

**05 MAY 2024**

**SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES**

*SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND 5/5/24*

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✦ Kathryn Vilkinofsky (req. by Kathleen Kostef)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✦ Richard Slovich (req. by Art & Rose Ann Provost)

11:00 AM (E) For the Parish Family

*ASCENSION OF OUR LORD 5/9/24*

Wednesday: 6:30 PM (G) ✦ Kenneth and ✦ Helen Warner (req. by Debbie Warner)

Thursday: 6:30 PM (E) ✦ Msgr. Peter Tay

*SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL 5/12/24*

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✦ Wing-Fan Ng (req. by MM Raymond Ng)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✦ Pauline Aranyos (req. by Larry & Paula Reinhart)

11:00 AM (E) For the Parish Family

**OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN US:**

04/28/24

**\$1280.00**

**CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD APRIL COLLECTION – Canned meals such as Beef Stew, Chili, Corned Beef Hash, Spaghetti, Ravioli, etc.**

*Proverbs 14:31 – “Anyone who oppresses the poor is insulting God who made them. To help the poor is to honor God.”*

**EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION**

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*Prayer to Sts. Cyril & Methodius*

*O Holy Slavonic Apostles, Cyril and Methodius, you led those lost souls and us with them from the darkness of pagan error to the light of the true faith of Christ. Now you rejoice with Christ in heaven. We rejoice in your glory, with which God has rewarded your untiring zeal. We humbly thank Him for the great gift of Christianity which our heavenly Father has bestowed upon us through your efforts. Intercede with God for us who are unworthy descendants of Adam. Grant that we may be strengthened in the true faith which you preached in the Slavic lands. Amen*

**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!  
CHRISTOS VOŠKREŠE! VOIŠTINNU VOŠKREŠE!**

**PASCHAL TROPARION: Christ is risen from the dead! By death he trampled death; and to those in the tombs he granted life.**

**ASCENSION OF OUR LORD – May 9**

This Holy Day always falls on a Thursday, forty days after Pascha (Easter). After Jesus had resurrected from the dead, He showed Himself to many with proof of His divinity as He walked, taught, and ate with His apostles here on earth for forty days to encourage them.

On this Holy Day of Ascension Jesus took His Mother and the apostles to the top of Mt. Olive. On the way, He continued to strengthen them. His last instructions were for them all to return to Jerusalem.

He said, “There you shall receive the power from on high. The Holy Spirit will descend upon you, and you shall be witness unto me starting in Jerusalem and in all of Judea, Samaria, and even to the uttermost parts of the earth!”

Jesus then blessed them for the last time saying, “Observe all that I have commanded you, and behold, I am with you always, even to the end of time.”

Then there came a bright cloud from heaven, and He was carried away on it to heaven. As they kept looking up, two men, as angels, dressed in all white, stood beside them saying, “This same Jesus you see ascending into heaven, He shall come again, as He promised.” When they turned to leave, the angels were gone. They returned to Jerusalem, to await the promise of the coming of Holy Spirit.

*Matching Words with Actions*

The Christian life must be one where what comes out of the mouth matches the actions of the person. God wants both our words and actions to reflect our discipleship. This is not an easy task, and one, I dare say, that probably few people ever achieve. Only with the Lord to guide our thoughts and actions can we even imagine this to happen! However, it is not an impossible task, for God will give us the strength and perseverance to follow through with it.

We match our words and actions when we reflect on them. Sometimes we react, rather than act. If we stop, think, and then act, we will have more continuity in our lives. If we are reactionary, it is quite possible that we will appear to others to be hypocrites, and this is what Jesus warned His disciples not to become. Jesus tells them, “Good people draw what is good from the store of goodness in their hearts; bad people draw what is bad from the store of badness. For the words of the mouth flow out of what fills the heart” (Luke 6:45). May we strive to draw from the goodness of our hearts and may our words and actions reflect the goodness of the Lord in all we say and do.

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**JESUS PRAYER – Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner**