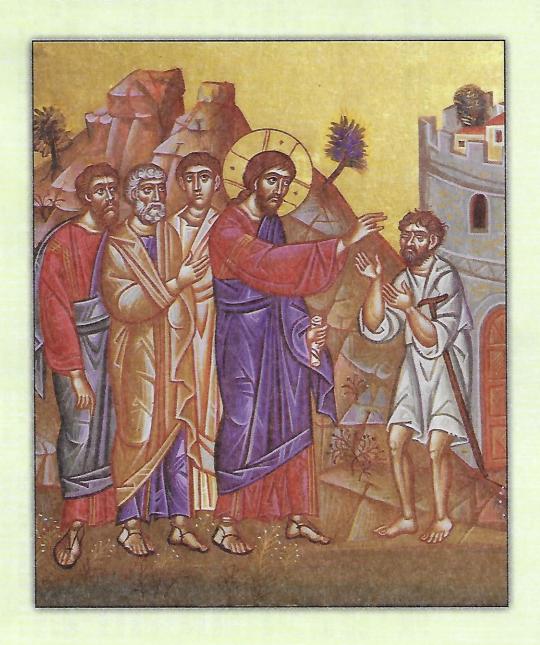
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Jesus Healing a Blind Beggar - Luke 18:35-43

Jesus Heals a Blind Beggar

The Gospel today describes Jesus' arrival in Jericho. It is the last stop before Jesus goes to Jerusalem, where His "Exodus", according to what He announced in the Transfiguration scene will take place. He has also issued similar sentiments along the way to Jerusalem (Lk 9: 44; 18:31-33).

The blind man sitting on the side of the road. "Now it happened that as Jesus drew near to Jericho, there was a blind man sitting on the side of the road begging. When he heard the crowd going past he asked what it was all about. They told him that Jesus the Nazarene was passing by". In the Gospel of Mark, the blind man is called Bartimaeus (Mk 10:46). Since he was blind, he could not participate in the procession which accompanied Jesus. At that time, there may have been many blind people in Palestine

possibly because of the strong sun and arid conditions.

The cry of the blind man and the reaction of the people. "Then he began to cry out: Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" He calls Jesus using the title "Son of David". The teaching of that time taught that the Messiah would descend from David, a "Son of David". Jesus did not like this title. In quoting the Messianic Psalm, he asks Himself: "How is it that the Messiah can be the son of David if even David calls him "My Lord?" The cry of the blind man bothers the people who accompany Jesus. Consequently, "The people in front scold him telling him to keep quiet." However, "he only shouted all the louder, Son of David have pity on me!" This occurs in our time when the cry of the poor bothers the established society.

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"Glory to Jesus Christ!"
"Slava Isusu khristoo!"

January 19, 2020 The 32nd Sunday

AS WE CLOSE OUT THE THEOPHANY HOLYDAY, there still may be a bottle or two of blessed jordan water available. You can see Father after Liturgy for this purpose.

A GOODLY SUPPLY of beautiful 2020 church calendars, Ukrainian and English, can still be found in the church basement and vestibule today. Feel free ot take an extra calendar for a family member of friend.

SOME FOLKS HAVE FAILED to claim their 2020 envelopeboxes to date. Please check out these boxes in the church basement and take with you any boxes that belong to your family members and friends. Please save Father from having to deliver these items these freezing days.

THIS PAST WEEK we visited with the Holy Sacraments Anne Bryngelevich, Maryanne Cameron and Anna Sokol burns, our dear housekeeper. Plese remember these good women and all our ailing and elderly people in your prayers, kind thoughts and cards, perhaps?

ONCE AGAIN WE THANK ALL OUR DEAR FAITHFUL FOR THEIR GOODNESS AND GENEROsity these winter holydays. It is because of you and your love that our church is strong and growing. We pray that the Newborn Lord Jesus will bless all of you with good health and much love in the New Year.

THIS SUNDAY, THE 19TH, Father Ronald will lead a seminar on the meaning of the Christmas Holydays at 10:15 am in the School Library. Please be with us this Sunday morning to share your thoughts with us on your Christmas experiences, both here and in Ukraine. We will have a lot of treats and gifts for all, along with coffee/tea and sweets.

FATHER RONALD IS SO VERY GRATEFUL TO ALL THE THOUGHTFUL FOLKS WHO REMEMbered him this Christmas season with their prayers and good wishes, cards and gifts. Your kindness is a powerful inspiration for Father to continue his happy service here in Bridgeport.

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 6 pm +Bridget Kovach (Gerry Fontaine)
Sunday, 9 am +Yurij Dychdala (Lidia and Family)
Thursday, 7 am +Roman Kruk (Maruszczak Family)
Friday, 7 am +Anna Kerick (Joanna, Lori, Andrew, Joseph)
Saturday, 8 am Health of the Fedoryshyn Family (Oksana)
Saturday, 6 pm +John and Mary Dudas (Margaret and Daughters)
Sunday, 9 am +Michael, Agnes and Donna (The Maruszczak-Fonock Family)
+Peter Martinick, Barbara (The Plush-Martinick Fam.)

TODAY'S TROPAR:

By Your Cross You destroyed death and opened paradise to the Good Thief. You stopped the tears of the Myrrhbearing Women, and told them to announce to the Apostles that You rose from the dead, O Christ Our God, Who gives great mercy to the world.

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE ...

TODAY'S KONTAK: No longer can the power of death hold mortals in captivity, for Christ has descended, shattering its might. Hell is now fettered and the prophets now rejoice. The Savior has appeared to the believers, saying: Come forth, O Faithful, unto the Resurrection, Amen.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN: The Lord will give strength to His People and the Lord will bless His People with peace, amen.