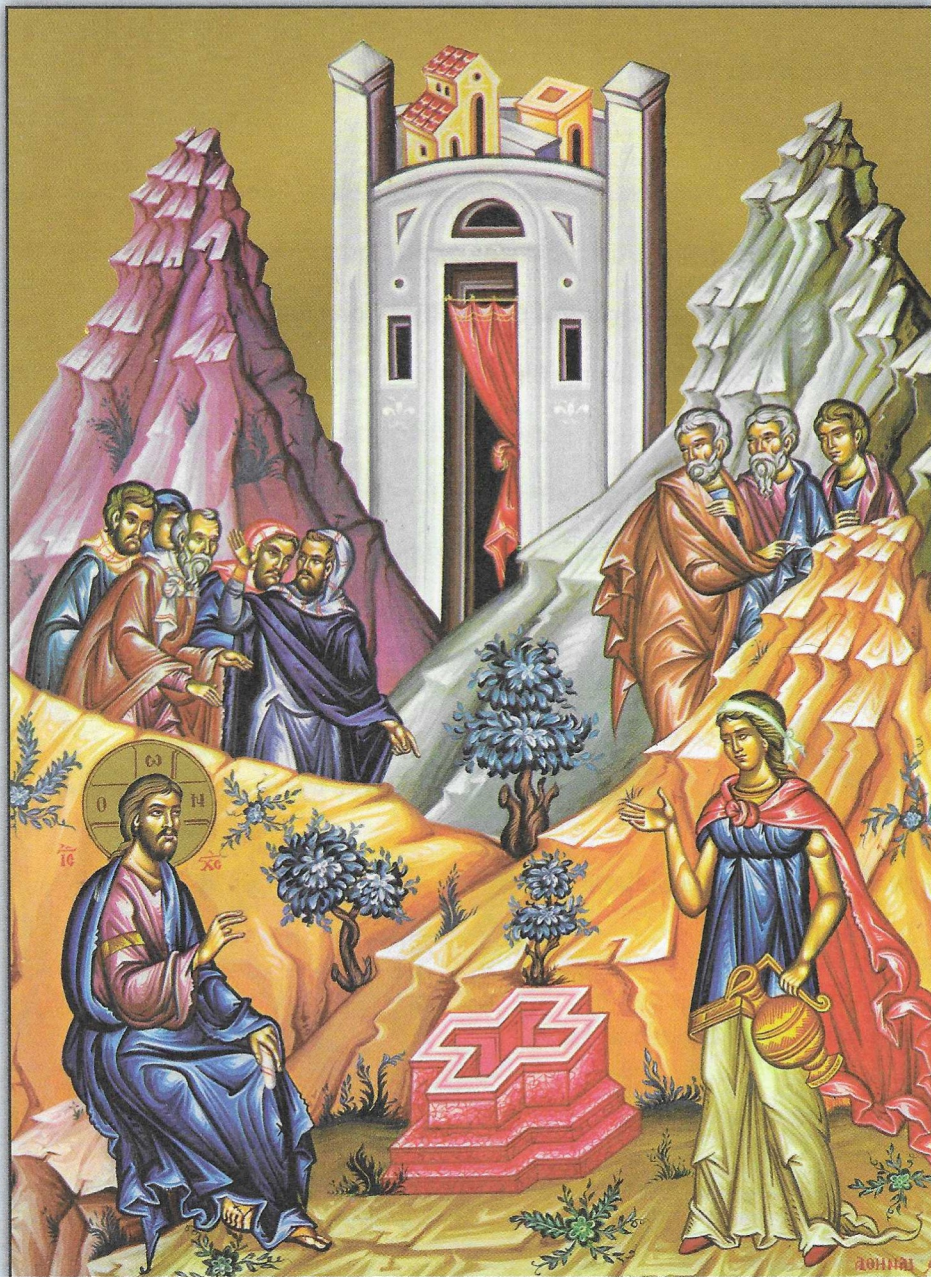


SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN



Icon of Christ with the Samaritan Woman

Divine Liturgy Guide

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

SAT APRIL 27: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy + Ukrainian Solders by Friends

SUN APRIL 28: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday of the Samaritan Woman Blessings for His People

MON APRIL 29: The Nine Holy Martyrs of Cyzice READ John 8:42-51

TUES APRIL 30: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Blessings for Myronyuk Family by Christopher Lilik

WED MAY 1: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy +Edward Marinchak by Marinchak Family

THURS MAY 2: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Blessings for Emma Shastay The Lilik Family

FRI MAY 3: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy +Ukrainian Solders by Friends

SAT MAY 4: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy +Sonia Sytniuk by Biloskirka Family

SUN MAY 5: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday of the Man Born Blind Blessings for His People

Collection Basket 

4/20-4/21 next weeks bulletin

Thank you to last week's counters

Mike Trusz and Olenka Chandoha-Knott

Next Week's Counters are:

Dorothy Kowalchick and Debbie Dommies

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY!

April 27 to May 5

Next week's bulletin

Regimental,ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. DIVINE LITURGY REQUESTS BEING ACCEPTED

We are now accepting Divine Liturgy requests for the Spring & Summer months. Liturgies are available Mondays through Saturdays. Please fill out a request form and drop it into the collection basket or give it to Fr. Myron directly. This is your chance to honor a Loved One (Living or Deceased) by requesting a Divine Liturgy in their Honor.

2. WEEKLY VIGIL CANDLES AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP

Honor a loved one by sponsoring a Vigil Candle which will be lit for them for an entire week. These 7-day candles are available with your special intention starting at only \$5. Contact Helen Pagnotti to reserve yours today.

3. COLLECTION FOR CHURCH REPAIRS NEXT WEEKEND

A reminder that Donations for Church repairs can be made next Weekend, May 4th & 5th. Please use the specially marked envelope to make your contribution. Thank you to everyone for your generosity toward the upkeep of our buildings and property.

'Power of Prayer' behind passage of US Aid to Ukraine Bill

Ukrainian Catholics in the U.S. are breathing a sigh of relief and prayers of gratitude, after a bill for aid to Ukraine cleared the House of Representatives following months of delay, political infighting and even openly anti-Ukrainian sentiment among some lawmakers. On April 20, the House approved \$61 billion in aid for Ukraine, part of a \$95 billion foreign aid package that includes Israel, Gaza, Taiwan and other U.S. allies in the Indo-Pacific region. “Ukrainians are very grateful to people of goodwill in the global community, and in a special way to Americans who are in solidarity with (Ukrainians’) valiant struggle for God-given dignity,” Metropolitan Archbishop Borys A. Gudziak of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia, head of Ukrainian Catholics in the U.S., told OSV News. “They’re also very grateful to American Catholics, most of whom not only understand, but pray and help.” Archbishop Gudziak said, “Anything that keeps Russia from advancing in Ukraine is to be welcomed,” since such support represents “a defense of life, liberty, and our freedom of conscience.” Those freedoms have come under intense persecution in areas of Ukraine occupied by Russian forces, whose attacks continue aggression launched in 2014 with the illegal annexation of Crimea and the fomenting of separatist factions in Ukraine’s Donetsk and Luhansk regions. Russia’s invasion has been declared a genocide in two joint reports from the New Lines Institute and the Raoul Wallenberg Center for Human Rights. Ukraine has reported more than 130,365 war crimes committed by Russia to date in Ukraine since February 2022. The International Criminal Court has to date issued four arrest warrants against

Russian officials, including two for Russian President Vladimir Putin and his commissioner for children's rights, Maria Lvova-Belova, for the unlawful deportation and transfer of at least 19,546 children from occupied areas of Ukraine to the Russian Federation. As part of its invasion, Russia has brutally cracked down on religious communities in Ukraine, damaging or destroying more than 600 houses of worship, while imprisoning, torturing and killing clergy and suppressing expressions of faith. The House passage of the U.S. aid bill, which is expected to clear the Senate and the desk of President Joe Biden in days, shows that the U.S. is still capable of countering tyranny, said Ukrainian history expert Nicholas Rudnytzky, dean of academic services at Pennsylvania-based Manor College, a Catholic college founded by the Sisters of St. Basil the Great, a Ukrainian Catholic religious congregation. Rudnytzky told OSV News that Russia's atrocities and religious persecution in Ukraine demand global accountability, saying, "The world in the 21st century is so interconnected, both socially and economically, that the barbarisms and cruelties of others cannot be regarded with indifference even if they take place thousands of miles from our borders." With critically needed U.S. aid, said Rudnytzky, Ukraine — which he likened to the biblical David, who defeated the Philistine giant Goliath by means of a slingshot — will have "a chance to stand (its) ground." Luciw said that the passage of the aid bill points to "the power of prayer." "These are our prayers being answered," he said. "It started off with a very stark scenario. ... How can we account for this without the power of prayer?"



