

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.

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND



Icon of the Gospel of the Man Born Blind

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Sunday – May 9, 2021

Христос Воскрес – Воістину Воскрес Christ is Risen – Indeed He is Risen

Our Church is open for Divine Liturgies. But, some may not feel ready to return, so we will continue to Livestream our 9:00 a.m. English Divine Liturgy and our 11:30 a.m. Ukrainian Divine Liturgy. The dispensation from attending Sunday Divine Liturgy and Holy Days of Obligation throughout the Archeparchy is still in effect until further notice.

All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

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OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR LITURGIES

Sunday May 9 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday of the Man Born Blind – Mother’s Day (Living and Deceased Mothers) (For the Parish)
Wednesday May 12 9:00 a.m.	(+Iwanna Bartoszyk from Orest)
Thursday May 13 **6:00 p.m.**	Ascension of Our Lord- Also Live Streamed (For the Parish)
Friday May 14 9:00 a.m.	(+Nagurney-Medwid Family from Irene)
Sunday May 16 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday of the Fathers of the First Council (For the Parish) (+Halyna Serbyn from Family)

IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE REMEMBER +EUGENIA WASYLKIWSKA OSGOOD IN YOUR PRAYERS

+Eugenia Wasylkiwska Osgood, 92, passed away on April 25. At her family’s request, a graveside service will be held at 12 Noon on Wednesday, May 12, at Cedar Hill Cemetery 4111 Pennsylvania Avenue Suitland, MD 20746. Please gather at the Cedar Hill Funeral Home Parking Lot no later than 11:45 a.m. to form a procession to her grave. Please remember +Eugenia in your prayers, and her husband, Charles, and family who mourn her passing. May her memory be Eternal – Xpucmoc Bockpec!

CONCERNING FUTURE PARISH EVENTS

The Mayor of the District of Columbia extended the Pandemic State of Emergency to May 20, 2021. Fellowship with Cake and Coffee after the Sunday Divine Liturgies will also continue to be suspended.

SO LONG, NOT GOODBYE – TO OUR CANTOR STEPAN

It is with heavy hearts, that we announce the departure of Stepan Szyszka, one of our cantors and an integral member of our parish choir's leadership team. Stepan and his family are moving to Kennett Square, PA. Stepan has played an important role in the rebirth of a robust music program in our parish, and his dedication to providing beautiful music for our liturgical services cannot be understated. This has been especially true during the pandemic. We wish the Szyszka family all the best, and look forward to welcoming them the next time they are visiting the Washington area. “Dyakuyu” and “Z Bohom”!

FIRST CONFESSION 2021 PREPARATION CLASSES – SUNDAYS AT 10:30 A.M.

First Confession will be celebrated in our parish for children ages 7 and older on Saturday June 5. In order to prepare to receive this sacrament, the children must attend the preparation classes on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. on: May: 16 and 23 Children must also attend the Divine Liturgy on these days. Please do not be late. Also, to clarify, we do not plan to hold class every Sunday. There will be no class May 9 (Mother’s Day), or May 30 (Memorial Day weekend).

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Fr. Frank Avant, Susan Avant, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Taisia Bullard, Michele Burns, Doug Campt, Mary Connors, Jack Davis, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Oksana K, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Fr. Mykhailo Kuzma, Michael Joseph Little, Mark Pidlusky, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, Bishop Andriy Rabi, John Moeller, Matthew Parowski, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, James Salandro, Maria Sawkiw, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta Andrew, Timothy Stock, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Jennifer Wilson. If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

MOTHER’S DAY 2021

God gave each of us a special gift – our Moms! On this Mother’s Day, if you are blessed and still have your mother, make sure you share your love and gratitude with her. And if your mother is no longer with us, be sure to offer a multitude of prayers for her that she continues to know your love for her. God Bless all of our mothers with joy and peace!

Happy Mother’s Day!