

St Michael's Orthodox Church

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May 26 2024: Fourth Sunday of Pascha; The Paralytic

CHRIST IS RISEN!

English: Christ is risen! *Indeed He is risen!*

Slavonic: (C)hristos voskres(e)! *Voistinu(i) voskres(e)!*

Greek: Christos anesti! *Alithos anesti!*

Arabic: El Messieh kahm! *Hakken kahm!*

Romanian: Hristos a inviat! *Adevărat a înviat!*

Albanian: Krishti U Ngjall! *Vertet U Ngjall!*

Georgian: Kriste aghsdga! *Cheshmaritad aghsdga!*

Latin: Christus resurrexit! *Vere resurrexit!*

Spanish: Cristo ha resucitado! *En verdad ha resucitado!*

French: Le Christ est réssuscité! *En verite il est réssuscité!*

Japanese: Harisutos Fukkatsu! *Jitsu ni Fukkatsu!*

Irish Gaelic: Tah Kreest asháyreeha! *Ta shay asháyreeha guhdjévin!*

Schedule of Services

Saturday, May 25, 6:30 p.m. – Great Vespers with Confessions.

Sunday, May 26, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship. **Memorial Service** at the flagpole for all the departed who have served in the armed forces, together with Robert Furiosi (May 17) and Steven Susko (40th Day).

Saturday, June 1, 6:30 p.m. – Great Vespers with Confessions.

Sunday, June 2, 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship. *5th Sunday of Pascha: The Samaritan Woman*

Cemetery Blessing: This year, we cannot have our Cemetery Blessing on Pentecost (Sunday June 23), because Mat. Alexandra and I will be away. (I know it is unusual for a priest to travel over a great feast; I apologize for this.) Fr Mikel Hill, who served here last year in May, has graciously offered to serve that weekend.

Since Pascha was much later this year and it is already warm, we will tentatively bless the Cemetery on **Sunday June 9** (two weeks from now, the last Sunday of the Paschal season).

Coffee Hour is offered by:

May 26: *Memorial Day – POTLUCK*

June 2: Susan Schlasta & Millie Telep

June 9: Millie Telep & Mat. Alexandra

June 16: Mat. Dolores & Marilyn Petorak

Hymns of the Day

Sunday (Ordinary troparion), Tone 3

Let the heavens rejoice! / Let the earth be glad! / For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. / He has trampled down death by death. / He has become the first born of the dead. / He has delivered us from the depths of hell, / and has granted to the world // great mercy.

Glory ...

For the Paralytic, Tone 3

By Thy divine intercession, O Lord, / as Thou didst raise up the Paralytic of old, / so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts; / so that being saved I may sing to Thee: // “Glory to Thy power, O compassionate Christ!”

Now & ever ...

For Pascha, Tone 8

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, / Thou didst destroy the power of death. / In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, / proclaiming, “Rejoice!” to the Myrrhbearing Women, // granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

Today's Scripture

Epistle: Acts 9:32-42

In those days: as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately. So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

Gospel: John 5:1-15

At that time, there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.

Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath.

The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed." He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'" Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk?'" But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

In your prayers...

The Newly-Departed: Steven Susko (April 10). Shanon, the sister of Archbishop Mark (May 8). *Please especially remember in prayer:* The newly-departed child Daniel Ries (April 25), and his grieving parents Fr. Peter and Matushka Sophie Ries.

Today we also remember the departed servant of God Robert Furiosi (May 17). *May Robert's memory be eternal!* We also offer prayers for all those who reposed while serving in the armed forces.

The ill and the afflicted: Archbishop Nathaniel, Fr Michael Evans, Fr Joseph Chupek, Fr Peter Telencio, Fr Gregory White, Fr John Sorochka, Fr Michael Shepherd, Pdn. Gabriel Petorak, Gregory Hansen, Olga Krutz, Maryanne Krisa, Michael Krisa, Barbara Mosley, Mary Ann Serafini, Alexis Meholic, Tom Shaw, Marilyn Petorak.

Those who are alone or confined:

Eileen Dance, Carbondale Nursing & Rehabilitation #202, 10 Hart Place, Carbondale, PA 18407. John Drutarosky, CNR #307. Theresa Krenitsky, CNR #307. Nicholas Mattise, Personal Care at Allied Terrace, #218, 100 Terrace Lane, Scranton, PA 18508. Barbara Palubniak, 629 Hill St, Mayfield, PA 19433. Peggy Petrilak, 127 Petrilak Lane, Greenfield Twp, PA 18407. Peter Senio, The Gardens of Green Ridge, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, PA 18509. Jerry & Marilyn Soroka, Glenmaura Senior Living, 11 Glenmaura National Blvd, Moosic, PA 18507. Paul Kostiak, along with Dolores Brophy, 631 Jefferson Ave, Jermyn, PA 18433. Paul & Barbara Mosley, 623 Cemetery St, Mayfield, PA 18433. Adam & Mary Ann Serafini, 509 Jefferson Ave, Jermyn, PA 18433.