

Christ is Risen!
Χριστός Βοσκρεσε!
Χριστός ἀνέστη!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church
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Indeed He is Risen!
Воистину Воскресе!
Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!

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12 MAY 2019 / 7527 FOURTH PASCHAL SUNDAY SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. May 11 17:00 Vigil: **SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC**
Mother's Day Suffrages
Sun. May 12 10:30 **SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC**
Suffrages *pro populo* and Mother's Day Suffrages

Sat. May 18 17:00 Vigil: **SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**
Sun. May 19 10:30 **SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**
Suffrages *pro populo*

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	ACOLYTES	LECTORS	USHERS	
Sat. May 11	L. Prizzi	A. Prizzi	-----	
Sun. May 12	E. R. A Hess	S. Saldanha	G. Krynicky, A. Syphan	
Sat. May 18	L. Prizzi	M. Harhai	-----	
Sun. May 19	M. Syphan	S. Vacha	D. Hess, R. Knouse	
05 / 05 / 2019	Adults: \$1976	Candles: \$105	Cemetery \$100	
COLLECTION	Holy Week: \$40	Pascha: \$202	TOTAL: \$2423	
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A MOTHER'S BEATITUDES

Blessed is the mother who understands her child,
for she shall inherit a kingdom of memories.
Blessed is the mother who knows how to comfort,
for she shall possess a child's devotion.
Blessed is the mother who guides by the path of righteousness,
for she shall be proud of her children.
Blessed is the mother who teaches respect, for she shall be respected.
Blessed is the mother who answers questions honestly, for she shall always be trusted.
Blessed is the mother who treats her children as she would like to be treated,
for her home shall always be filled with happiness.

As we celebrate and honor our mothers on Mother's Day, we are reminded that in the Church, the Mother of God is the most outstanding of mothers, and within our tradition the Church herself is regarded as the mother who gives birth to us and gives us rebirth in Christ, bringing us to salvation. This doesn't mean, however, that there's some kind of contradistinction: her restraint and obedience place Our Lady at the centre of the Church. John Damascene says that the mystery of divine Dispensation finds its expression in her person. And her unconstrained acceptance of the divine will opened the way for us to return to the bosom of God. The Incarnation of the Divine Word, which took place in her womb, effected the union of the divine and the human. So the Church continues through history as a «continuous Mother of God» (Paul Evdokimov). Our Lady is the eternal model of motherhood: she suffers with and feels the pain of every wounded person and is the refuge and consolation of all those in tribulation. The sorrowful image of her as the sword penetrates her when she sees her Son suffering for the whole of mankind makes her the outstanding representative of mercy and loving-kindness.

She’s the archetypal Mother, who suffers and cares for each and every one of her children, for the sorrow and injustice which hold sway over the world; she’s the continuous sigh for anguished people. In her person, mothers in particular find unique support and total understanding regarding their concerns about the future of their children and the world as a whole. As the poet says: «In wars, it’s the mothers who die...». This is why the Church pays exceptional honor to the person of the mother.

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Next Sunday: **SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**
Acts of the Holy Apostles 11: 19 – 26; 29 – 30 *The Church at Antioch*

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~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- **BELATED PASCHA THANK YOU** for all the many kindnesses and remembrances extended to me on the most solemn feast of Great and Holy Pascha. I am truly appreciative of each and every one. Father
- **CONGRATULATIONS TO OLIVIA SYPHAN** who graduated *summa cum laude* last Saturday from Northeast Catholic College in New Hampshire. Olivia earned a BA in Philosophy and was elected by her peers to deliver the valedictory address!
- The annual **Saints Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary Collection** will be taken next weekend of **18 – 19 May**. Please be generous in your support of our men in priestly and diaconal formation!
- **HELPING HANDS DAY 2019**, for the beautification of the grounds at Mount Saint Macrina, will take place on **Saturday, 1 June** starting at **9 AM**. Volunteers are asked to meet at the Trinity Centre.