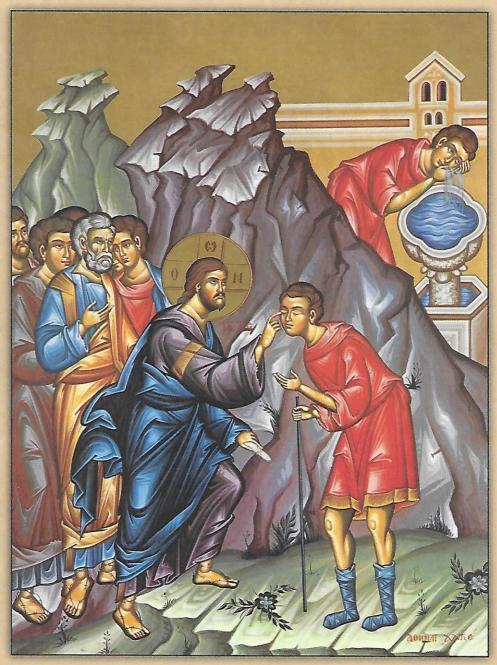
SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND



Icon of the Gospel of the Man Born Blind

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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"Christ is Risen!"
"Khristos Voskres!"

May 26, 2019 Man Born Blind

THIS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND we are called to honor all those military veterans, those who gave their life and those who served their country. Today we are a free and sovereign land, the envy of the world, thanks to all these courageous men and women who served. On Monday morning we will celebrate the Divine Liturgy for these brave souls at 9 am. Then at about 10 am we will gather at the cemetery circle to sing our requiem Panachyda for all the deceased in our beaitiful Cemetery. Afterwords, Father Pastor and Fr. Taras from Trenton, NJ will visit all the graves for a brief prayer service. Please come and pray with us Monday.

THE GREAT FEAST OF THE ASCENSION occurs this Thursday and we will mark this Holyday with one Liturgy on Wednesday evening at 6 pm. There will be no Liturgy on Thursday, the 30th, since Father Ronald must report to Suburban Hospital for some spinal treatment. Be sure to be with us Wednesday evening for this ancient and obligatory holyday.

ON SATURDAY, JUNE 1, at 11 am, we will sing the funeral liturgy for +Betty Patzuk Fitzpatrick, followed by burial in St. Augustine Cemetery. Betty retired to Florida, as a widow, when she sold her flower shop here in Bridgeport. She and her family were founders and pioneers in our parish. She is survived by her daughter Beth and brother Jim Patzuk.

HISTORIC FESTIVITIES AND LITURGIES will take place in Philadelphia from Sunday, June 2 to to Saturday, June 8. A schedule of all these activities will be posted in our church vestibule this week. All our Faithful are invited and encouraged to attend these events. The actual enthronement of our new Archbishop Borys will take place on Tuesday, June 4.

FATHER RONALD sends out a great big thankyou and hug to all the good folks who remembered him on his birthday, May 22, and ordination anni-versary on May 25. Father thanks you for all your prayers, cards, kind words and gifts this week. God bless all of you good people.

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 6 pm The Halas Family (Cindy and Elaine)
Sunday, 9 am Health of the Fedoryshyn Family (Oksana)
Monday, 9 am Memorial Liturgy for Cath. War Vets, +Steven Makowiak
Monday, 10 am Panachyda Service at Cemetery, 10 am
Wednesday, 6 pmAscension, Health of all the Parishioners
Saturday, 11am Funeral Liturgy, +Betty Fitzpatrick
Saturday, 6 pm +Oksana Hnydka (The Timbarion-Francis Family)
Sunday, 9 am +Maruszczak- Fonock Family (Bill and Bridget)

TODAY'S TROPAR: Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, bestowing life upon those in the in the graves.

ASCENSION KONTAK: You have gloriously ascended, O Christ, Our God,

granting joy to the disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit. They were assured by your blessing, for You are the Son of God and the Savior of all the world.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN:

Be You exalted above the heavens, O God, and Your Glory abound over all the world.

Roumon BOCKPEC!

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE...