Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church Bulletin

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HOLY MYSTERIES

VISITATIONS OF THE SICK AND INFIRM – If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Father Stephen at the Rectory. Our hospitalization code for Christiana and Wilmington Hospitals is **UKR.**

EMERGENCY CALLS – Please call the Rectory anytime (day or night) in an Emergency!

BAPTISMS – Celebrated by appointment.

CROWNING IN MARRIAGE – Please discuss timing with Father prior to setting a date. At least six months notice is needed. There are three 2-hour courses that must be attended prior to the Wedding.

BULLETIN DEADLINE – The deadline for getting information printed in the Weekly Bulletin is Wednesday.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS – For the Needs of the Parish; 2nd Youth Ministry

May 10, 2026
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of May 10 - 17, 2026
Celebrating our 98th year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, May 10 - Sunday of the Samaritan Woman – Mother's Day - Tone 4
8:30 AM – Confessions
9:15 AM – Prayers before Communion
9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful
Mother's Day Dinner

Wednesday, May 13
6:30 PM – Parish Board Meeting

Thursday, May 14 – Hieromartyr Macarius Metropolitan of Kyiv
7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy – Veneration of His Relics

Sunday, May 17 - Sunday of the Man Born Blind - Tone 4
8:30 AM – Confessions
9:15 AM – Prayers before Communion
9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful
Coffee Hour

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday Samaritan Woman – Matins: John 20:1-10; Liturgy: Acts of the Apostkkes 11:19-26, 29-30; John 4:5-42
Monday – Acts of the Apostles 12:12-17; John 8:42-51
Tuesday – Acts of the Apostles 12:25-13:12; John 8:51-59
Wednesday – Apostle James Brother of St. John matins: John 21:15-25; Liturgy: Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11; Luke 5:1-11; Day: Acts of the Apostles 13:13-24; John 6:5-14
Thursday – Hieromartyr Macarius – Matins: John 10:1-9; Hebrews 12:7-16; John 10:9-16; Day: Acts of the Apostles 14:20-27; John 9:39-10:9
Friday – Passion Bearers Boris and Hlib – Romans 8:28-39; John 15:17-16:2; Day: Acts of the Apostles 15:5-34; John 10:17-28
Saturday – St. Theodosius – Matins Luke 6:17-23; Hebrews 13:7-16; Matthew 11:27-30; Day: Acts of the Apostles 15:35-41; John 10:27-38
Sunday Man Born Blind – Matins: John 20:11-18; Liturgy: Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34; John 9:1-38

The Samaritan Woman . . . Saint Photini (Svetlana)

Today, on this the fourth Sunday following the Feasts of Feasts, the Pascha of the Orthodox Church, we read a lesson from the Gospel of John that details Christ's dealings with the Samaritan Woman. It was on account of this interaction that the Samaritans became the first people to recognize Jesus as Savior of the world. And, it is on account of this interaction that we first realize that the Gospel of Christ is for all people! According to an early tradition, after the Resurrection of Christ [the Samaritan Woman] was baptized and given the Christian name Photini, (Svetlana) 'the enlighten one.' Along with her two sons and five daughters she went to Carthage to spread the gospel. There they were arrested, taken to Rome under Nero, imprisoned, and later martyred. According to tradition, Saint Photini, who first met Christ beside a well, was martyred for Christ by being thrown into a well. The Church commemorates her on March 20 (April 2).

For most of the faithful, Saint Photini is remembered on her feast day, yet some stewards of the Church call her to mind on a daily basis as they "enlighten" others with the Gospel of Christ. These stewards realize that the Gospel of Christ is for all people! These stewards, the missionaries, travel to the four corners of the earth, spreading the Word and assisting the faithful in the establishment of their Orthodox communities.

Daily Reflections: The Samaritan Woman

Today's reading is rich in meaning; one way of understanding it is as a demonstration of the truth of a verse that we read yesterday: 'God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him" (3:17). The Samaritan woman would have been a good candidate for condemnation, if Jesus had wanted to go around condemning people. Being a Samaritan, she was a heretic. She had been divorced five times and was now living with a man. She might have been lazy as well: noon is a little late to be getting the day's water (verses 6-7). Jesus could certainly have found plenty to berate her about.

Instead Jesus struck up a friendly conversation with her, and offered to give her something. She was thirsty for ordinary water; Jesus told her about a source of water welling up to eternal life. He was that source, and he took the initiative to enter into her life.

Jesus neither approved of her multiple partners nor thought that Samaritan beliefs were just as valid as Jewish beliefs. This woman had done nothing to merit what Jesus offered her. But he offered it anyway, and offered it before pointing out her sins and mistakes.

Jesus treats us the same. There are things in our lives that he wants changed, but his first word to us is an offer of eternal life. He wants to satisfy our thirst with a spring that will

never ran dry. Picture yourself coming to this well and meeting Jesus. What words would he speak to you? What invitation would he make you?

Metropolitan Saint Macarius, Metropolitan of Kyiv (Commemorated on May 14)

The Hieromartyr Macarius, Metropolitan of Kiev, was earlier the archimandrite of the Vilensk Holy Trinity monastery. In 1495, after the death of Metropolitan Jonah of Kyiv, Macarius was chosen and ordained in his place by an assembly of hierarchs; Vassian of Vladimir, Luke of Polotsk, Vassian of Turov and Jonah of Lutsk. Papers of blessing were sent from Constantinople by the Patriarch Niphon, confirming the election of St Macarius to the Metropolitan See of Kiev. On May 1, 1497 Tatars invading Ukraine killed Metropolitan Macarius of Kyiv and All Rus in the village of Strigolovo, at the River Vzhischa, where the saint was conducting divine services. Many of his flock were killed with him, or taken into captivity. The holy incorrupt relics of St Macarius, glorified by God with miracles, rest now at Kyiv at the St. Vladimir Cathedral Church.

TROPARION TO SAINT MACARIUS *(Tone 4)*
Having been a participant of blessed character * and a succèssor of the Apostles on the throne * you were inspired by God to do His work * while correctly preaching the Word of Truth * for the sake of the faith you suffered even to the shedding of your blood * Hieromartyr Macarius, intercede before the Lord God that our souls may be saved.

Kondak – Tone 4
Having lived piously among hierarchs * and having gone through the path of martyrdom * you wise one have extinguished the sacrifices of idols * and were a protector of your flock. * Wherefore in honoring you in our hearts we cry to you: * Deliver us from dangers through your intercessions * O Hieromartyr Macarius our father.

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Happy Mother's Day!

A mother is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs at the days to come. She opens her mouth in wisdom, and on her tongue is kindly counsel. She watches the conduct of her household, and she eats not her food in idleness. Her children rise up to praise her; her husband, too, extols her. Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised! (Proverbs 31:25-30)

An Orthodox Church's air conditioning broke down, so they had to hire a man to crawl around in the

ducts and figure out what was wrong. As the man peeked down through one of the vents in the sanctuary, he saw little old Mrs. Pravoslavnjy kneeling and praying before the icon of the Birthgiver-of-God. Since the man was Baptist, who don't honor the Mother of God or the saints, he thought it'd be funny to play a joke on her. In his best authoritative voice, he said, "This is Jesus. Your prayers will be answered." The little old lady didn't even blink, just kept on saying her prayers. The man decided maybe she didn't hear him, and tried again. "This is Jesus, the Son of God! Your prayers will be answered!" Again, no reaction at all. Mustering up a big breath of air, the man tried once more, **"THIS IS JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD! YOUR PRAYERS WILL BE ANSWERED!"** The lady looked up and snipped . . . **"Would you BE QUIET? I'M TALKING TO YOUR MOTHER!"**

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WHAT MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME

My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.
"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside I just finished cleaning!"

My mother taught me RELIGION: "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL: "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

My mother taught me LOGIC: "Because I said so, that's why."

My mother taught me FORESIGHT: "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

My mother taught me IRONY: "Keep laughing and I'll give you something to cry about."

My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS: "Shut your mouth and eat your supper!"

My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM: "Will you look at the dirt on the back of your neck!"

My mother taught me about STAMINA: "You'll sit there 'til all that spinach is finished."

My mother taught me about WEATHER: "It looks as if a tornado swept through your room."

My mother taught me how to solve PHYSICS PROBLEMS: "If I yelled because I saw a meteor coming toward you; would you listen then?"

