

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND



Icon of the Gospel of the Man Born Blind

Divine Liturgy Guide

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Sunday of the Man Born Blind

SAT MAY 4: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy +Sonia Sytniuk by Biloskirka Family

SUN MAY 5: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday of the Man Born Blind Blessings for His People

MON MAY 6: Job the Venerable READ John 11:47-56

TUES MAY 7: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy +Ukrainian Solders by Christopher Lilik

WED MAY 8: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Blessings for Regina Kozel by the Lilik Family
6:00 p.m. Moleben to the Mother of God

THURS MAY 9: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Ascension of our Lord HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
Blessings for Mike Jr. Sosonowyj by Family

FRI MAY 10: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Blessings for Loretta & Ed Marinchak

SAT MAY 11: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy +Nadia Biloskirka by the Biloskirka family

SUN MAY 12: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

Collection Basket

4/20 & 4/21 \$ 5,997

4/27 & 4/28 \$1,351

Thank you to last week's counters

Dorothy Kowalchick and Debbie Dommes

Next Week's Counters are:

Dave Pedley and Linda Gerrity

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY!

(last 2 weeks from April 27-May 10)

Birthdays

Timothy Myronyuk - Apr. 28

Jason Wells - Apr. 28

Dr. Olenka Chandoha-Knott - May 1

Ken Tucker - May 4

Joseph Barrows - May 6

Barbara Maslak - May 10

Jeffrey Robinson, Jr. - May 10

Anniversaries

Edward & Jean Chomko - Apr. 28

Paul & Helen Ewasko - May 1

Peter & Marie Gaffney - May 1

Kim & Armand Nagle - May 7

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. DIVINE LITURGY REQUESTS BEING ACCEPTED

We are now accepting Divine Liturgy requests for the Spring & Summer months. Liturgies are available Mondays through Saturdays. Please fill out a request form and drop it into the collection basket or give it to Fr. Myron directly. This is your chance to honor a Loved One (Living or Deceased) by requesting a Divine Liturgy in their Honor.

2. WEEKLY VIGIL CANDLES AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP

Honor a loved one by sponsoring a Vigil Candle which will be lit for them for an entire week. These 7-day candles are available with your special intention starting at only \$5. Contact Helen Pagnotti to reserve yours today.

3. \$SPRING FOR UKRAINE EASTER DINNER RAISES OVER \$2,700!

St. Vladimir's Easter Dinner was not only Delicious but was also very successful. Thanks to our wonderful Kitchen Crew, 110 Dinners were prepared and sold. Income from Dinners was \$2,772. Basket Raffle sales were \$609. Income from 50/50 was \$167. Bar Tips were \$81. Total income was \$3,629. Expenses were \$856.76, for a Profit of \$2,772.24! Thank You to everyone involved for making this event so successful.

4. COLLECTION FOR CHURCH REPAIRS THIS WEEKEND

A reminder that Donations for Church repairs can be made this Weekend, May 4th & 5th. 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.

5. MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD ON WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday evening, May 8th, 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.

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6. HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ON THURSDAY

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

7. IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FRIDAY IN NANTICOKE

The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is a 4' x 6' exact digital replica of the original Miraculous Image "painted" by Heaven on St. Juan Diego's cloak in 1531. The Rector of the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Msgr. Diego Monroy, blessed the Missionary Image for the purpose of promoting sanctity of the family, solidarity of the Church in America, a culture of life, and a civilization of love. Thus, we are pleased to announce that this Missionary Image will be at Holy Transfiguration Ukrainian Catholic Church, Nanticoke, Friday, May 10, 10:00AM Divine Liturgy, 11:00AM Short Talk about the Missionary Image, 11:15-12:15 Hour of Prayer, 12:15 – 2:00PM Veneration of the Image. Saturday, May 11, Noon to 4:00PM Veneration of the Image, 6:00PM Divine Liturgy, 7:15PM Short Talk about the Missionary Image. Ss. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, Plymouth, Sunday, May 12, 8:30AM Divine Liturgy, 9:45AM Short Talk about the Missionary Image, 10:00AM– 2:00PM Prayer & Veneration of the Image.

8. MEMORIAL DAY CEMETERY SERVICES

We are now collecting information for our Memorial Day Cemetery Services. Please fill out the Memorial Day envelope with the names of those to be prayed for and drop it into the collection basket.

9. FLEA MARKET & CRAFT FAIR NEXT SATURDAY IN SWARTHMORE

Holy Myrr-Bearers Ukrainian Catholic Church, 900 Fairview Road, Swarthmore, PA, will hold a Flea Market, Craft Fair and Food Festival next Saturday, May 11th, 9:00am-3:00pm. Featuring Ukrainian Foods and Baked Goods. Pierogie, Halubky, Kielbasa, Halushky and more. Also, Burgers, Hot Dogs, Kielbasa on the Grill. Event will be held rain or shine.

