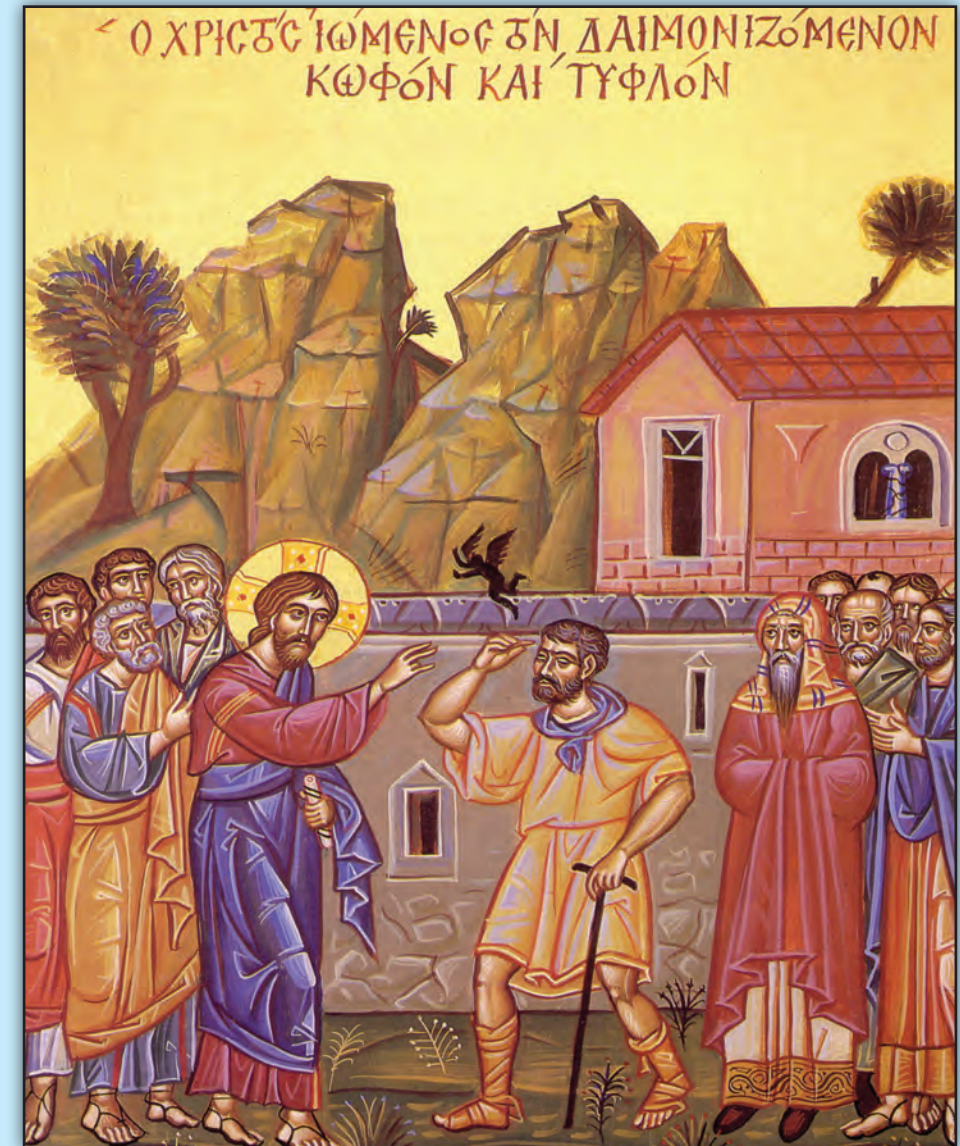


THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Healing the Blind Beggar -- (Luke 18:35-43)

Healing the Blind

As Jesus is approaching Jericho with his followers, a blind beggar (named Bartimeus in St. Mark) calls out: 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' and persists even though the crowd tries to silence him. Jesus has them bring the man to him and asks what he wants; he asks to be able to see again. Jesus tells him that his faith has cured him; he immediately regains his sight and follows Jesus.

Apart from telling a miracle story that shows the power of Jesus, the author of the Gospel uses this story to advance a clearly theological purpose. It shows a character who understands who Jesus is and the proper way to respond to him - with faith. The use of the title, 'Son of David' serves to identify Jesus as the Messiah. It was also a reference to Jesus' kingly authority, which the Jews would have seen as placing him

at odds with Caesar. The emperor was the perceived proper referent of the call of *kyrie eleison*, as he would have been referred to as *kyrios* in Greek ('lord' in English).

The Gospel of Matthew has two unnamed blind men, sitting by the roadside; Jesus is 'moved by compassion' and touches their eyes. 20:29-34 A version of the same story is told earlier in the narrative, when Jesus is preaching in Galilee. On this occasion, he asks the blind men if they believe he can cure them, and when they assure them they do, he commends their faith and touches their eyes, restoring their sight. He warns them to tell nobody of this, but they go and spread the news throughout the district. (Matthew 9:27-31)

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Sunday – January 16, 2022

Христос Рождается! Славимо Його! * Christ is born! Glorify Him!

Our Church is open for Divine Liturgies. 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 January 16 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(Blessings Louis Cona from the Fedyk Family) (For the Parish)
Monday January 17 9:00 a.m.	(+John Fedack from Family)
Tuesday January 18 9:00 a.m.	(Living and Deceased of the Nagurney-Medwid family from Irene)
Wednesday January 19 9:00 a.m.	(Blessings for Fr. Ivan and Maria Chirovsky from Lauren Gault)
Thursday January 20 9:00 a.m.	(+Constantine from the Chomiak Family)
Friday January 21 **10:30 a.m.**	March For Life (Sanctity of All Human Life)
Sunday January 23 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Stefan Jurach from Marijka)

DISTRICT of Columbia Mayor Bowser announced that the District is re-instituting a universal, indoor masking mandate for everyone, even those fully vaccinated. Persons attending Church in the District, even if they are fully vaccinated, must wear a mask. Fellowship with Cake and Coffee after the Sunday Divine Liturgies will also continue to be suspended. This will be in effect until January 31, 2022.

Everyone is kindly asked to return to wearing a mask during the Divine Liturgies.

We will also continue to livestream Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies.

2022 CHURCH CALENDARS

Please take a 2022 Church Calendar available in the vestibule. They are free.

NOVENA FOR LIFE 2022

St. Josaphat Council 7530 of the Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a special “Novena for Life” to be held from Wednesday, January 19th through Thursday, January 27th. Please join our Knights in praying for a culture of life and civilization of love in our community, nation, and world. Everyone in the parish is asked to pray the following on each day of the novena: An *Our Father*, three *Hail Marys*, a *Glory Be*, and the following prayer for the protection of human life:

Prayer to Celebrate the Gospel of Life

by St. John Paul II

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life; Look down, O mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of Life with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives, and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Chuck Basile, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Taisia Bullard, Michele Burns, Robert Matthew C., Mary Connors, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Alice Gogniat, 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, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Mark Pidlusky, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Ron#119, Jane O'Shea, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, James Salandro, Maria Sawkiw, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Timothy Stock, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Cindy Turcek, 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.