

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School News

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Donation: \$50

Drawing: Saturday, June 5, 2021

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9 Cash Prize Winners
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- 1st Prize \$5,000 or 50% of the proceeds
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Tickets will be sold after select Liturgies on Saturday and Sunday or by emailing mariannahohuluk@gmail.com

SUNDAY, MAY 9 - MOTHER'S DAY

A Prayer in Gratitude for Our Mothers
Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women of theory who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings.

Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly.

Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children.

Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most.

- Author Unknown

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KNEELING – We should not kneel or make prostrations in Church or in our private prayers at home from Pascha through Pentecost (this year, May 23). Kneeling and prostrating are postures of repentance and sorrow for our sins. The brilliant solemnity of the events that we are celebrating takes precedence over such external manifestations of penitence. For our Lord's death and resurrection "blotted out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us ... nailing it to His cross; and having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it." (Col. 2:14,15) Accordingly, "here is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus ..." (Rom. 8:1) We resume kneeling at appropriate times during the "Kneeling Vespers" celebrated after the Divine Liturgy for Holy Pentecost.

***** DAILY PRAYER INTENTIONS *****

- MONDAY'S INTENTION** - Increased vocations to the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate
- TUESDAY'S INTENTION** - Prayers for all Seminarians to sustain their Vocations
- WEDNESDAY'S INTENTION** - Increased vocations to the Redemptorists
- THURSDAY'S INTENTION** - **VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD**
- FRIDAY'S INTENTION** - Increased vocations to the Sisters of St. Basil the Great
- SATURDAY'S INTENTION** - Increased vocations to the Order of St. Basil the Great
- SUNDAY'S INTENTION** - Increased vocations to the Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God

♦ Daily, please add your private and personal intentions for our Church, our Hierarchy, Clergy, Religious and all who lead and serve Christ and all His faithful.



St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

Українська Католицька Церква Св.Миколая ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС!



Pastor: Rev. Andriy Dudkevych



Pastoral Care:

In emergencies, please call Fr. Andriy directly - mobile 267-269-4990 if you, a family member, or someone you know who cannot attend church, is homebound, hospitalized, or gravely ill and will need the Eucharist or Anointing of the Sick. **DO NOT WAIT TO THE LAST MINUTE.**

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СВЯТІ ЛІТУРГІЇ:

Неділя: 8:30 р., [АНГЛ].

10:30 р., [УКР]

На будні: 7:00 р.,

Субота:

8:00 р., і 5:00 пп.

Свята: 9:00 р., і 6:00 пп.

DIVINE LITURGIES:

Sunday: 8:30 am, [ENG]

10:30 am, [UKR]

Weekday: 7:00 am,

Saturday:

8:00 am, & 5:00 pm.

Holy Days:

9:00 am, & 6:00 pm.

СПОВІДЬ:

Перед Св. Літургіями - в Суботу вечером.

Неділі - Святочні дні.

CONFESSIONS:

Before Liturgies - Saturday evening.

Sundays & Holy Days.



COFFEE AND CAKE

Every Sunday after the Divine Liturgies, please join your fellow parishioners for coffee and cake in the hall beneath the church.

ЗАПРОШУЄМО НА КАВУ

Sunday, May 16th at 10:30am, will be First Solemn Confession and Holy Communion for our children. Due to COVID restrictions, seating will be very limited at this service to accommodate all the children and their immediate families. In kindness and consideration for our children on their special day and to prevent overcrowding, we strongly urge parishioners to consider attending Divine Liturgy on Saturday at 5:00 pm (Ukr) or 8:30 am Sunday (Eng).



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Thank You
A sincere and heartfelt thank you to all the women who helped bake and sell our Easter paskas. Your work and dedication to St. Nicholas Church is greatly appreciated. May our risen Christ bless you and your families abundantly with His love and mercy.

Щира подяка усім паням, які допомагали пекти і продавати паски (бабки) для нашої парафії. Ваша праця є великою допомогою для церкви Св. Миколая. Нехай Воскреслий Господь благословить вас за вашу жертовну працю.

Collections:

Parish - \$2,359.00.

Candles - \$117.00.

School - \$990.00.



