

Divine Liturgy Guide

Sunday, May 25, 2025

Sunday of the Man Born Blind

SAT MAY 24: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy +IMO Lilik & Shastay Family The Lilik Family

SUN MAY 25: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday of the Man born blind Blessings for his People

MON MAY 26: **MEMORIAL DAY** 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy +IMO Priests, Benefactors, Parishioners, Ukrainian Soldiers & friends

TUES MAY 27: Therapont Bishop Martyr READ John 12:19-36

WED MAY 28: 6:00 p.m. Moleben to the Mother of God

THURS MAY 29: **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Ascension of our Lord Blessings for His people

FRI MAY 30: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy +IMO Mary, Michael and Teresa Seeshock by Mike Seechock

SAT MAY 31: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy +Joseph & Ester Linko by Linda Pirritano

SUN JUNE 1: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical council Blessings for His People

Collection Basket



5/17 to 5/18 \$

Thank you to last week's counters

Dave Pedley & Linda Gerrity

Next Week's Counters are:

Mike Trusz & Olenka Chandoha-Knott

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY

May 24-30

Birthdays:

Emily Sherpinkas - May 24

Valerya Kazysta - May 25

Regina Kozel - May 26

Molly Wells - May 30

Matthew Orzolek - May 30

Anniversary

David & Jean Pedley - May 25

VIGIL CANDLE SPONSORS: week beginning May 24, 2025

1	Hanging Eternal Lamp \$10	By: Linda Pirritano For: I.M.O. + Joseph and + Esther Linko
2	2 Altar Vigil Candles \$10	By: Servants of God For: + Veterans of all wars - Memorial Day remembrance
3	Proskomedia Candles \$10	By: Fr. Myron & the Faithful of St. Vladimir's Church For: I.M.O. + Soldiers, + Civilians, + Refugees of Ukraine
4	2 Tetrapod Candles \$10	By: Fr. Myron & the Faithful of St. Vladimir's Church For: End to war in Ukraine through a just & lasting peace
5	Jesus Vigil at Iconostas \$5	By: Wife Sharmayne For: I.M.O. + Walter Michael Tucker, Jr.
6	Mary Vigil at Iconostas \$5	By: Biloskirka Family For: I.M.O. + Nicholas and + Nadia Biloskirka
7	St. Nicholas \$5	By: Daughters Annette, Helen, Jean and Angela For: + John Pagnotti, Army veteran - birthday remembrance MAY 26
8	St. Vladimir Vigil at Iconostas \$5	By: Parish Family of St. Vladimir's Church For: I.M.O. + Founders & + Benefactors of St. Vladimir's Church
9	Jesus Entrance Vigil \$5	By: Stella Patrick For: Health and God's Blessings for Stephen Patrick
10	Mary Entrance Vigil \$5	By: Regina Kozel For: I.M.O. + Ihor Shablovsky
11	Mother of God Statue \$10	By: Lilik Family For: Deliverance of Ukraine & Protection of her Defenders
12	Altar 7 branch Saturday \$5	By: Fr. Myron & the Faithful of St. Vladimir's Church For: Vocations to the Holy Priesthood & Religious Life
13	Altar 7 branch Sunday \$5	By: Helen Pagnotti For: Birthday Blessings for Regina Kozel MAY 26
14	Blessed Mother (side altar) \$5	By: Servants of God For: God's Blessings upon adoptive Parents & their Children
15	Jesus (side altar) \$5	By: Daughter Sharmayne For: I.M.O. + Paul and + Betty Schwenk

CONFESSION

For anyone that would like to receive the holy sacrament of confession you can let Father Myron know and set up a time either before or after Liturgy from Tuesday through Saturday.

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Divine Liturgies: Saturday 4 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m.,

Holy Days & Weekdays see bulletin

OUR MISSION PARISH: Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

Epistle: Acts 16: 16-34

"A reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles."

In those days, while Paul and Luke were on their way to the place of prayer, they met a slave girl who had a clairvoyant spirit. She used to bring substantial profit to her masters by fortunetelling. The girl began to follow Paul and the rest of them shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God; they will make known to you a way of salvation." She did this for several days until finally Paul became annoyed, turned around, and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you, come out of her!" Then and there the spirit left her.

