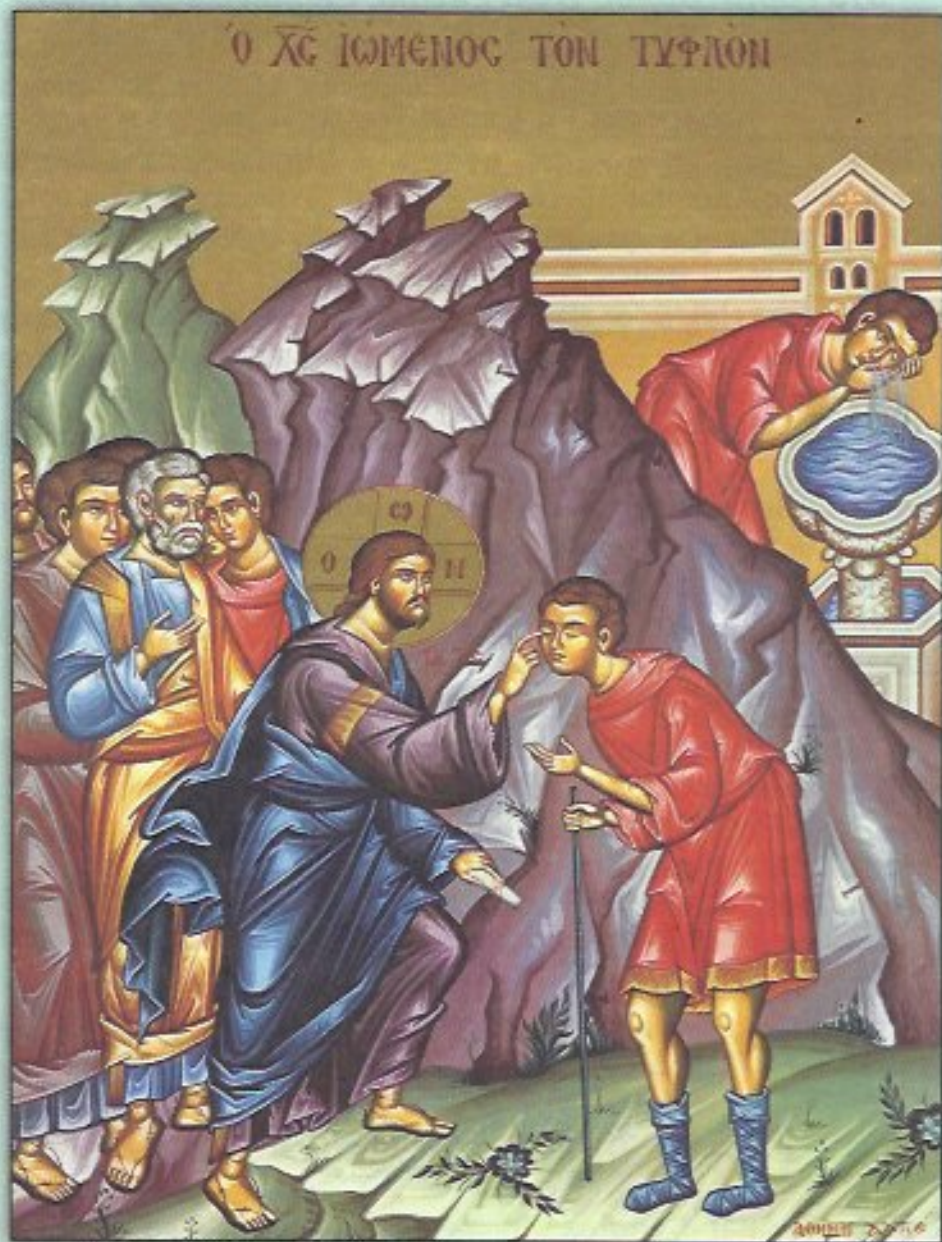


SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND



Icon of Christ and the Man Born Blind

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May 1-8, 2016

SUNDAY of the Man Born Blind

Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34

Gospel: John 9:1-38

SATURDAY 6:00PM +Deceased in Drozd Family – John Jr and Anna Drozd

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND May 1, 2016

9:00AM (Ukrainian) Health of Blaze, Lyuda, Natalia, Vasyl and Maria –

Tetyana Bondar

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

Daily Divine Liturgies are celebrated at 9:00AM. Please support our daily Liturgies through your attendance.

MONDAY No Divine Liturgy

TUESDAY +Funeral Liturgy: +John Vedomsky

WEDNESDAY Health of Florence Repella- Dan & Loretta Bodnar

ASCENSION THURSDAY May 5, 2016

We end the 40 days of Easter and celebrate the Ascension of our Lord into heaven to send down upon us the Gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost

5:30PM + Paul Barna – Holy Ghost Pyrohy Workers

FRIDAY For the Sick and Infirm of the Parish

SATURDAY 6:00PM +Olga Kucynda – Michael Kucynda

MOTHER'S DAY :

SUNDAY OF THE FATHER'S OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

9:00AM (Ukrainian) For the Living & Deceased Mother's of our parish

11:00AM (English) For the Living & Deceased Mother's of our Parish

COLLECTION – \$1626.90 Thank you for your generosity and support.

