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May 2, 2021



Leaders of the Apostles and teachers of the world, pray to the Master of all to grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.

Fifth Sunday after Pascha – Sunday of the Samaritan Woman, Our Father Among the Saints Athanasius the Great

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

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS: MONDAY–FRIDAY 10:00AM

SATURDAY: Not Now! 4:00PM (Vigil Sunday-Eng.)

SUNDAY: 8:30 AM (Ukr.) & 10:00 AM (Eng.)

Confessions are heard before each Divine Liturgy:

Saturday 3:00PM to 3:30 PM

Sunday 8:00AM to 8:30AM and
9:30AM until 10:00AM

Religious Education – Saturday 10:00AM – 11:00AM
Call Alice O'Doy @203-734-3055 for more information.

Preservation – Please use the form in church vestibule, mail it to the church or bring it to Bob Jaskilka, Michael Wysowski, Jr. or Fr. Edward Young

Address or Name Change/New Phone Number – Please update your records. See Bob Jaskilka, or Michael Wysowski, Jr. to update this info. Returned checks are subject to a **\$35.00 fee**.

Bulletin Notices – Notices for the bulletin must be **in writing** by Wednesday @6PM to be included in that week's bulletin.

Parish Council meets every 3rd Wednesday of every month @7:15pm in the church hall.

Rectory Office Hours - Thursday 10AM – Noon
or by Appointment on other days

****Please Note ****

Mass Offerings , Sorokousty

Mother's Day, Father's Day

Checks must be made out to the Fr. Young
not the Church ! Thank You...

Baptism Arrangement for baptism is to be made personally at the Parish Office. Please call rectory for an appointment.

Marriage – Arrangements for marriage are to be made at least **6 months prior** to the Wedding date. Please call rectory for an appointment.

Sick Calls – To arrange for Sacraments for the elderly and sick at home, please call Parish Office Fr. Young at 203-734-3895, **Please advise the rectory of any hospitalization.**

In your Estate planning – Remember Sts. Peter & Paul Church in your will.

Stewardship - "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). All Catholics, should give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and to the universal Church

Special Share in the Eucharist *– Bread & Wine

offered for a week, month, or year. Donations: one week - \$20.00 Donors/intentions will be listed.

Bob Jaskilka, or Michael Wysowski, Jr or Fr. Edward Young

Eternal Light *– offered to light for a week \$10.00.

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Virgin Mary's Lamp and Sacred Heart Lamp* also available for offering! Offered to light for a week is 10.00, each.

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All start on Monday to Sunday!

***Offering must be made when dates are reserved!**

A **Welcome to St. Peter and St. Paul Parish** to all who are worshipping with us today. If you are over twenty-one years of age and have not yet registered, have moved or will be moving, or have a new telephone number, **please fill out the form below**. Each household **must be registered** at St. Peter and St. Paul and every adult receives a set of stewardship envelopes. Registration also entails an annual dues to the parish. If a parishioner is not registered, it is difficult for church authorities to issue him or her a sponsor certificate, reference, or any other certification.

Name _____ Phone# _____

Address _____ E-mail _____




City _____ State _____ Zip _____

(Please come down to the Basement to be properly registered after or before liturgy)

From the Vespers of this Sunday: Jesus met the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well.* The One who covers the earth with clouds asks water of her.* O, what a wonder!* The One who rides on the Cherubim converses with an adulterous woman.* The One who suspended the earth on the waters asks for water.* The One who caused the springs of water and their lakes to overflow seeks water.* He truly desires to save this woman from the snares of the Enemy* and to fill her with living water* to extinguish the flames of her passions;* for He alone is compassionate and the Lover of Mankind.

