

## DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

**Sunday of the Paralytic Man, May 3, 2020**

9:00 AM - Lit. God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

**Monday, May 4, 2020**9:00 AM - Lit. + Anna Kozak (40<sup>th</sup> Day) r/by Family**Tuesday, May 5, 2020**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Joseph, Dorothy, Mary, Steve, Joseph Andrews-Andrushetsko - Legate

**Wednesday, May 6, 2020**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Michael, Steven Palyla r/by Family

6:30 PM - May Devotions to the Mother of God

**Thursday, May 7, 2020**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Michailo Navrotskiy r/by Friends

**Friday, May 8, 2020**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Mary Ann Makar r/by Shumny Family

**Saturday, May 9, 2020**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Ray Otlowski r/by Galetta Family

5:00 PM - Lit. God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

**Sunday of the Samaritan Woman, May 10, 2020****MOTHERS DAY***Epistle - Acts 11:19-26 & 29-30; Gospel - Jn 4:5-42*

9:00 AM - Lit. Living Mothers of Our Parish

Pan. - + Deceased Mothers of Our Parish

**TODAY: Sunday of the Paralytic.**

How tragic is the story of the life of the paralytic. A man had been paralyzed for years. He lay at a short distance from healing, but he himself had no strength to merge into the waters of cleansing. And no one - no one in the course of all the thirty eight years and more - had compassion on him. Everyone who was sick rushed to be first in order to be healed. Others, who were attached to those suffering by love, by friendship, helped them to be healed first. But no one cast a glance at this man, who for years had longed for healing and was not in himself able to find strength to become whole. Jesus came by and spotted this man. The paralytic didn't recognize Jesus as the Messiah...but he was willing to follow directions, and as a result received the healing he had hoped for after so many years of waiting. When we recognize that our hope is in Christ alone, we know that only He has power in our lives.

**Pastor's Corner.**

Please note, the suspension of public services at our parishes continues. Once we have the date to re-open for public services again, an announcement with more details will be posted on our parish site <http://assumptioncatholicchurch.net>. This date will be determined in consultation with and based on the recommendations of our Archbishop and of the health authorities.

I am looking forward to praying with you all hopefully very soon! Meanwhile, we will continue with LIVESTREAMED LITURGIES. Join our live streamed Sunday services at 9:00 a.m. on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ivan.turyk>

**Mother's Day.**

Sunday, May 10th, we celebrate Mother's Day in our parish with the remembrance of the living and deceased Mothers at the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy. As we celebrate the gift of motherhood, may we give praise to our God for the very special woman who gave us life. Please honor your Mother, whether living or deceased, with heartfelt prayers. There will be petitions for their health and continued blessings, and a requiem service, panachyda, for all our Mothers who have died. The names of mothers and donors will be listed if we receive the names by May 3, 2020.

**Remember to Support Our Parish.**

These days are challenging for us all on many levels, including financially. A heartfelt "thank you" goes out to all who have continued to make donations to our parish either by mail, or by dropping envelopes off over the past few weeks. Any small way you can contribute is very much appreciated. If sending multiple donations, one check is fine, and a note dictating what the donation is for. If you prefer to drop them off, there is a mail slot outside the Rectory office door. Last week we received \$2,704.00 in donations to support our parish. Thanks for your generosity.

**WE MISS YOU! #ACSTRONG**

The coronavirus quarantine may have closed ACS, for at least another month, but teachers and administration aren't letting that stop them from connecting with their students at home during the quarantine. Last week, they created a video in which encouraging messages were displayed for students stuck at home. In this creative way, they cheered up their classes and reassured them, that they might not be in their classrooms, but they are in their hearts. Watch the video at our school's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6v8MzaMxMYXY4VqG7OeOqQ>

**Moleben to Mary (Most Holy Theotokos)**

During the month of May our Church honors Mary the Mother of God in special *moleben* services. On the Cross the crucified Lord gave John to His Mother and said: "This is Your Son!" At this moment we along with the beloved disciple John became spiritual children under the protection of His Mother Mary. Then turning to His disciple, Jesus said: "This is Your Mother!" At this moment not only John but all of us had a Spiritual Mother Who loved and cared for and about us. Mary is our Intercessor always ready to help us, aid us in our times of need.

Every Wednesday at 6:00 pm, we will celebrate Moleben Service and pray for Our Lady's continued protection of all those who face the effects of the corona pandemic.

**Memorial Donation**

\$25.00 - Roman & Cathy Ambrozewycz, in memory of  
+ TED SEREDOCHA

**Thank You**

Dear parishioners, with the assistance of the Revived Soldiers Ukraine, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing aid to the wounded soldiers of Ukraine, we were able to pay (\$2,454) for the surgery of the Ukrainian soldier Andriy Gergeta. We collected these funds during the Theophany Meat Fest and through private contributions of donors.

**How the Virgin Mary protects her faithful children from all evil.**

The Virgin Mary is first of all a mother, and a very powerful spiritual mother! She is fully united with her Son in Heaven and seeks to use all of her power to protect her children, who are invited to turn to her in their time of need. St. Louis de Montfort, an 18th-century priest who dedicated his whole life to leading souls to Jesus through Mary, wrote about the protection she offers in his book entitled True Devotion to Mary. He compares her to a hen who gathers her brood under her wings, saving them from outside enemies.

Mary, the beloved Mother of chosen souls, shelters them under her protecting wings as a hen does her chicks. She speaks to them, coming down to their level and accommodating herself to all their weaknesses. To ensure their safety from the hawk and vulture, she becomes their escort, surrounding them as an army in battle array. This she does out of the pure love she has for us, especially those who are daily devoted to her. This simple truth has been confirmed by many throughout the years, especially exorcists.

Famed exorcist [Fr. Gabriele Amorth](#) discovered this reality in his dialogues with the devil, where the devil said to him, "*I am more afraid when you say the Madonna's name, because I am more humiliated by being beaten by a simple creature, than by Him.*"

Pope Francis related similar words in a [homily at St. Mary Major](#), "*Where the Madonna is at home the devil does not enter; where there is the Mother, disturbance does not prevail, fear does not win.*"

Let us stay underneath the wings of the Blessed Mother and let her safely guide us to eternal life!