette University in Milwaukee,

Wisconsin. In May 2012 he was consecrated Bishop of the Bulgarian Diocese of the Orthodox Church in America and in 2016 additionally was named as Bishop of the Diocese of the South. In 2017 he was elevated to the rank of Archbishop.