

### *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 25, 2025**

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

**Confessions are available before the Divine Liturgies**

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

**Platform: <https://www.facebook.com/holyfamilyshrine/>**

<b>Saturday May 24</b> <b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Great Vespers</b>
<b>Sunday May 25</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b> <b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Sunday of the Man Born Blind – Memorial Day Weekend</b> (+Paraskevia and +Gregor Popadiuk from Family) (For the Parish) Blessing of Graves at Cedar Hill Cemetery
<b>Wednesday May 28</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(+Mark Hitchens from Family)
<b>Thursday May 29</b> <b>**7:00 p.m.**</b>	<b>Ascension of Our Lord</b> (For the Parish)
<b>Friday May 30</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(+Pope Francis – 40 <sup>th</sup> Day)
<b>Sunday June 1</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council</b> (For the Parish) (+Mykolai and +Kateryna Kuliavets from the Lupiy Family)

**JOIN ARCHBISHOP BORYS AT THE ST. GABRIEL INSTITUTE GALA ON SATURDAY, MAY 31, 5:00 PM**

The founder of the Institute, our very own Archbishop and Metropolitan Borys Gudziak, invites you to support this vital mission by attending the St. Gabriel Institute Fundraising Gala on Saturday, May 31, at the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family in Washington, DC. The Fundraising Gala on May 31 beginning at 5:00 p.m. will include dinner, a silent auction, and participation of distinguished guests from the religious and diplomatic communities here in Washington as well as members of the Ukrainian community. The ticket price is \$150 per guest. All proceeds will directly support the formation of our next student cohort.

To purchase Gala tickets or RSVP, please use the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/StGabrielGala>

**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND BLESSING OF GRAVES AT CEDAR HILL CEMETERY SUNDAY MAY 25**

We will gather at the Main Cross on Sunday May 25 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. Rain or Shine.

**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, Robert Dulaine, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Ferne Fisanich, Myroslava Futey, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Vanessa Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Ellen Hitchens, Janet Hitchens, Daniel Horeczko, Boris Hlynsky, Nila Iwaskiw, Sarah Kelt, LTJG Lydia Kowalskyj USN, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Melissa Martin, Paul Marynowych, Michele Pretka Litvak, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell,, Teresa Sherwood, 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, Fr. George Worschak, and 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.

**Memorial Day Weekend 2025**

**This weekend we begin the summer season, please remember to pause and remember those who have given their lives that we might be able to celebrate peacefully, safely, and with freedom. Our American Way of life and the freedom we hold sacred has been secured by the sacrifices of brave men and women who answered our nation’s call to duty.**

**And, as daughters and sons, or friends of Ukraine, we remember all the heroes of Ukraine who have given their lives in the defense of their homeland from the aggressor state – russia.**

**May they rest in Eternal Peace – Vichnaya Pamyat – Khrystos Voskres!**

**God Bless the United States of America!**

**God Save Ukraine!**