Eternal Light & Altar Candles In Memory of John Vedomsky- Joann & Judy

CHRISTOS VOSKRES! VOYEESTINU VOSKRES!

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND (Sixth Paschal Sunday):

Troparion (5): Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion (5): With eyes that are spiritually blind, I come to You, O Christ; and like the man who was blind since birth, I cry out to You with repentance: You are a shining Light to those who are in darkness.

Now and for ever and ever: Amen. Kontakion (8): Although You descended into the grave, O Immortal One, You destroyed the power of Death. You arose again as a victor, O Christ God. You announced to the women bearing ointment: Rejoice! You gave peace to Your apostles and resurrection to the fallen.

Prokimenon (8):

Make vows to the Lord your God, and fulfill them.

Verse: God is made known in Judah; in Israel His name is great.

Epistle: Reading of the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (Acts 16, 16-34)

In those days, as the apostles were going to the place of prayer, they met a slave girl with an oracular spirit, who used to bring a large profit to her owners through her fortune-telling. She began to follow Paul and us, shouting, "These people are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She did this for many days. Paul became annoyed, turned, and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." Then it came out at that moment. When her owners saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them to the public square before the local authorities. They brought them before the magistrates and said, "These people are Jews and are disturbing our city and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us Romans to adopt or practice." The crowd joined in the attack on them, and the magistrates had them stripped and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After inflicting many blows on them, they threw them into prison and instructed the jailer to guard them securely. When he received these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and secured their feet to a stake. About midnight, while Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God as the prisoners listened, there was suddenly such a severe earthquake that the foundations of the jail shook; all the doors flew open, and the chains of all pulled loose. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew [his] sword and was about to kill himself, thinking that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted out in a loud voice, "Do no harm to yourself; we are all here." He asked for a light and rushed in and, trembling with fear, he fell down before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you and your household will be saved." So they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to everyone in his house. He took them in at that hour of the night and bathed their wounds; then he and all his family were baptized at once. He brought them up into his house and provided a meal and with his household rejoiced at having come to faith in God.

Alleluia Verses:

Turn to me in pity as You turn to those who love Your name.

Guide my footsteps according to Your promise, and let no iniquity rule over me.

Gospel:(Jn 9,1-38)

At that time, as Jesus was passing by, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible

through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." So they said to him, "[So] how were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see." And they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know." They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." [But] others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?" His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Messiah, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him."

So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the

eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything."

They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

It is truly right... (Or the Hirmos of the Feast):

An angel greeted you O full of grace; O purest Virgin Rejoice! And again I say rejoice! For after three days your Son has risen from the dead, and then raised the dead with himself, people everywhere rejoice!

Shine forth in splendor, New Jerusalem! For the glory of the Lord is risen on you! Skip for joy in happy festival O Sion, and you O purest One, Mother of God, rejoice in the resurrection of your Son .

After "Save your People" , after "Blessed be the name of the Lord"

Christ is Risen from the dead, conquering death by death and to those in the tombs bestowing life.

Christos Voskrese eez mertvik, smertiyu smert poprav, ee suschim vo hrobeek, zhivot daruvaw!

And He gives us eternal life, we bow down to his third day resurrection from the dead.

IN MEMORIAM

We offer our love and sympathy to Paulette Bellis and her family on the death of her brother **+Paul Barna** who passed away last week. May His memory be eternal!

We also offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **+John Vedomsky** who passed away this week. John was a long time faithful member of Holy Ghost Church and had been active in many church and civic activities. He will be greatly missed. May His memory be eternal! Christ is Risen!

PARISH DINNER MEETING

There will be a meeting on Thursday evening at 6:30PM to plan for our annual Parish Dinner which will be held on Sunday March 22, 2016 at 12:30PM. All are welcome.

PENTECOST SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR UKRAINIAN MISSIONS

There will be a special collection on Pentecost Sunday throughout our Archeparchy to support the missions in Eastern Ukraine, Europe, North America and the Middle East. Donations may also be sent directly to the Chancery Office at 827 N Franklin St Philadelphia PA 19123. God bless you.

CHAPEL WORK

We will be working on the Chapel over the next few weeks.. We need help in scraping the walls, painting, and general cleanup. All are welcome to come to help even if for an hour. The gas and water lines are being connected soon and we will be having a blessing of the building sometime in May.

There is a work sheet in the vestibule with times posted, please sign up if you are able. Thank you.

SISTERS OF ST BASIL UKRAINE

Two of our parishioners, Olga and Emily Dunigan, will be joining with the Sisters of St Basil as volunteers for the Catechetical Camps they will be conducting in various regions of Ukraine. We will be dedicating our May Pyrohy sale proceeds for the orphans and victims of war in Ukraine to extend not only our prayers but vital help to our brothers and sisters in need. Anyone wishing to donate towards the Sisters work in Ukraine, simply drop an envelope in the collection basket with Sisters of St Basil marked on the front or see Fr. Dan. Thank you.