Sunday - May 2nd - Sunday of the Samaritan Woman - Неділя про Самарянку

Пасха Христова - ВЕЛИКДЕНЬ (Юліанський календар)

8:30 am +Natalia Bekesewycz (with Panakhyda) Larisa Herman
+Joseph Skorupka (with Panakhyda) Family
10:30 am God's Blessings for our parishioners

Monday - May 3rd - Початок Молебну в честь Матері Божої
No services 7:00 вечора Молебен

Tuesday - May 4th
7:00 am +Anna Kowalczyk Maria Bodyziak
+John Doloszycki Anna Diduch

Wednesday - May 5th
7:00 am +Maria Sparano (with Panakhyda) - 40 day Maria Pettway
+Jonathan Kowlczyk (with Panakhyda) Family

Thursday - May 6th
7:00 am +Tekla Duda (with Panakhyda) Lillian Wolotowski & Family
+Eva & Filip Zolondek (with Panakhyda) Maruszczak Faamily

Friday - May 7th - 1st Friday
7:00 am God's Blessings for our Students & Teachers
+John Doloszycki Anna Diduch

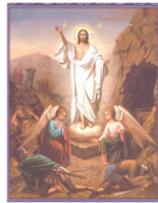
Saturday - May 8th
8:00 am God's Blessings for Olha & Michael Moczula Daughter Martha
5:00 pm +Ostap Chaplyk (with Panakhyda) Macko Family
+Irena Mykych (with Panakhyda) Family

Sunday - May 9th - Sunday of the Man Born Blind - Неділя про Сліпородженого
MOTHER'S DAY - ДЕНЬ МАТЕРІ

8:30 am +Myron Domaradz (with Panakhyda) Antin & Maria Baran & Family
+Stefan Kapitula (with Panakhyda) Family
10:30 am God's Blessings for our parishioners

+ПАНАХИДА ЗА ПОМЕРЛИХ МАТЕРІВ + PNAKHYDA FOR DECEASED MOTHERS+

✠ The blessing of graves in South Bound Brook, NJ ✠
Saturday, May 8. 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM.



MOLEBEN IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY will be celebrated Monday thru Friday at 7:00 pm throughout the month of May.

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МОЛЕБЕН В ЧЕСТЬ ПРЕЧИСТОЇ ДІВИ МАРІЇ в місяці травні буде служитися щодня з понеділка до п'ятниці о 7:00 вечора.



MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE LITURGY - We will soon celebrate Mother's Day. Certainly, all of you have started to make special plans for this day. We would like to remember our mothers, both living and deceased, in the Divine Liturgy which will be celebrated on Mother's Day, May 9. In addition, there will be a Panakhyda for all the deceased mothers following the Liturgy.

ДЕНЬ МАТЕРІ - ПОМИНАЛЬНА ЛІТУРГІЯ - Скоро ми будемо святкувати День Матері. Напевно ви почали робити плани на цей день. Ми хочемо запросити вас і зробити цей день особливим для кожного в нашій парафії. Ми будемо молитися на Св. Літургії за здоров'я і Боже благословення, для наших матерів, а також в поминальній панахиді згадувати тих матерів, які відійшли у вічність.

МАЇВКА ОСОБЛИВИЙ ВИЯВ ЛЮБОВІ ДО БОГОРОДИЦІ

Місяць Травень, у Східній церкві присвячений нашій Пречистій Матері Марії. Тому кожен християнин покликаний у цей час віддати належну шану тій, яка привела у світ нашого Спасителя Христа. Цю вдячність можна виявити у різний спосіб: відвідування Марійських чудотворних місць, прикрашення ікон чи фігур Діви Марії. Але найкращим і найвеличнішим виявом любові до неї є травневе богослужіння - маївка. Це поєднання глибокої молитви, щирого співу, розквіту природи та чистої дитячої радості є найкращим гімном любові до нашої Небесної неньки. Та прикро від того, що більшість людей залишають поза своєю увагою ці прекрасні богослужіння, інколи моляться до Богородиці, щоб дала їм якоїсь ласки, а самі шкодують тих пів години для неї у церкві. Багато кажуть: "Я молюся вдома", але вона хоче бачити своїх дітей зібраних разом у храмі в єдиному дусі і правді. Ще століття тому, люди залишали все: роботу, худобу і навіть хворих, брали з собою дітей і церква наповнювалася багатоголосною молитвою за здоров'я малих старих і немічних. А ще Пресвята Богородиця, через маївки, вділяла ласку дівчатам і хлопцям, щоб щасливо вийти заміж чи одружитися. Тож пам'ятаймо про неї завжди.



SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Epistle - ACTS 11: 19-26, 29-30 ~ Gospel - JOHN 4:5-42

"Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life." (Troparion)

On this Sunday of the Samaritan Woman, we celebrate that our Lord's great victory over death enables us to be free from defining ourselves by our sins or by how other people may view us. Today we commemorate that His salvation extends to our most painful failings and to the harsh judgments of others upon us. Even such difficult circumstances may become points of entry into the joy of the empty tomb.