When her masters saw that their source of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the main square before the local authorities. They turned them over to the magistrates with this complaint: "These men are agitators disturbing the peace of our city! Furthermore, they are Jews, which means they advocate customs which are not lawful for us Romans to adopt or practice." The crowd joined in the attack on them, and the magistrates stripped them and ordered them to be flogged. After receiving many lashes, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was given instructions to guard them well. Upon receipt of these instructions, he put them in maximum security, going so far as to chain their feet to a stake. About midnight, while Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God as their fellow prisoners listened, a severe earthquake suddenly shook the place, rocking the prison to its foundations. Immediately all the doors flew open and everyone's chains were pulled loose. The jailer woke up to see the prison gates wide open. Thinking that the prisoners had escaped, he drew his sword to kill himself; but Paul shouted to him, "Do not harm yourself! We are all still here." The jailer called for a light, then rushed in and fell trembling at the feet of Paul and Silas. After a brief interval he led them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" Their answer was, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, and all your household." They proceeded to announce the word of God to him and to everyone in his house. At that late hour of the night, he took them in and bathed their wounds; then he and his whole household were

baptized. He led them up into his house, spread a table before them, and joyfully celebrated with his whole family his newfound faith in God.

Gospel: John 9: 1-38

At that time as Jesus was passing by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he should be born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither has this man sinned nor have his parents, but the works of God were to be made manifest in him. I must do the works of the one who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the Light of the world.”

When he had said these things, he spat on the ground and made clay with the spittle, and spread the clay over the man’s eyes, and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam (which is interpreted ‘sent’).” So, he went away, and washed, and returned seeing. The neighbors therefore and those who had seen earlier that he was blind began saying, “Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is.” But others said, “He only looks like him.” Yet, the man declared, “I am the one.” They therefore asked him, “How were your eyes opened?” He answered and said, “The man who is called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.’ And I went and washed, and I see.” And they asked him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They took the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. Now, it was a Sabbath on which Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Again, therefore, the Pharisees asked him how he received his sight. But he said to them, “He put clay upon my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” Therefore, some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner work these signs?” And there was a division among them. Again, therefore they said to the blind man, “What do you say of the one who opened your eyes?” But he said, “He is a prophet.” The Jews therefore did not believe of him that he had been blind and had got his sight, until they called the parents of the one who had gained his sight, and questioned them, saying, “Is this your son, of whom you say he was born blind? How does he now see?” His parents answered them and said, “We know this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we ourselves do not know. Ask him; he is of age, let him speak for himself.” These things his parents said because they feared the Jews. For already the Jews had agreed that if anyone were to confess him to be Christ, he

should be put out of the synagogue. This is why his parents said, "He is of age; question him." They therefore called a second time the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give glory to God! We ourselves know this man is a sinner." He therefore said, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know, that whereas I was blind, now I see." They therefore asked him again, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, but you did not listen. Why would you hear a second time? Would you also become his disciples?" They heaped abuse on him therefore and said, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know God spoke to Moses; but as for this man, we do not know where he is from." In answer the man said to them, why herein is the marvel, that you do not know where he is from, and yet he opened my eyes. Now we know God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshipper of God, and does his will, him he hears. Not from the beginning of the world has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered and said to him, "You were altogether born in sins, and do you teach us?" And they turned him out. Jesus heard they had turned him out, and when he found him, said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered and said, "Who is he, Lord, that I may believe in him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen him, and he it is who speaks with you." And he said, "I believe, Lord." And falling down, he worshipped him.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

- **June 1 - First Solemn Holy Communion Liturgy will be at 11**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. EASTER BRUNCH RAISES OVER \$1,100!

Last Sunday's Easter Brunch was not only Delicious but was also very successful. Kitchen Income was \$1,253. Basket Raffle sales were \$412. Income from 50/50 was \$145. Bar Tips were \$22. Total income was \$1,832. Expenses were \$685.94, for a Profit of \$1,146.06! Thank You to everyone involved for making this event so successful.

2. MEMORIAL DAY DIVINE LITURGY & CEMETERY SERVICES AT KANE ST.

A special Memorial Day Divine Liturgy will be held Monday, May 26th, at 8:30 a.m. in our Church. This Liturgy will be in Honor of all the Deceased members of our Parish. Following Divine Liturgy will be Cemetery Services at Kane Street at 10:00 a.m. Please come on this very special day of remembrance.

3. MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD ON WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday evening, May 28th, we will have the Moleben to the Mother of God, at 6:00pm. Come and be a part of this Beautiful Spiritual Service that honors Mary during the month of May.

4. HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ON THURSDAY

The Ascension of Our Lord Holy Day of Obligation is this Thursday, May 29th. Divine Liturgy will be held at 9:00am. Please come to Church on this Ascension Thursday to honor Our Lord and Savior.

