

### *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 10, 2026**

**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 9</b> <b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Moleben to the Mother of God</b>
<b>Sunday May 10</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mother's Day</b> (Living and Deceased Mothers) (For the Parish)
<b>Wednesday May 13</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(+Paraskevia and +Hryhoriy Popadiuk from Family)
<b>Thursday May 14</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Ascension of Our Lord – Holy Day of Obligation</b> (For the Parish)
<b>Friday May 15</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(Blessings for Ukrainian Soldier Wasyl from friend)
<b>Saturday May 16</b> <b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Moleben to the Mother of God</b>
<b>Sunday May 17</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	(Blessings for Sofia and Maria from the Polishchuk Family) (For the Parish)

**LOWER CHURCH BATHROOMS RENOVATION PROJECT 2026 – STARTING IN JUNE!**

At long last, we will commence with the renovation of our Lower Church Bathrooms in June. We will have a little inconvenience, but then be able to use modern, hygienic, ADA compliant, and efficient facilities. The cost of the project will amount to just under \$310,000.00. We are very hopeful that our faithful parishioners will be able to make some special donations to cover the cost of this much needed and overdue updating to our facilities. God Bless you in advance for your generosity.

**2026 PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE PREMIUM**

The 2026 Property and Liability Insurance Premium for our shrine has arrived. All of the parishes and institutions of the Archeparchy are insured through the Archeparchy's insurance program. We are assessed \$33,117.00 for the year. Please keep this in consideration when making your tithe and contribution to support our shrine and our priests. God Bless you in advance for your generosity.

**MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD FOR PEACE SATURDAYS IN MAY AT 5:30 P.M.**

During the Month of May we will celebrate Moleben on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. in lieu of vespers, as we pray for peace in our world, especially Ukraine and throughout the Holy Land and Middle East.

**SUMMER LITURGY SCHEDULE BEGINNING SUNDAY MAY 24 UNTIL SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6 - ONE BILINGUAL DIVINE LITURGY AT 10:00 A.M.**

**РОЗКЛАД ЛІТУРГІЙ НА ЛІТНІЙ ПЕРІОД ПОЧИНАЮЧИ З НЕДІЛІ, 24 ТРАВНЯ, ДО НЕДІЛІ, 6 ВЕРЕСНЯ — ОДНА БОЖЕСТВЕННА ЛІТУРГІЯ ДВОМА МОВАМИ О 10:00 РАНКУ**

As we have now entered the summer season, our parish will begin a special schedule of one Bilingual Divine Liturgy on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. beginning Sunday May 24, the Feast of Pentecost. We also hope that this will allow our entire parish family to enjoy more fully the Sunday Sabbath with prayer, recreation, and relaxation. We thank you for your understanding and hope to see you with us for the Liturgy during the summer time.

Оскільки ми вже вступили в літній період, у нашій парафії будемо мати літній розпорядок Богослужінь: одну Божественну Літургію двома мовами щонеділі о 10:00 ранку, починаючи з неділі, 24 травня — Неділі П'ятидесятниці. Це дасть нам змогу молитовно і духовно пережити Літургію, зважаючи на те, що в літній час ми маємо менше співців, які можуть провадити спів і молитву. Також ми сподіваємося, що це допоможе всій нашій парафіяльній родині повніше пережити неділю як день Господній — у молитві, відпочинку та духовному оновленні.

**PRAYER LIST**

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, 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, Myroslava Futey, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Robert Harnest, Catherine Hetmansky, Vanessa Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Ellen Hitchens, Janet Hitchens, Fr. Robert Hitchens, Boris Hlynsky, Daniel Horeczko, Oksana Horszynska, Ihor Hulawyj, Nila Iwaskiw, Sarah Kelt, LTJG Lydia Kowalskyj USN, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Melissa Martin, Paul Marynowych, Irene Nagurney, Myron Nagurney Jr, Michele Pretka Litvak, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Ivanna Richardson, Roman Rusynko, Chris Saboe, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Teresa Sherwood, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, 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.

**MOTHER'S DAY 2026**

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!**