

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers, May 4, 2025**

10:00 AM - Liturgy for God's Blessings on Our Parishioners - followed by our Parish Easter Dinner

**Tuesday, May 6, 2025**

7:30 AM - Lit. Special Intention of Oksana Halyas

6:30 PM - Moleben to the Mother of God

**Wednesday, May 7, 2025**

7:30 AM - Lit. Special Intention of Iryna Buryk and Volodymyr Voronchak

**Thursday, May 8, 2025**

7:30 AM - Lit. + Ronald Kopi - Legate

**Friday, May 9, 2025**

8:45 AM - Lit. + Carolyn Terefenko - Legate

**Saturday, May 10, 2025**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Halyna Selivkova (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
r/by Korostil Family

5:00 PM - Lit. + Olga Yurechko

**Sunday of the Paralytic Man, May 11, 2025****Mothers Day**

Epistle - Acts 9:32-42; Gospel - Jn 5:1-15

9:00 AM - Lit. for all Ladies and Mothers of Our Parish  
Panachyda for Deceased Mothers of Our Parish

11:30 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

**May Devotions**

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. When was the last time you came to a weekday service? COME TO MAY DEVOTIONS, a Moleben service offered at our church on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Come to church, join us in honoring her, who God first honored, by choosing her to be the Mother of His Son.

**Women's Evening of Prayer** will be held on Tuesday evening, May 27, 2025, at 6:30 pm, sponsored by St. Ann's Society. This is a prayer service and is used throughout the month of May, a time for Catholics to focus on honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**Homilist:** Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak.

We hope you can join us on this evening of Marian devotion where nourishment will be for both body and soul.

**Baptized in the Lord**

With great joy, our parish family welcomes the newest Child of God:

**DANIEL DOVGALIUK**

who was Baptized and Chrismated in our church this Saturday. To his parents and all family and friends we extend our joyful congratulations!

**Paschal Greeting.**

The Paschal greeting is a custom among Eastern Christians, consisting of a greeting and response. Instead of "hello" or its equivalent, one is to greet another person with "Christ is risen!" The response is "He is truly risen!" This greeting is used during liturgical services and informally at other times, starting with the feast of Pascha and lasting until the Feast of Ascension.

**KNEELING** - We should not kneel or make prostrations in Church or in our private prayers at home from Pascha through Pentecost.

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.

**Sincere Sympathies**

Our most sincere sympathies are extended to the family and friends of + OLGA CASTELL who was recently called to her eternal reward.

**Property Insurance.**

Our parish recently paid property insurance for our church and school buildings in the amount of \$43,000. This biggest expense of our parish was paid to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

**TODAY: Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women.**

Christ is Risen! I heartily congratulate all the women present here on the great holiday - Sunday of Myrrh-Bearing Women. Because, today, we celebrate the holiday of loyalty, and, first of all, the loyalty of women. Because the Mother of God, Myrrh-Bearing Women, and the Apostle John were standing near the Cross of the Lord, all the other disciples and apostles fled. For two weeks, the joyful Easter greeting "Christ is Risen" has been heard among Christians. This greeting announces to the world the victory of good over evil, light over darkness, and life over death. Myrrh-Bearing Women were the first to spread the good news about Christ's Resurrection. Their feat attracted other women to Christ's faith.

**Who were they?** 1. Mary Magdalene; 2. Salome; 3. Mary, the Mother of James and Joses; 4. Johanna, the wife of Chuza; 5. Susanna; 6 & 7. Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus. These glorious ladies of the Church remained steadfast in their faith and brought glory to the Church of Christ. The Fathers of the Church consider them "equal to the Apostles."

**Religious Education provided by our Sisters for the Parish Youth in May:**

- May 23 - children 8-10 years old (grades 2, 3, 4), Friday, 6:30-8:30 pm
- May 24 - teenagers (13-18 years old), Saturday, 6:30-8:30 pm
- May 30 - children 10-12 years old (grades 5, 6, 7), Friday, 6:30-8:30 pm

**Mothers Day**

NEXT Sunday, May 11, we will be remembering living and deceased mothers during Divine Liturgy. If you would like to include names for this commemoration, please provide their names.

**Congratulations** to the parish choir director Alla Korostil and her husband Stefan on 45 years of marriage! A wonderful milestone to celebrate with our parish family. Thank you for being outspoken witnesses of life, marriage, and family. Blessings to you and thanks for flowers donation for today's Liturgy! Mnohaya Lita!

**Questions about the Conclave**

- **What time do cardinals vote?**

The conclave to elect Pope Francis' successor officially opens on May 7, and the cardinal electors of the College of Cardinals are expected to vote one time that first day.

From May 8 onward, assuming someone wasn't elected in the first ballot – which has never happened in the era of modern conclaves – the cardinals will vote twice in the morning and twice in the afternoon until a new pope is elected. There needs to be a two-thirds majority, and if the total number of electors is not evenly divisible by three, an additional vote is necessary. Since two of the [135 electors](#) are not coming for health reasons, there will need to be 2/3 of 133: That's 89 votes.

If there's no new pope after three days of voting, the [cardinals get a break](#) of at least a day to pray, discuss the election with other cardinals, and receive a "brief spiritual exhortation" from Cardinal Dominique Mamberti, the Cardinal Proto-Deacon, said Vatican News.

- **How does voting work?**

After the votes are tallied, they are then burned, which will signal the results of the election to the rest of the world.

If the smoke is black, there's no new pope, and the cardinals will vote again in a few hours or again the next morning. But if the smoke is white, cancel your plans and sit down in front of the nearest television or live stream and wait with bated breath to see who is the new Successor of St. Peter. About a [half hour to an hour](#) after the white smoke appears, Cardinal Mamberti will announce "Habemus Papam" (We have a Pope!), and the new Pope will give his first blessing from the balcony of St. Peter's.