



**ST. NICHOLAS
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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
Ascension of Our Lord - Obligation		
Thursday	May 14, 2026	Festal Tone, p. 191 Acts 1: 1-112, Gospel reading: LK 24:36-53
	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy (St. Mary) <i>Health and Blessing for Lisa Remm for her birthday requested by aunt, Gloria Telencio</i>
	4:00 pm	Divine Liturgy (St. Nicholas) <i>Intention of Parishioners</i>
Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council – Holy Anointing		
Saturday	May 16, 2026	Festal Tone, p. 196 Acts 20: 16-18 & 28-38 Gospel reading: Jn 17:1-13
	3:15 – 3:30 pm	Mystery of Reconciliation (St. Mary)
	4:00 pm	Divine Liturgy (St. Mary) <i>In memory of +Joseph Bodnar requested by Catherine Katona</i>
Sunday	May 17, 2026	Festal Tone, p. 196 Acts 20: 16-18 & 28-38 Gospel reading: Jn 17:1-13
	8:00 am	Divine Liturgy (St. Nicholas) <i>Health and Blessings for the Parish Families of Assumption of the Virgin Mary and St. Nicholas Church</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy (St. Mary) Livestreamed <i>In memory of +Rick Hegner requested by Ken and Carol Reichmann</i> Please join us the Coffee Social immediately following the Divine Liturgy

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 & GCU)	\$2,983
2024 -2025 shortfall	-\$15,048
Overage/shortfall* this week	+\$1,360
Running total of overage/shortfall*	+\$5,505
*Any shortfall must be made up by transferring money from savings.	

PICNIC NEWS – The Picnic Planning Committee will hold its first meeting of the year on Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 7 p.m. at the St. Nicholas Social Hall. If you’re interested, join us as we begin preparing for our annual picnic, which will take place on September 13th at the CYO grounds in Yardville, NJ.

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.

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.

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.

ST. NICHOLAS CEMETERY REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – Thank you for your generosity! We have reached nearly 32% 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!

GCU NEWS – Saturday, May 30, 2026, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, a volunteer event. West Windsor Lions Club/ West Windsor Volunteer Fire Co. Food packing event at Firehouse. To sign up, call Cyndi at 609 356-9440

SOCIAL EVENTS:
Wednesday, July 1, 2026 Rossi’s luncheon
Friday, July 10, 2026 Mercer County Park Concert (evening event)
Saturday, July 11, 2026 Eckley Miner Village Brew Festival, Hazelton, Pa. (bus transportation provided)
Saturday, July 25, 2026 Trenton Thunder Game

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.