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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Please include in your prayers those members of our parish who are in hospitals, care homes, rehabilitation facilities & those who are not able to join us actively in our church community.

Mountain View

- Irene Slagan
- Clarks Summit Senior Living
- Sophia Soniak
- Home
- Anastasia Korman
- Andrea Geraghty
- Stella Patrick
- Stanley Krupinski

Home

- Helen Ewasko
- Katrina Izak Wilson
- Jean Chomko
- Julie Yevich
- Charles Drumsta
- Regina Kozel
- Andrea Wells
- Bohdonna Sherpinkas

Home

- Mary Warholak
- Dorothy Kowalchick
- Mary Tucker
- Michael Seechock
- Steve Patrick

VIGIL CANDLE SPONSORS: week beginning April 27, 2024

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| 1 | Hanging Eternal Lamp
\$10 | By: Linda Pirritano
For: I.M.O. + Joseph and + Esther Linko |
| 2 | 2 Altar Vigil Candles
\$10 | By: Your Family
For: Birthday Blessings, dear Helen MAY 1 |
| 3 | Proskomedia Candles
\$10 | By: Fr. Myron & the Faithful of St. Vladimir's Church
For: I.M.O. + Soldiers, + Civilians, + Refugees of Ukraine |
| 4 | 2 Tetrapod Candles
\$10 | By: Chandoha Family
For: Health & God's Blessings for Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Lilik |
| 5 | Jesus Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Laskowski Family
For: Health and God's Blessings - Jeffrey Lyden & family |
| 6 | Mary Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Biloskirka Family
For: I.M.O. + Nicholas and + Nadia Biloskirka |
| 7 | St. Nicholas
\$5 | By: Regina Kozel
For: I.M.O. + Ihor Shablovsky |
| 8 | St. Vladimir Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Laskowski Family
For: Health and God's Blessings - Joseph Laskowski, Jr. |
| 9 | Jesus Entrance Vigil
\$5 | By: Stella Patrick
For: Health and God's Blessings for Stephen Patrick |
| 10 | Mary Entrance Vigil
\$5 | By: Helen A. Pagnotti
For: Birthday Blessings for Olenka Chandoha Knott MAY 1 |
| 11 | Mother of God Statue
\$10 | By: Lilik Family
For: Deliverance of Ukraine & Protection of her Defenders |
| 12 | Altar 7 branch Saturday
\$5 | By: Servant of God
For: Safety of persecuted Christians |
| 13 | Altar 7 branch Sunday
\$5 | By: Parish Family of St. Vladimir's Church
For: Birthday Blessings for Timothy Myronyuk APR 28 |
| 14 | Blessed Mother (side altar)
\$5 | By: Laskowski Family
For: Health and God's Blessings - John Lyden & family |
| 15 | Jesus (side altar)
\$5 | By: Sharmayne Tucker
For: I.M.O. + Walter Michael Tucker, Jr. |

CONFESSION

For anyone that would like to receive the holy sacrament of confession you can let Father Myron know and set up a time either before or after Liturgy from Tuesday through Saturday.

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The Samaritan Woman

The Fourth Gospel, attributed to Saint John the Evangelist, is used exclusively from Easter until Pentecost for the Sunday readings. The first chapter of John's Gospel is the proclamation used for the Divine Liturgy on Easter itself. This week, we are reminded of the story of Christ's encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well of Jacob, and thereby Christ's fulfillment of the Old Testament. In one of the many unique stories of the Fourth Gospel not found in the Synoptics (Matthew, Mark or Luke), Jesus reveals himself as Messiah to this woman of Samaria and talks with her about the "water that I will give will become ... a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

In the early days of His ministry, Jesus travels back and forth between Galilee and Jerusalem, and must pass through Samaria. The Samaritans were outcast Jews because they were not subject

to the Babylonian exile of the Israelites from other provinces. Therefore, when Jesus talks with this Samaritan woman, His disciples are surprised and in shock that He would carry on a conversation with a woman at the well, let alone a Samaritan. But as the story is explained, the woman's testimony about Jesus spreads through the nearby town, and because of her many come to hear His teachings. After hearing His word, they come to believe in Him, and proclaim Him "the Savior of the world." (Jn 4:42)

With water as the focal point of this encounter, we are once again reminded of our Baptism, and that Christ's Baptism is that of "eternal life" through "living water."

Archbishop Vsevolod of Scopelos

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