

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church



(Under the Holy Protection of the Mother of God)

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Holy Mystery of Reconciliation: After Liturgy or by appointment

Holy Mystery of Anointing: prior to surgery or whenever requested

Holy Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation: Arrange with Father Kyp

New Parishioners: Welcome! Please see Father for registration



DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR MAY 3rd to MAY 10th, 2026

Sunday May 3rd 11:00 a.m.	Sunday of the Samaritan Woman - pg 186 Readings: Acts 11:19-26 & 29-30; Jn 4:5-42 Intention: +Betty Dirda by Family.
Friday May 8th 10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Readings: 1 John 1:1-7; Jn 19:25-27 & 21-24 Intention: +Naomi & +Edwin Morgan
Sunday May 10th 11:00 a.m.	Sunday of the Man Born Blind - pg 189 Readings: Acts 16:16-34; Jn 9:1-38 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!

CHRISTOS VOSKRESE! VOISTINNU VOSKRESE!

(Slavonic/Rusin)

FELTAMADT KRISZTUS! VALOBAN FELTAMADT!

(Hungarian)

KRISTOS ANNESTI! ALITHOS ANNESTI!

(Greek)

ANNOUNCEMENT: BYZANTINE CATHOLIC OUTREACH FORMING IN CHARLESTON, WV

With the blessing of Metropolitan William, I have been entrusted with the beginning stages of forming and organizing a Byzantine Catholic Outreach in Charleston, WV. There are currently several dozen Byzantine Catholics residing in that area - with the closest Byzantine Catholic parish being approximately 3 hours away. At the present time, the community does not have a priest of their own. In response to their petition to the Metropolitan, I will be traveling to Charleston to celebrate the Divine Liturgy, meet with the faithful, and assess their spiritual needs. Over the coming weeks, I will be organizing efforts in preparation for our first Divine Liturgy, which is planned for a Sunday afternoon in June. If you know anyone who is living in the Charleston, WV area who would benefit from or who would be interested in attending, please encourage them to contact me directly. I will continue to faithfully serve the parishes in Uniontown and Morgantown during this time. More details will be shared in the coming weeks. Your prayers, support, and continued understanding are greatly appreciated. - Fr. Kyprian Wojciechowski

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

In today's Gospel reading (John 4:5-42), we encounter Jesus at Jacob's well, engaging in a profound conversation with a Samaritan woman. This encounter is rich with lessons for us.

Firstly, Jesus breaks down social barriers. Jews and Samaritans typically avoided each other, yet Jesus initiates a conversation with the woman. This teaches us that



God's love transcends all human divisions—be they cultural, racial, or social. We are called to reach out to others with the same openness and love.

Secondly, Jesus offers the woman "living water," symbolizing the eternal life and spiritual fulfillment that only He can provide. The woman comes to the well seeking physical water, but she leaves with a deeper understanding of who Jesus is—the Messiah. This reminds us that our deepest needs and longings can only be truly satisfied in Christ.

Lastly, the woman's transformation is a powerful testimony. She goes from being an outcast to becoming a witness for Christ, bringing many from her town to believe in Him. Her story encourages us to share our own encounters with Jesus, no matter our past, and to be bold in our witness.

As we reflect on this passage, let us ask ourselves: Are we open to breaking down barriers and reaching out to others? Are we seeking the "living water" that Jesus offers? And are we willing to share our faith with those around us?

May we be inspired by the Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus and strive to live out these lessons in our daily lives.

<https://parma.org/events/sunday-of-the-samaritan-woman-1>

Pray for the Sick, Recovering, and Shut-Ins:



Theresa Glagola at Sundale

Keep all our ailing and healing parishioners in our prayers every day.

Please let Father Kyp know to include any family and parish members who are ill, hospitalized, or need a visit for blessing, anointing, confession, or request of prayers. Kindly call Father Kyp at (724) 953-6835 Thank You.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES go to:

Anyone celebrating theirs this week.



May God bless you with Peace, Health, and Happiness!
For many happy and blessed years!



