

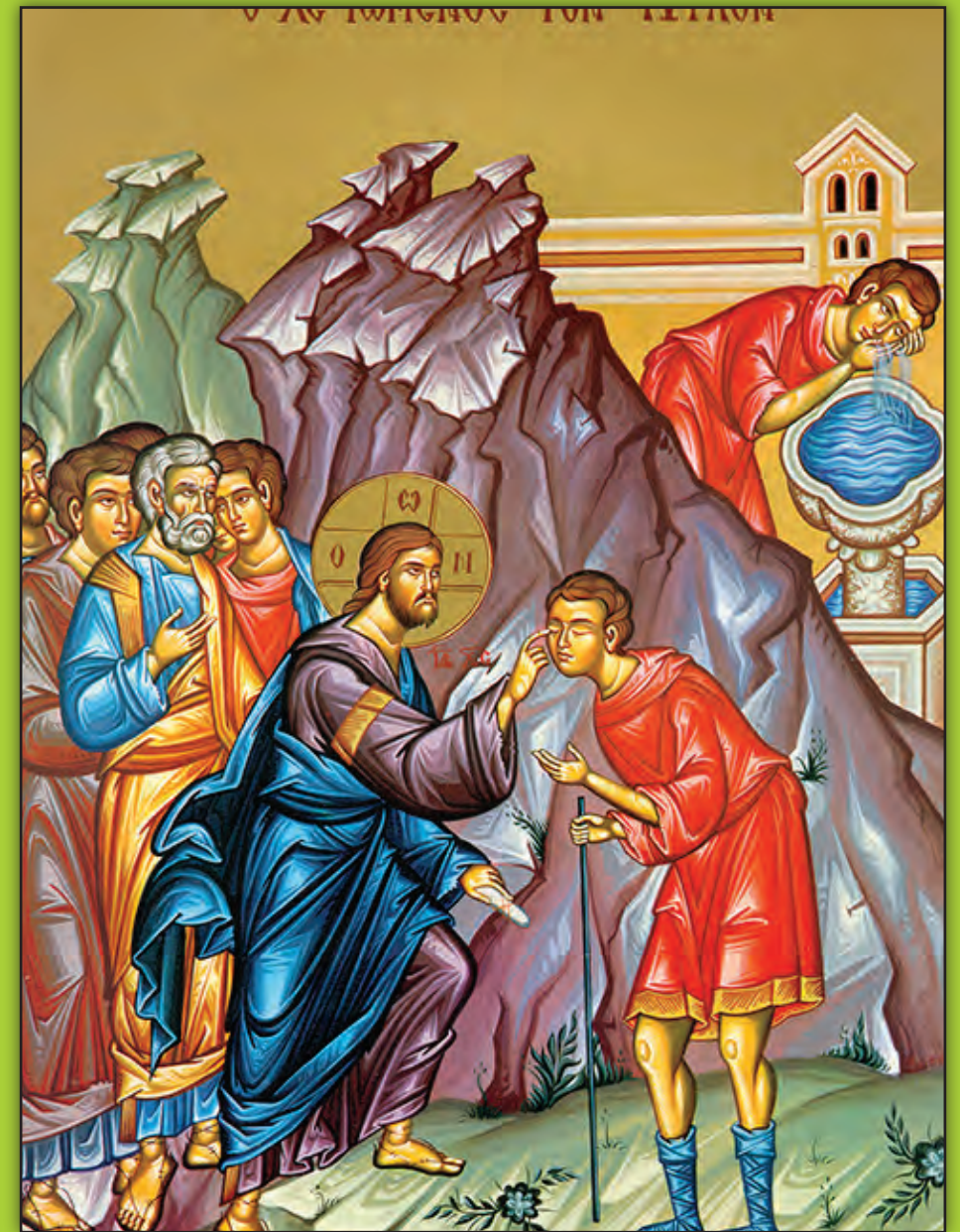
### *A Link to Baptism*

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 Christ and the Man born Blind*

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**Sunday – May 22, 2022**

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

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

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**OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR LITURGIES**

<b>Sunday May 22</b> 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	<b>Sunday of the Man Born Blind</b> (For the Parish) (+Orysia Dackiw from Family)
<b>Wednesday May 25</b> 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	(+Fr. Uriy Markewyz from Friend) <b>MOLEBEN FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE</b>
<b>Thursday May 26</b> **7:00 p.m.**	<b>Ascension of Our Lord</b> (For the Parish)
<b>Friday May 27</b> 9:00 a.m.	(Peace in Ukraine from the Nagurney Family)
<b>Sunday May 29</b> 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	<b>Sunday of the Fathers of the First Council</b> (For the Parish) (+Roman and Alexandra Lucyk from Family)

**FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD – THURSDAY MAY 26 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The Great Feast of the Ascension of our Lord is this Thursday. It is a Holy Day of Obligation in the Ukrainian Catholic Church. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Thursday May 26 at 7:00 p.m.

**FINAL MOLEBEN OF THE MOTHER OF GOD FOR PEACE DURING MAY**

Join us this Wednesday evening at 7pm to pray the Final Moleben of the Mother of God for Peace in Ukraine.

**2022 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND BLESSING OF GRAVES AT CEDAR HILL CEMETERY**

We will gather at the Main Cross on Sunday May 29 at 2:00 p.m. for the celebration of Panakhyda. This will be followed by the blessing of the individual family graves of those attending the ceremony at Cedar Hill Cemetery 4111 Pennsylvania Avenue Suitland, MD 20746.

**FIRST BANNS OF MATRIMONY – KANLIYAK - CURTIS**

Christina Curtis, a Ukrainian Catholic of our parish, and Gregory Kalinyak, a Roman Catholic of our parish, will be married on Saturday, June 11, 2022. If anyone has a reason why they should not be married; please see Fr. Robert immediately.

**FAMILY CATECHISM DAY SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2022**

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a family catechism day for the younger children of the parish and their parents on Sunday, May 29, 2022. Lunch will be served following the 11:30 AM Divine Liturgy. After that, there will be various planned activities including prosphora baking, arts and crafts, age-appropriate Scripture reading, and music. There is no cost to attend. Please RSVP to rpmulvey@gmail.com by Wednesday, May 25, with the number of attendees.

**Prayer List**

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Chuck Basile, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, 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, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, James Salandro, Maria Sawkiw, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Cindy Turchek, 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.

**God With Us Catechism**

Today the Church celebrates the Sunday of the Healing of the Blind Man. This man, who had been “born blind,” encountered Jesus when the Lord was leaving the Temple in Jerusalem. The man was, apparently, begging for money or food at the gate of the Temple and when Jesus spoke to him he listened and was obedient to the Lord’s command. Unlike the other figures in the Gospel account, this man alone had never seen the miraculous works of Christ, and yet, trusted in his word. We too, who have “not seen and yet believe” trust in the word of the Lord and follow in his ways. In this way, we, who were formerly blinded by sin, have begun to see through faith. But, how do we trust in the Lord and follow in his ways? In the Epistle today, we are reminded on the conversion of Saul who, blinded by anger and his persecution of the Church, discovers that he is persecuting Christ himself and is called to join in the healing ministry of the Lord. We too, those who have been baptized into Christ and have received the vision of faith, are called to do “work[s] befitting [our] repentance.” And what are those works which we are called to do if not to follow in the ways of Christ and Saint Paul, to bring healing to those who are spiritually blind through ignorance of Christ? To help those to whom God has called us to minister “to open their eyes that they may turn from darkness to light, and from the dominion of Satan to God; that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those sanctified by faith in me.”