My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY: "If I've told you once, I've told you a million times - Don't Exaggerate!!!"

My mother taught me THE CIRCLE OF LIFE: "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."

My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION: "Stop acting like your father!"

My mother taught me about ENVY: "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do!"

THANKS, MOM!

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

If you remember the story, as Mary is expecting Jesus, she went to be with Elizabeth, an older woman, who was also expecting a child - a miracle birth with her as well. She was expecting John the Baptizer. And they spent about 6 months together - encouraging one another.

"Encourage one another daily" the Bible says, "as long as it is called today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness."

If we become discouraged, it becomes easy for sin to harden us, & the deceitfulness of sin to take over our lives. So we need to encourage the moms today, & help them realize they're doing a job that no one else can do.

SUM. Mary was rewarded for her faithfulness as a mother. She was there to see Jesus resurrected from the dead. She was in the upper room when the 120 gathered to pray & the Holy Spirit came upon them. And she lived to see her other children accept Jesus as Messiah & Lord, too. And the God who rewarded her has promised to reward us, too.

"A TRIBUTE TO MOTHERS"

A very beautiful story is related of a boat out at sea carrying in a father and his little daughter. As they were steering for the shore they were overtaken by a violent storm which threatened to destroy them. The coast was dangerous. The mother, at the home by the seashore, lighted a lamp and started up the worn stairway to the attic window.

"It won't do any good, mother," the son called after her. But the mother went up, put the light in the window, knelt beside it and prayed. Out in the storm the daughter saw a glimmer of gold on the water's edge. "Steer for that," the father said. Slowly but steadily they came toward the light, and at last were anchored in the little sheltered harbor by the cottage. "Thank God," cried the mother as she heard their glad voices and came down the stairway with the lamp in her hand. "How did you get here?" she asked. "We steered by mother's light," answered the daughter, "although we did not know what it was out there."

"Aha!" thought the boy, who was not known for being a very descent type of person. "Perhaps it is time that I was steering by my mother's light." And before he went to sleep that night he surrendered himself to God and asked Him to guide him over life's rough seas. Months went by, and finally the boy was discovered to have an incurable disease. The doctor carefully examined him and just shook his head hopelessly. It was another stormy night when the doctor came for the last time. "He can't live long," was his verdict. The dying young man looked up into the troubled faces and said, "Do not be afraid for me. I shall make the harbor, for I have been steering by mother's light."

The Word of God advises each person, "And do not despise your mother..." (Proverbs 23:22b). In an age where respect is so seemingly lacking, it is evident that honor to one's mother is also passe and antiquated. Yet there are countless numbers of men, world famous, who have paid the highest tribute possible to their mothers. Abraham Lincoln once said, "All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." And an old saying, theologically unsound, yet expressing a deep respect for mothers and motherhood, says: "God could not be everywhere so He made mothers."

As we celebrate Mother's day, let those homes that have the shining example of Christian living in mother's daily life and activity truly thank God for the rich blessing that money cannot buy. Let us remember our Mothers today and everyday, living and deceased, and say a prayer of thanksgiving for all that they have done for us. Mom, for all you do, this Day is for you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to Rob Coppock, 5/11; Chuck Redden, 5/12 & Steven Andreas, 5/14. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy & blessed years!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
(Please find a substitute if you cannot make a given week)
May 10 – John Plachuta and Linda Hnatow
May 17 – John Plachuta and Linda Hnatow
May 24 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin
May 31 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin
June 7 – Sonya Patronik and John Plachuta
June 14 – Sonya Patronik and John Plachuta
June 21 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE
Week of May 11 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly
Week of May 18 - Mark & Laura Andreas
Week of May 25 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson
Week of June 1 - Thomas and Lynn Sulpizi
Week of June 8 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus
Week of June 15 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration
Week of June 22 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

MEETINGS
Parish Board – Wednesday, May 13 @ 6:30 PM

SCHEDULING FOR THE PARISH – Please remember that all events, work parties, use of the hall must be cleared through the calendar kept by Father Stephen so that dueling events can be avoided.

100th ANNIVRSARY – will be held on Saturday, July 17th, 2027 with a 10:00 AM – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with a Banquet at the Claymont Ballroom. Mark your calendars! Our first fund Raiser for the event is the sale of T-shirts ($10) polo shirts ($15) and sweat shirts ($20) with the Anniversary Logo on them thanks to the art and stitching work of Michael Kapelus.