The woman at the well certainly knew what it was like to be defined by others as someone who did not measure up. She was a Samaritan, and therefore rejected by the Jews as a heretic and a member of a despised group that had intermarried with Gentiles. She herself had been married five times and was now with a man to whom she was not married, which may have been why she went to draw water at the unlikely time of high noon. Perhaps she went to the well in the heat of the day in order to avoid the other Samaritan women who wanted nothing to do with someone like her.

Imagine her surprise, then, when the Savior asked her for a drink of water and then engaged in a conversation about spiritual matters with her. Jewish men simply did not strike up conversations with women in that time and place, and consuming food or drink from a Samaritan was out of the question. How even more shocking it is that Jesus Christ's conversation with her is the longest recorded between Him and any one person in the four gospels. He spoke straightforwardly to her and did not shy away from uncomfortable truths that hit her where she lived. But instead of shutting down the conversation or running away in fear, this Samaritan woman told the people of her village about Christ. As a result, many of her neighbors came to believe in the Lord.

This Samaritan woman is known in the Church as St. Photini, which means "the enlightened one." Through the Savior's conversation with her, Photini became an evangelist who boldly shared the good news, even to her Samaritan neighbors who were surely used to viewing her in anything but spiritual terms. That took tremendous courage. Photini was not only brave in preaching to them, but ultimately in responding to the persecution of the pagan Roman emperor Nero, to whom she said "O most impious of the blind, you profligate and stupid man! Do you think me so deluded that I would consent to renounce my Lord Christ and instead offer sacrifice to idols as blind as you?" The Great Martyr Photini refused to back down and gave the ultimate witness to Christ's victory over death by laying down her life for Him.

Too many of us today flee in shame from uncomfortable truths, whether we encounter them in our own thoughts or in the opinions of others. Too many of us define ourselves by our failings, weaknesses, and temptations. Thank God, St. Photini the Great Martyr did none of that. In response to her shocking encounter with the Savior, she humbly acknowledged the truth about her brokenness; she did not react defensively or make excuses. She did not end the conversation or run away in shame. Instead, she was open to the healing of her soul, to the possibility of a new and restored life through the mercy of the Lord. This was such a great blessing to her that she immediately shared the good news with the people of her village and refused to stop, even to the point of laying down her life.

In this joyous season of Pascha, we celebrate that Christ's victory over death delivers us from all the corrupting effects of sin, including our deeply ingrained habits of thought and action that distract us from facing the truth about ourselves. When, like St. Photini, we acknowledge them straightforwardly and turn away from them, we participate personally in the good news of Pascha. We rise from death to life as we enter into the joy of the empty tomb. But when we proudly refuse to confess or repent of our sins, we remain in slavery to our self-centered illusions of perfection, to our sense of shame that we do not live up to the standards that we think we must meet in order to be worthwhile. (Excerpts from <https://blogs.ancientfaith.com/>)



ST. PHOTINI - the Samaritan Woman— Saint Photini, also known as the Samaritan Woman at the well, lived in 1st century Palestine. The accounts of her meeting Christ are recorded in St. John's Gospel (4:4-26) which is read today.

The Eastern Church tradition regards Photini as equal to the apostles and praises her for her work in growing and strengthening the early church. After meeting Jesus face-to-face, Photini used her gift of evangelization given to her by Christ. Photini's story is preserved to remind us of the importance of the saints who established and shaped the early church. The Eastern church has done a great service through historical oral storytelling (called hagiography) to preserve her legacy. Photini is recorded as being baptized by the disciples (where she is first given the name Photini, meaning "enlightened one"), and she spent her life evangelizing, converting countless people and towns to Christianity, not only in Samaria but beyond. She is said to have traveled to Carthage, where she received a vision of Jesus calling her to Rome to confront the Emperor Nero, a persecutor of Christians. She and her children were instructed by Nero to renounce their faith in Christ and they refused. She went with her family members and those who led alongside her and they all faced gruesome

torture and imprisonment as a result. Photini eventually was martyred by being thrown in a dry well – the irony being she already had the "living water" given by Christ. Photini gave up her life in the year 66.

CATECHISM - CHRIST OUR PASCHA - TODAY'S EPISTLE / GOSPEL LESSON :

SALVATION : Page 19, Section 30; Page 60, Section 160-162; Page 94, Section 265; Page 112, Section 321