

### *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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## SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND



*Icon of the Gospel of the Man Born Blind*

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**Sunday – May 5, 2024**

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

**Confessions are available before the Divine Liturgies**

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

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<b>Sunday May 5</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday of the Man Born Blind</b> (For the Parish) (Blessings for Dymitri and Anna Woch from Family)
<b>Wednesday May 8</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(+Pauline Fedak from Family)
<b>Thursday May 9</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Ascension of Our Lord</b> (For the Parish)
<b>Friday May 10</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(Living of the Nagurney Medwid Family from Irene)
<b>Sunday May 12</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday of Fathers of First Ecumenical Council – Mother’s Day</b> (For the Parish) (Living and Deceased Mothers)

**THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION FOR UKRAINIAN CATHOLICS**

The Great Feast of the Ascension of our Lord is this Thursday. It is a Holy Day of Obligation in the Ukrainian Catholic Church. We will celebrate the Divine Liturgy for the Ascension on Thursday, May 9 at 7pm.

**BIBLE STUDY WITH FATHER ANDRII WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 P.M. (MAY 8)**

Our Fr. Andrii will have the next Bible Study Wednesday May 8 at 6:30 p.m. Please bring your bible, colored pencils or markers. Please meet in the Fr. Shawel Room, the small church hall.

**SPRING CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-6 – CLASS TODAY MAY 5**

All children ages 3-6 are welcome to join Holy Family’s Catechism classes this spring with Co-Catechists Lindsey Fedyk and Julia Dezelski. Classes will be held between the two liturgies from 10:15-11:15. Please email Lindsey (lindseyfedyk@gmail.com) with any questions and to register your family. Last class 5/12 End of year celebration!

**Prayer List**

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Myroslava Futey, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Vanessa Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Ellen Hitchens, Daniel Horeczko, Boris Hlynsky, Nila Iwaskiw, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Paul Marynowych, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Thomas Nagurney, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Michael Sharr, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Rose Wilson, Jennifer Wilson, Paul Yarrish.** 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.