Christ is Risen! Χριστος Βοςκρεςε! Χριστός ἀνέστη! St. Mary ~ Holy Protection Byzantine Catholic Church 4480 Route 981 Latrobe, PA 15650 Indeed He is Risen! Βοικτυμγ Βοκκρεκε! Άληθῶς ἀνέστη!

Administrator: Fr. Paul-Alexander Shutt, OSB Confession Schedule: *Saturday* 16:00 – 16:30, Parish email: st.marytrauger@gmail.com Parish Office: 724-423-3 673 Hall: 724-423-8838 Sunday 9:00 – 9:30, or by appointment Website: www.stmarybyzantinecatholic.org

30 APRIL 2023 / 7531 SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC The Holy Apostle James, Brother of John the Theologian Fourth Paschal Sunday





LITURGY SCHEDUE:

·	17:00 Vigil: SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN Suffrages for +Robert Hulyk – wife Margaret				
Sun. Apr. 30	10:30 SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN Suffrages pro populo				
Wed. May 3	18:30 MID-PENTECOST Lesser Blessing of Water Mirovanije. Suffrages for +Daniel Trepiak - Daniel Mihalko				
Sat. May 6	17:00 Vigil: SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN 40 th Day Anniversay w/ Panchida: Joanne H. Krynicky				
Sun. May 7	10:30 SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN				
Suffrages pro populo					
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04 / 23 / 2023	Adults: \$1811 Furnace Donation: \$250 Candles: \$53				
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WEEK OF THE PARALYTIC MAN – The pool of Bethesda did not have the power to heal the man paralyzed for 38 years, but the pool of waters of baptism, touched by Christ, risen from the dead, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, have the power to hear our souls of sin and bring us to eternal life. In this the fourth week after Pascha we learn of the grace of the Mystery of Holy Baptism. Kontakion: O Lord, with Your divine authority, as You once raised the paralytic, now raise my soul, paralyzed dreadfully by all kinds of sins and disgraceful deeds, that being saved, I may cry out to You: Glory to Your power, O merciful Christ.

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In both the Epistle and Gospel proclaimed in the Church today we hear of healings. And lest we be "dazzled" by these healings it is important to remember their true meaning and purpose. For Christ's miracles were meant for one purpose, to bring those who were "dazzled" by them to faith in Him and trust in His word. Yes, these miraculous healings did take place, but they were not simply a bodily healing. More importantly, Jesus' healings were an opportunity for the one healed to walk once again with God. "Go," Jesus tells the former paralytic, "and sin no more." This ministry of spiritual healing is extended to us also who have been baptized into Christ. Let us seek not simply to impress people with exterior show but begin to live the life of Christ, giving ourselves "to the aid of those in want."



~ Announcements ~

- Our parish <u>SUPER</u> <u>BINGO</u> is <u>NEXT</u> <u>SUNDAY</u> <u>MAY</u> <u>7</u>th and we need <u>EVERYONE'S</u> cooperation to make this event a big success. It will help to pay for the new propane boilers (\$35,100) urgently needed for the parish center!!! Please see the various flyers and volunteer sigh-up sheets located in the Narthex. Baskets and donations should be turned in no later than FRIDAY, MAY 5th!
- The Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial Choir invites all to share the joy of Pascha. SING THE HYMNS OF VICTORY, a Paschal presentation of the Resurrection Matins Service will be held at St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, 624 E. Pittsburgh St., Greensburg this Sunday, April 30th at 14:00. Refreshments will be served in the church hall following the program.

THE DIDACHE The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles Wednesday, May 3rd @ 8 - 9 PM ET The Didache, a brief text dating to the first century of the Church, was one of the very first written catechisms. In this lecture, Rev. Kappes will shed light on the origins and original audience of this important document in the Early Church, and introduce us to its contents, which range from Christian ethics, the celebration of the Holy Mysteries, and the structure of the Church hierarchy. Rev. Christiaan Kappes, PhD, SLD, holds Bachelor degrees from Seton Hall, the Pontifical University of St. Thomas, State Diplomas from the Dante Alighieri Institute and University of La Sapienza (Rome) and the Kapodistrian University of Athens, and a Doctorate from Sant'Anselmo de Urbe. He is currently a PhD candidate at Aristotle University, Athens. Currently, Fr. Kappes is Academic Dean of Saints Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA. The conference is free, but you must register, using the following link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vnzCu8j4SDOkXgambtN56A#/registration