



**ST. NICHOLAS
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Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Saturday	May 2, 2026	Festal Tone, p. 186 Acts 11: 19-26&29-30, Gospel reading: Jn 4:5-42
	3:00 – 3:30 pm	Mystery of Reconciliation (St. Mary)
	4:00 pm	Divine Liturgy (St. Mary) <i>In memory of +Theresa Kashner requested by John Kashner</i>
Sunday	May 3, 2026	Festal Tone, p. 186 Acts 11: 19-26&29-30, Gospel reading: Jn 4:5-42
	8:00 am	Divine Liturgy (St. Nicholas) <i>Health and Blessings for the Parish Family of Assumption of the Virgin Mary Church and St. Nicholas Church</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy (St. Mary) Livestreamed <i>Health and Blessings Pam and Joseph Trapp for their 50th wedding anniversary requested by their sons</i>

Sunday of the Man Born Blind – Mother’s Day

Saturday	May 9, 2026	Festal Tone, p. 189 Acts 16: 16-34, Gospel reading: Jn 9:1-38
	3:00 – 3:30 pm	Mystery of Reconciliation (St. Mary)
	4:00 pm	Divine Liturgy (St. Mary) <i>In memory of +Maragret Katona, +Anna Breza Ference and +Elizabeth Oros Katona requested by Catherine Katona</i>
Sunday	May 10, 2026	Festal Tone, p. 189 Acts 16: 16-34, Gospel reading: Jn 9:1-38
	8:00 am	Divine Liturgy (St. Nicholas) <i>For all Living and Deceased Mothers</i> Panachida Please join us the Coffee Social immediately following the Divine Liturgy
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy (St. Mary) Livestreamed <i>For all Living and Deceased Mothers</i> Panachida

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE HAPPENINGS AROUND THE EPARCHY? – Records are being updated for the monthly, eparchial newspaper, The Eastern Catholic Life. If you are not currently receiving this wonderful periodical from the Eparchy of Passaic and wish to do so, please drop a note in the collection basket. The annual offering for the newspaper is \$20.00. Also, if you wish to stop delivery of the paper, please notify the Church Office.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Weekly average needed to meet budget: (to keep lights on & doors open only)	\$1,623
Total collection for April 26, 2026 (Including cemetery repair donation)	\$902
2024 -2025 shortfall	-\$15,048
Overage/shortfall* this week	-\$721
Running total of overage/shortfall*	+\$4,145
*Any shortfall must be made up by transferring money from savings.	

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL – We have **10 donors** that have contributed **\$2,275** toward our parish assessment of **\$3,000**. If we reach our goal the parish will receive a 40% return of our total contributions. With your help we can make our goal and get the rebate.

Visit <https://www.eparchyofpassaic.com/> to donate and help your parish to meet our goal.

Funds are used to support many good works of the Eparchy including supporting the education of our youth in the faith, the formation of new priests as well as the preaching of The Good News. Donations toward this appeal are being accepted through June 1, 2026.

MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE – Mother’s Day is May 10. Now is the time to remember or mothers living and deceased, with prayer and honor. Complete your Mother’s Day remembrance lists and place them in the collection basket or mail them to the Roebling address no later than May 4.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT – Mark your calendars! Our Vacation Bible School will take place August 11th through August 13th for children ages 4 to 11. Youth ages 12 and older are warmly invited to participate as junior counselors and volunteers. Registration forms are available at the back of the church. If you are interested, please fill one out and place it in the collection basket. There is no obligation — this simply allows us to keep you informed and provide you with updates about the camp.

We strongly encourage you to participate and to invite your children to grow in faith, friendship, and knowledge of God.

PIROHI FOR SALE!!! – Enjoy traditional, homemade goodness from the parishioners of St. Nicholas Parish! Potato Cheese pirohi at \$15 per dozen are available for your Lenten table. For ordering, please contact Monica Olaff at (609) 280-9481 or Stephanie Hennessey at (609) 731-1871. The supply is limited.

GCU NEWS – Enjoy a trip to Longwood Gardens! The trip is scheduled for Friday, May 8, 2026 and will include A-1 bus transportation, your entrance ticket into the Gardens and a guided tour. For additional details please call Cyndi at 609 356-9440, registration is available on the GCU website. The price for GCU members is \$60; non-members is \$80.

ST. NICHOLAS CEMETERY REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – Thank you for your generosity! We have reached nearly 30% of our goal! Please contact the church office at 609-394-5025 or church email with names and addresses of descendants or parishioner families who have moved away. We will be happy to send them a note asking for their support. Thank you again for your support!

PROPER POSTURE FOR PRAYER DURING THE EASTER SEASON – From the celebration of Pascha (Resurrection Matins) until the Kneeling Prayers at Pentecost, the traditional posture for prayer in the Byzantine tradition is to stand rather than to kneel. Standing is a sign of the Resurrection and expresses our joy in the Risen Christ. During this festal period, the Church invites us to pray as a people redeemed and raised up with Christ, reflecting the ancient practice of the Christian East. For this reason, kneeling is set aside until Pentecost, when the Church again introduces kneeling prayers.

This practice has been encouraged in the parishes of the Byzantine Catholic Church, particularly within the Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh, in accordance with directives of the bishops issued in 2006, as part of a broader effort to recover authentic liturgical tradition.

Those who are not physically able to stand are, of course, free to sit or kneel as needed. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with Fr. Yuriy.