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Schedule for Divine Liturgy for the Coming Week

Monday	May 16	Divine Liturgy. In memory of +Andrew Czepak, by Stephanie Pastore	<u>10 AM</u>
Sunday	May 22	Divine Liturgy. Sunday of the Man Born Blind. In memory of +Volodymyr & Stefania Cwiek	<u>10 AM</u>

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Eternal light candle is burning this week: *Health & Blessing of our parishioners*



Please consider honoring your family and friends by asking for the **Eternal Light Candle** (\$10 donation) or a **Liturgy** (\$20 donation) in honor or memory of them. This makes for a great birthday or anniversary gift! We have many weeks available.

**Simply drop an envelope with a donation and request into the collection basket.

Please join us at the Social in the Church Hall today after liturgy

Feast of the Ascension – Obligatory Liturgy for the feast of the Ascension of our Lord back to the Father, will be Wednesday, May 25th at 7PM. Please add this to your schedule for that day.

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Ukraine – We will continue to collect for the support of the refugees of Ukraine. Please prayerfully consider you support.

PLEASE, PRAY FOR UKRAINE!!!

Post Easter Liturgies Continued

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

The 5th Sunday of Pascha (Easter), is our feast day of the Samaritan Women at the Well. By Eastern tradition, after the Ascension of the Lord, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the woman of Samaria was baptized by the holy Apostles and became a great preacher and Martyr of Christ; she was called Photine, and her feast is kept on February 26 by the Orthodox church.

The beautiful story of her encounter with Jesus is one to be studied and a lesson to all of us on how Jesus knows our circumstances and can wisely guide us out of them. Jesus not only knew the full truth behind Photine's half-truth, but He also saw the desire she had to know the truth that God intended for all His people to know. She desired the "Good News" and Jesus delivered that to her. Jesus revealed His true identity as the Messiah to her and she was amazed by Him. Being filled with this good news, she immediately went and was one of the first to spread the Gospel to the Samaritan people in her town. Jesus was so touched by this her faith He ended up spending 2 whole days with her and the people of Samaria. We can only imagine the full revelation He poured into them during that time.

We are fortunate to have access to the same Good News everyday of our lives. We can all learn of Photine's courage and passion to spread the good news of Jesus and His love and excitement for us to not live in the darkness of our secret lives, but rather step out into the light of His freeing truth. The Church's gift of reconciliation provides that opportunity to be freed from our lives lived in secret sins. When you walk out of the confession, you will feel that same sense of warm light and the freedom from the heaviness of our secret sins that Photine felt. Then we can go out and tell others of this grace and invite them to also receive it in their lives.

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Prayer to St Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

·THE SAMARITAN WOMAN.