READERS MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 10 - Andrew Duncan
May 17 - Thomas Scholz
May 24 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick
May 31 - Thomas Sulpizi
June 7 - John Plachuta
June 14 - Linda Hnatow
June 21 - Jean Roeth

CALENDER OF EVENTS - 2026

Sunday May 10 – Mother's Day Dinner
Sunday, May 31 – Pentecost
Saturday, June 6 – Scout Car Wash at the Church
Monday, June 8 – Apostle' Fast
Saturday, June 13 – Hall Rented
Sunday, June 21 – Father's Day Dinner
Sunday, July 12 – Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul – Patronal Dinner
Saturday, August 1 – UOL Flea Market
Saturday, November 7 – Fall Bazaar
Saturday, November 28 – St. Philip Fast
Sunday, December 20 – UOL Cookie Sale

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 10 - Zina Twardus and Nancy Tur
May 17 - David and Eve Lazaration
May 24 - Sandy Cramer
May 31 - Sonya Patronik

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Daniel, Archimandrite Raphael, Father George Bazylevky, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father Anthony Ugolnik, Father James Weremedic, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Matushka Andrejuk, Matushka Laura Odell, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Pani Matka Oksanna Bazylevsky, Pani Matka Maryann Ozlanski, Jonathan Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Joyce Belles, Joyce Bendoakas, Ethel Bernhard, Irene Billon, James Bolton, Maria Borowenski, Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Erik Colazo, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, George Daniels, Taylor Davis, Peter DiVirgilio, James Dudrick, Kathleen Dugan, Mary Eagleton, Maria Economou, Rose Eldridge, Archantula Fanjoy, Mary Farell, Kandi Fullerton, James Garrett, Lisa Gee, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovniov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Richard Haslam, Rick Hastings, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Alicia Hlywak, John Hlywak, Nancy Hlywiak, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Serhii Ivashyna, Violet Jaskolka, Stephen Johnson, Bill Jones, Linda Josepinson, Michael Kapelus, Walter Katolik, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Tommy Knight, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Francis Lano, Ed Lavender, Ron Lazaration, Joan Libera, Karen Livick, Sara Long, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Jeremy Madea, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Frederick McCarthy, Fred McKirachan, Stephen McNulty, Ronald Michel, Mary Ann Michalcewicz, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Ann Nester, Rick Orner, Sienna Ozboya, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Daphne Pantelopulos, George Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Janilyn Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Chuck Redden, Patricia Redden, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Sandy Roeder, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Jeff Rozwadowski, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Richard Scharba, Isaac Schmidt, Clay Seman, John Serth, Larissa Sth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Alexandra Sparco, Natalia Stanford, Rich Steinman, Cynthia Stepovij, Nicholas Stepovij, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Michael Synczyszyn, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, John Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Mariel Trimble, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Laura Worley, Jack Ziegler & James Zook

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

It has been said that the Word of God is like spiritual food for our souls. It can nourish and strengthen our spirits as we journey through the peaks and valleys of life. If this is indeed so, then what a marvelous feast is set before us today as we examine the Gospel about the Samaritan Woman. Read and ponder over each morsel of the Scripture portion of St. John 4:5-42.

It would take a volume to do justice to the lessons of this incident. Jesus, weary from a day's journey along the dusty paths of Samaria, come to old Jacob's well hoping to drink of its refreshing waters. But there is a woman there, one who desperately needs to drink of a different water, the living water of God's grace. The Lord sets aside His own needs, and leads the woman to His Kingdom. Nor does He stop there, but ministers to the needs of the people of Samaria, instructs about deep theological truths, and proclaims Himself to be the long-promised Messiah.

Christ is called at times the "Fountain of Life", and indeed He bids those who are thirsty *"to come unto Me and drink"* of the spiritual blessings that flow from Him. There is a thirst in all of us for the deep satisfaction that come from godly living and fellowship. Let us not stifle that thirst, or try to satisfy it with the pleasures of the world, but turn to Him Who said: *"Whoever drinks of the water that I give shall never thirst, but it shall be a well...springing up into everlasting life."*