ASCENSION THU RSDAY

On Thursday May 5 we mark the ending of the 40 days of Easter and celebrate the Ascension of our Lord into Heaven. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 5:30PM

EASTER SUNDAY :JULIAN CALENDAR

We extend our Easter greetings to our Orthodox brethren and our brothers and sisters in Ukraine who celebrate on the Julian Calendar. May the experience the joy and hope of the Resurrection! Christos Voskres! Christ is Risen!

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MAY

MOLEBEN SERVICES Sundays at 3:00PM

ROSARY: Wednesday and Friday at Noon

PYROHY SALE : MAY 10-11, 2016 Orders may be placed by calling 610-252-4266 or by filling out the order list in the back of the church. Thank you

PARISH FEAST DAY DINNER May 22, 2016 12:30PM in the church hall.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES Monday 10:30AM at the cemetery.

TOWER REPAIR

We have entered into contract with Fania Roof Company of Allentown for the repair of our church tower. The fabrication of the louvers will take 8-10 weeks, so we are looking to begin the project in the spring. The tower repair will correct the leak in the ceiling of the choir loft, replace the louvers which have deteriorated, with aluminum louvers, and repair the concrete and brick pointing.

Work will begin on Wednesday May 4, 2016. Weather Permitting.

Please remember to pray for the sick and all those who have requested our prayers

Helen Terleski	Teodozia Sroka	Catherine Kutzler	Olga Turczyn
Mae Kulczykcki	Sophie Troyan	Jean Lakomski	Michael Trusz
Michael Horon	Peg Hutnik	Richard Suter	Florence Repella
Olga Bryksa	Julian Trusz	Michael Sidlar	Walter Kiniuk
Joseph Bodnar	Lillian Opp	Frank & Betty Maitiski	Sarah Shanks
Kim Lightcap	Gregory Neff	Karen Bakros	Stephen Terleski
Margaret Dashe	Helen Potak	Anna Drozd	Olga Trusz
Robert Leiby	Mary Heverling	Frieda Lubosky	Robin Mease

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FOR OUR CHILDREN

May 1, 2016: Praying the Rosary : Devotion to the Mother of God

May 8, 2016: Mother's Day : Distribution of Flowers by the children to the Mother of God and to the mother's of the parish.

May 15: 2016 PENTECOST: The Holy Spirit

Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 10:15am-10:45AM.

ADULT RELIGION CLASSES will resume in May. They will be held every other Wednesday evening : May 4, & May 18.

MAY 4, 2016 :5:30PM Mary : the Icon of Human Perfection

May 18, 2016 :5:30PM The Akafist Hymn: Salutations to the Virgin Mary

MAY DEVOTIONS

During the Month of May we will be celebrating the **Moleben to the Mother of God** on Sunday afternoons at 3:00PM, and praying the **Rosary** on Wednesdays and Fridays of May at noon. Please join us in praying to our Blessed Mother for peace in our world and for the sick and infirm of our parish.

VISITATIONS OF THE SICK

The Sick and infirm of the parishes will be visited with the Sacrament of Holy Communion from Wednesday to Saturday of this week. Fr Dan will call prior to his visit. If you would like to have Fr Dan visit with you or a member of your family please contact the rectory this week.

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If you wish to join Holy Ghost Church and become a member of our parish family, please contact Fr. Dan at the parish rectory to register with us.

Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion. Classes are required for parents and godparents prior to sacrament. Please contact the parish office

Marriages: Couples wishing to be married must be registered in the parish and attending Pre-Cana classes. One year notification is required.

Anointing of the Sick/Visitation of the Sick: Anyone wishing to be visited with Holy Communion and/or anointed for healing, please contact Fr. Dan at the parish office.

Confession: Regular confession helps us in our journey of faith.

Confessions will be held

Saturday's from 5:15PM-5:45PM Sunday from 10:15AM-10:45AM

Jesus Completes Creation

He healed others by a word. ... But the Lord bestowed sight on the one who was blind from birth – not by a word, but by an outward action. He did this neither casually nor simply because this was how it happened. He did it this way in order to show it was the same hand of God here that had also formed man at the beginning. And therefore when His disciples asked Him why he had been born blind, whether by his own fault or his parents', Jesus said, "Neither this man sinned, nor his parents, but that the works of God might be manifested in him." The work of God is, after all, the forming of man. He did this by an outward action, as Scripture says, "And the Lord took clay from earth, and formed man." Notice here too how the Lord spit on the earth, and made clay and smeared it on his eyes, showing how the ancient creation was made. He was making clear

to those who can understand, that this was the hand of God through which man was formed from clay. For what the creating Word had neglected to form in the womb, this He supplied openly. He did this so that the works of God might be evident in Him, and so that we would now seek for no other hand than that through which humanity was formed. Nor should we seek another Father, knowing that the hand of God which formed us in the beginning, and forms in the womb, has in the last times sought us lost ones out. He is gaining his own lost sheep and putting it on his shoulders and joyfully restoring it to the fold of life.

St. Irenaeus of Lyons

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