*Bread and Wine Offering - In loving memory of +Anna Garbera
Malinak by Anna May Malinak*

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| 05/01 | Saturday | 10:00 AM | Msgr. John Squiller 1 st Anniversary req. by Audrey Sokol & Alice O'Doy |
| 05/02 | Sunday | 8:30 AM 10:00 AM | Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян +Antoinette "Toni" Jaskilka req. by Robert Jaskilka |
| 05/03 | Monday | 10:00 AM | +Helen Motet |
| 05/04 | Tuesday | 10:00 AM | +John & Catherine Dripchak |
| 05/05 | Wednesday | | No Liturgy |
| 05/06 | Thursday | 6:30 PM | +Petro & Maria Gebuza req, by Wasyl & Jaroslawa Sembrat & Family |
| 05/07 | Friday | 10:00 AM 6:00 PM | Intention of SSMI in Rome, Italy Moleben in Honor of the Mother of God |
| 05/08 | Saturday | | No Liturgy |
| 05/09 | Sunday | 8:30 AM 10:00 AM | Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян Offered for ALL Mother Living and Deceased |

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| ETERNAL LIGHT |  | <i>In loving memory +Shirley Drake by Drake Family</i> | |
| BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP |  | <i>In loving memory of +Helen R. Flood by Patricia & Earl Holtz & Family</i> | |
| SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP |  | <i>In loving memory +Leo Michel & +Maxim Kowtko by Karen Wilson</i> | |
| BREAD & WINE OFFERING RESERVED DATES 6/21/21-6/27/21 7/26/21-8/1/21 11/1/21-11/7/21 | ETERNAL LIGHT LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 5/10/21-5/16/21 5/17/21-5/23/21 5/31/21-6/6/21 6/14/21-6/20/21 8/2/21-8/8/21 8/9/21-8/15/21 9/6/21-9/12-21 9/20/21-9/26/21 11/8/21-11/14/21 11/22/21-11/28/21 | BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 5/10/21-5/16/21 5/17/21-5/23/21 5/24/21-5/30/21 8/2/21-8/8/21 8/9/21-8/15/21 8/23/21-8/29/21 9/6/21-9/12-21 11/1/21-11/7/21 11/8/21-11/14/21 | SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 5/10/21-5/16/21 6/7/21-6/13/21 6/21/21-6/27/21 7/26/21-8/1/21 8/9/21-8/15/21 11/15/21-11/21/21 |

2021 & Past Church Dues (Blue Book) (Kollekta)

During Lent & every Saturday & Sunday dues current & past will be collected in the church hall after the 4:00 PM Vigil and 8:30 AM & 10AM Sunday Liturgies.

Please bring your dues book to the **church hall** dues will not be collected in the rectory Back on January 25, 2005 the Parish Council voted to increase the yearly dues to \$75.00 per member. This is the first increase since 1998. The number of upcoming projects that are needed to keep the church building in good repairs, such as painting, doors, walls, fixing the roof, warranted this increase.

Do not place dues in your weekly envelope offering !
Please remember - this is not our church but YOUR church!
Please fulfill your responsibility to your Church!!

Friendly Reminder - 2021 & Past Church Dues are due during lent to support your church to pay our obligations to keep the church running such as salaries; electricity; oil ; gas; water ; and continual maintenance; repair of the church, rectory and cemetery; insurance ; chancery fees; and telephone just to name a few.

Effective May 2nd , 2021 weekly bulletins may be picked up on the way out of church. They no longer be mailed to members who attend liturgy.

Church Donation – In memory of **+Roy Primachuk** , \$500.00 by Nancy & Paul Beres

Church Donation - \$500.00 by **Michael & Lisa Warycha**

Church Donation - \$250.00 by ION Bank Charitable Foundation – Thanks to many who participated.

2021 STAMFORD CHARITIES DIOCESE APPEAL

The month of May 2021 starts the Stamford Diocese Charities Appeal for **2021**.

This fund provides support for many programs in the Diocese as indicated in the Sower.

Our offering reminds us that we are members of a greater body of the Church that operates beyond the barriers of our local parish and that each one of us has a role to play in the Church's mission of evangelization and sanctification.