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10. MOTHER'S DAY CONCERT NEXT SUNDAY IN PHILADELPHIA

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, 24th & Poplar Sts, Philadelphia, will hold a Mother's Day Concert next Sunday, May 12th, 4:00pm. This enchanting concert of sacred music will pay homage to our Blessed Mother, featuring a captivating blend of traditional melodies from both Eastern and Western traditions. Additionally, we'll be honoring mothers everywhere with a special commemoration during the performance. Guided by the talented Dr. Donald Meineke, a Capella quartet of professional singers will grace our sanctuary with their angelic voices. Tickets will be available at the door for \$15. All proceeds from ticket sales will support our parish's essential outreach efforts, aiding Ukrainian refugees both locally in Philadelphia and in the strife-torn regions of Ukraine. Let's come together to celebrate the beauty of music, honor our mothers, and support a vital cause. Spread the word, mark your calendars, and join us for an unforgettable evening of harmony and goodwill!

Sunday of the Man Born Blind

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.



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PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

- Irene Slagan
- Clarks Summit Senior Living
- Sophia Soniak
- Home
- Anastasia Korman
- Andrea Geraghty
- Stella Patrick
- Stanley Krupinski

Home

- Helen Ewasko
- Katrina Izak Wilson
- Jean Chomko
- Julie Yevich
- Charles Drumsta
- Regina Kozel
- Andrea Wells
- Bohdonna Sherpinkas

Home

- Mary Warholak
- Dorothy Kowalchick
- Mary Tucker
- Michael Seechock
- Steve Patrick

VIGIL CANDLE SPONSORS: week beginning May 4, 2024

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| 1 | Hanging Eternal Lamp
\$10 | By: Greg and Matthew Romancho
For: I.M.O. +Wasył, +Catherine, +William, +Harry, +Doris Romancho |
| 2 | 2 Altar Vigil Candles
\$10 | By: Parish Family of St. Vladimir's Church
For: I.M.O. +Founders & +Benefactors of St. Vladimir's Church |
| 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: Lilik Family
For: Deliverance of Ukraine & Protection of her Defenders |
| 5 | Jesus Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Laskowski Family
For: Health & God's Blessings - John Lyden & family |
| 6 | Mary Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Biloskirka Family
For: I.M.O. + Nicholas and + Nadia Biloskirka |
| 7 | St. Nicholas
\$5 | By: Laskowski Family
For: I.M.O. +Joseph & +Marlene Laskowski, our parents |
| 8 | St. Vladimir Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Laskowski Family
For: Health & God's Blessings - Joseph Laskowski, Jr. |
| 9 | Jesus Entrance Vigil
\$5 | By: Stella Patrick
For: Health and God's Blessings for Stephen Patrick |
| 10 | Mary Entrance Vigil
\$5 | By: Laskowski Family
For: Birthday Blessings for Carrie Picard MAY 5 |
| 11 | Mother of God Statue
\$10 | By: Helen and Paul Ewasko
For: I.M.O. +Irene Izak |
| 12 | Altar 7 branch Saturday
\$5 | By: Laskowski Family
For: Health & God's Blessings - Jeffrey Lyden & family |
| 13 | Altar 7 branch Sunday
\$5 | By: Regina Kozel
For: I.M.O. +Ihor Shablovsky |
| 14 | Blessed Mother (side altar)
\$5 | By: Linda Pirritano
For: I.M.O. +Joseph and +Esther Linko |
| 15 | Jesus (side altar)
\$5 | By: Mr. And Mrs. John Knott
For: I.M.O. +Ukrainian Soldiers |

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

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635 North River St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18705

Sick calls / Communion calls / Home visits/ Emergencies: call parish office.

A Link to Baptism

The cure of the blind man also symbolizes mankind's means for its recovery from its blindness. It symbolizes the Sacrament of Baptism. Baptism is called holy enlightenment. Those who have been recently baptized are called the newly enlightened. This gospel from Saint John was read in the ancient Church on Holy Saturday when Catechumens were baptized. As this man is cured of his blindness when he washes in the waters of the pool of Siloam, as Jesus tells him to do, so are we brought out of darkness into a new life when we are baptized as Christ instructed us to be. Jesus restores His creation, mankind, with the potential to become what it was meant to be before the fall of Adam.

We also hear in the reading that after this man was cured many of those who knew him before did not recognize him. He is still the same man but something has significantly changed about

him. He is no longer blind. So when we are illuminated we are also new persons, though our outward appearance might be the same. To symbolize this newness a white garment is put on us to show the purity with which we start this new existence. We must, however, become different and unrecognizable in our inward and outward actions also. We must manifest our new existence to those around us through these actions. We must radiate this new found light to others by the way we live our lives. We must say to the world, "I am he who was blind but now my eyes are opened." Credit must be given to Him who has cured us of our darkness by living our lives according to the lessons of the illumination we have received and the continued guidance we get with the reception of the Holy Spirit.

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