5. COLLECTION FOR CHURCH REPAIRS NEXT WEEKEND

A reminder that Donations for Church repairs can be made next Weekend, May 31st & June 1st. Please use the specially marked envelope to make your contribution. Thank you to everyone for your generosity toward the upkeep of our buildings and property.

6. SUMMER IS THE TIME FOR CEMETERY CARE

A reminder that Summer is the time for Cemetery Care Expenses. Please help us by Donating toward the cost of Grass Cutting, Trimming and Maintenance at our two Cemeteries. You can write your Donation in the proper box on the front of your Weekly Envelope. Thank You for your support of keeping the Resting Place of our Loved Ones beautiful.

7. FLEA MARKET BAG DAY MONDAY IN NANTICOKE

Summer is ready to begin!!!! Transfiguration of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church in Nanticoke will hold its SPRING FLEA MARKET Bag Day on Monday, Memorial Day, May 26th from noon-2pm.

8. EVENING OF PRAYER FOR WOMEN TUESDAY IN N.J.

On Tuesday, May 27th, a special event for women will occur at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Perth Amboy, New Jersey — an Evening of Prayer organized by the Sisterhood of St. Anne. The evening will begin at 6:30 PM with a Moleben to the Most Holy Mother of God, a traditional May Marian devotion. A particularly special blessing for the parish will be the presence of His Grace, Bishop Borys Gudziak, who will offer a spiritual reflection to all in attendance. Following the prayer service, participants are invited to the parish hall for a light reception—a time for relaxed conversation, new connections, and strengthening sisterly fellowship. We warmly invite all women to participate in prayer, spiritual renewal, and Christian unity this evening.

9. SOCKS AND BOXER UNDERWEAR COLLECTION

Mike Traushke is currently collecting socks and boxer underwear for the homeless. Please have all donations in original packaging. All collections are used for people experiencing homelessness in and around the area. May God bless Mike with this noble endeavor.

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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. (John 9:2-3) When we encounter hardship or difficulties in this temporal world, we may ask how or why this came to be. Some may seek to place the blame upon a certain person and his or her sinfulness. Our loving, kind and compassionate Lord redirects the disciples’ attention and focus upon the Almighty power of God. Jesus explains that the Almighty God can do all things and miracles, cures and healings occur so as to manifest the power of God. In the Gospel of St. Luke we are reminded that all things are possible to the man of faith and that “Nothing is impossible to God.” (Lk. 1:37) It was completely unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. And that is the true marvel and a manifestation of the omnipotence of the Lord God. The man born blind, who was cured by Jesus, tries to convince the Lord’s opponents that what Jesus had done was something awesome and great. The man who was cured states that Jesus is from God and He is of God and thereby able to perform this miracle – to do a “good” deed. Jesus’ opponents were so closed to the truth, the reality, that they question whether the man cured is one and the same person as the man born blind. The opponents go so far as to question the parents. The parents attest to the fact that the man cured was their son and that he was born blind. But due to their fear of being cast out, expelled from the Temple, they reply: 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.”

This Gospel story indicates to us that there is something even more terrible than the physical absence of sight. Physical blindness from birth is a heavy burden to bear and a cross to carry.

This the man in today's Gospel story had done. But the one thing that the man born blind possessed that the opponents of the Lord lacked was eyes of faith – to see clearly in a spiritual way. The man born blind had seen the goodness of the Lord God and His love and compassion

for the lowly of the world. The Lord God wants to bring us healing of body and soul. The Lord God wants us to turn to Him in times of difficulty and hardship. He wants us to love God

His Heavenly Father above all else, and to love our neighbor as ourselves without exception. We are called upon to love even those who hate us or persecute us or simply are not concerned

nor care about us and our well-being. Christ is the Light of the world, overcoming the darkness of sin. We true-believing Christians seek to walk in the footsteps of Christ. The Holy

Spirit, Whom Christ will ask the Heavenly Father to send, will guide and protect us from all evil and error. May our eyes be fixed heavenward as we await that glorious day of His second

coming as Lord of lords and King of kings, the Faithful and True.

- Father D. George Worschak



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Please include in your prayers those members of our parish who are in hospitals, care homes, rehabilitation facilities & those who are not able to join us actively in our church community.

Mountain View

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Sophia Soniak

Green Ridge Nursing Home

Mary Warholak

Home

Helen Ewasko

Katrina Izak Wilson

Jean Chomko

Julie Yevich

Charles Drumsta

Andrea Wells

Shirley Nidoh

Frank Waznak

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