Please note: that at this time our seminary in Stamford is growing and needs your support.

You have received by mail your request for support.

Please help this fund as you have in the past.

Please do not send your donation to Stamford!!! Do not use Paypal !!!

Do not use Paypal for your donation !

Since every parish in the diocese has been assessed a target for this campaign, **please do not sent your gift directly to Stamford.** Our parish needs to be properly credited to meet its goal of seven thousand dollars. **We did not meet our goal in 2020.** While many of our regular contributors have fallen asleep in the Lord, it is even more essential that every parishioner consider such diocesan programs as vocations, religious education, evangelization, and stewardship worthy of personal charity.

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 (Svitlana), 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

NO 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

LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Our awareness and prayer for vocations should continue even more fervently and with the commitment to keep our prayers focused on the **Vocation Crisis**. We ask you to continue to fully commit to deep, sincere prayer for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, the monastic and religious life. As a community we should strive that our prayers be raised in unity ~ unity in mind, heart and soul, praying that the will of God will send workers into His vineyard.

******* 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.

May, Moleben, and the Mother of God



Mary the Mother of God, our spiritual Mother and Mother of the Church, brings a certain tenderness, compassion, and loving concern which has touched the hearts, souls, and minds of every generation throughout the history of the Church. Her title of “Mother” reveals her unique relationship with her Son and with the Church. In this, she is a wonderful source of inspiration, hope, and courage as we face the many trials and challenges of our Church and society.

Although we honour Mary at all times and in all our prayers and church services, May has been chosen as a time to focus on the Mother of God and her place in our salvation. Mary is the greatest of

all the saints. Every Divine Liturgy is offered first “for our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary.” She was chosen and saved from the beginning of her life because of the unique role she was to play in salvation history. When Mary said yes to bearing the Son of God, she became the first to be saved. Many events of her life provide us with a model of how we should live. We celebrate and venerate the Mother of God because she was the Theotokos (God-bearer).

Devotional services have been the Church’s response to help us express certain aspects of our relationships with God, Mary or certain saints. First among these services are those that honour the Mother of God. We do not adore her or worship her as we do God, but we venerate her; that is, we show her reverence and honour.

One of the devotional services is the Moleben. In general, a moleben is a service of intercession or supplication. The Moleben to the Theotokos is based on the service of matins, as served on a feast day, complete with a Gospel reading — in this case, Luke’s account of Mary visiting Elizabeth. It also includes the trisagion hymn in honor of the Blessed Trinity, the Our Father, petitions from the faithful and, of course, hymns of praise. This particular moleben is said to have originated at the beginning of the 20th century in Western Ukraine. Since then it has become beloved by Ukrainian Catholics, who hold a special devotion to the Theotokos. It is commonly used every Wednesday throughout the month of May.

The following three short prayers from the Moleben to the Theotokos may give some notion of the beauty of this liturgy. The first is one of repentance, the second a petition for salvation, while the third is a hymn of praise.

“Let us sinners humbly and diligently have recourse to the Mother of God. Prostrate in repentance, let us cry out from the depth of our soul: O Queen, in your compassion, come to our aid! Hasten, for we are perishing from the multitude of our sins. Do not turn away your servants empty-handed, for we have no protection besides you.”

“Rejoice, Mother of Eternal Love, and save all those who place their trust in you. Rejoice, Mary, fragrant flower of incorruption and save all those who place their trust in you. Rejoice, Mary, Advocate who did not abandon us after your dormition, and save all those who place their trust in you.”

“Rejoice, O Virgin most pure! Rejoice, honourable Scepter of Christ the King! Rejoice, you who sprouted the Mystical Vine! Rejoice, Gate of Heaven and Bush unconsumed! Rejoice, Light of the World! Rejoice Salvation of the Faithful! Rejoice, O Queen, Protectress and Refuge of all Christians!”





A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith. O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us a sign like Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure. Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen. Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen. Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis 11036 3/20 A

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