Sanctuary Candles Intention is for our Church



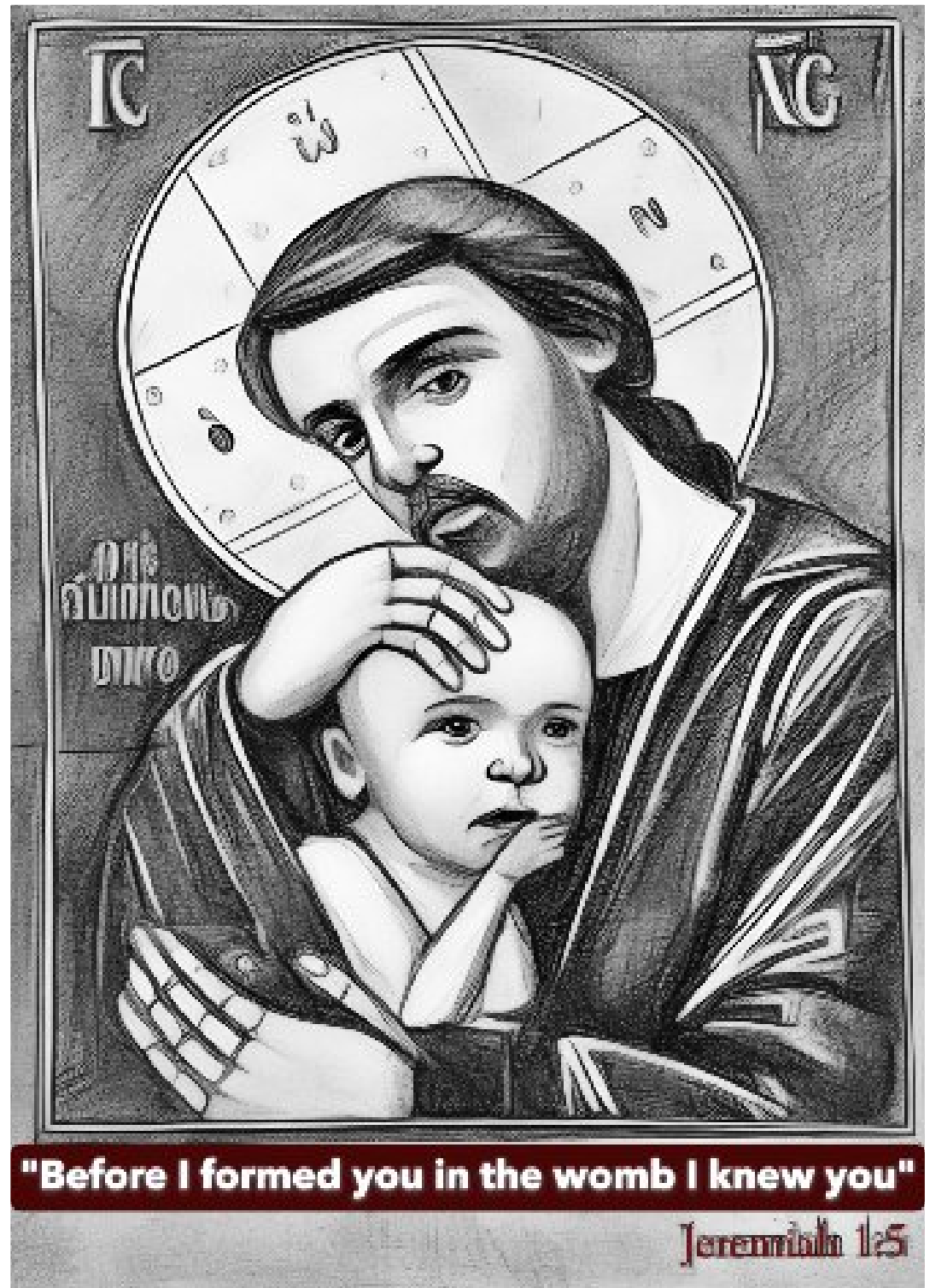
In the Eastern Church, the various prayers for the departed have as their purpose: to pray for the repose of the departed; to comfort the living; and to remind those who remain behind of their own mortality, and the brevity of this earthly life.



Offertory Collection for Apr. 26th, 2026

Envelope Offerings	Loose Offerings	Candles	GCU	Icons	Total
\$305	\$49	\$33	\$1000	\$70	\$1457

Church Attendance for Sunday was: 28



Mother's Day Dinner: Next Sunday for Mother's Day the Ladies Guild will serve a Mother's Day Luncheon. Come and join us as we celebrate the wonderful women who dedicate their lives to all of us! Free will donation...

Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian - Commemorated on May 8

Every year, on May 8, a red dust appears on his grave, which heals the sick, through the prayers of the Holy Apostle John. People call this dust "manna from the earth." Saint Augustine knew about this dust, and Saint Gregory of Tours also wrote about it. Some sources call this Feast "rodismos" (ροδισμός) i.e. Day of the Roses. Some think that this manna is called ροδής (a pink ointment, or a rose-colored dust). Others say that by this name they celebrate the roses of spring, just as we decorate the church with greenery and flowers on Pentecost. <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/05/08/101327-apostle>

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Acts 11:19-26 & 29-30

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyre'ne, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.



When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians.

And the disciples determined every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea; and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

John 4:5-42

So he came to a city of Samar'ia, called Sy'char, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samar'ia to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samar'ia?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to

draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him.

Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has any one brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

