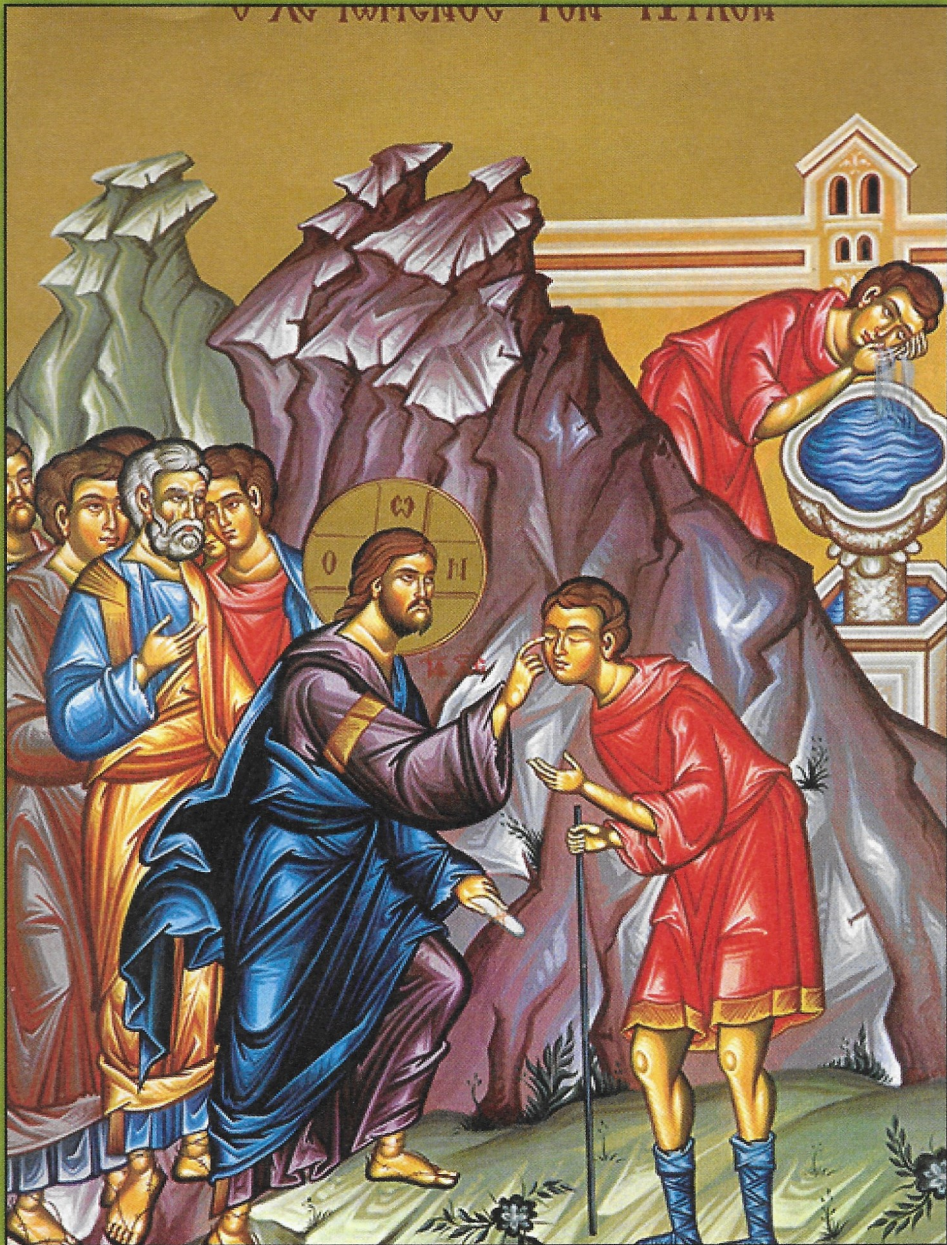


SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND



Icon of Christ and 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 21-22, 2022
Man Born Blind

THIS WEEKEND we will celebrate both Father Ronald's 50th anniversary of service here at SS. Peter and Paul, but also his 81st birthday. So it's time for a little celebration! We expect to have a party after both the Saturday evening and Sunday services with some food and beverages, a proper cake, perhaps some special gifts for young and not so young!. Please tell all your friends and neighbors about this great day here in Bridgeport and fill our church with great joy!

ON SUNDAY we will baptize and confirm: Ashlynn Rose Conway, daughter of Gerald Conway and Kelli E. Conway, Gloucester City, NJ. We pray today that the Good Lord Jesus will bless this little angel and all the Conway and Lillick Families with health and joy and Faith in our Loving Lord Jesus "for many good years", NA MNOHAYA LEETA!

TO BE BURIED SATURDAY: Dottie Saboe, mother of Joseph and the late Darlene, wife of the late Joseph Saboe. We pray that our Good and Loving Lord Jesus will now take Dottie home to Heven - VICHNAYA PAMYAT!

TO BE BURIED MONDAY: +Stella Pilecki, wife of the late Paul Pilecki, North Wales, PA. We pray for +Stella, our long-time and generous parishioner, that The Loving Lord Jesus will take +Stella home to Paradise and grant her Eternal Rest with the angels - VICHNAYA PAMYAT!

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL to the faculty and elementary/middle school pupils of Candlebrook School, King of Prussia, for their Car-Wash benefit last Sunday to help our Brothers and Sisters in Ukraine. The students raised \$1,000 for this most worthy cause thanks to the leadership of Angela Del Valle and Inna Kozak.

ALSO TO BE BURIED SATURDAY: Robert Betchyk Sr, 79, son of Joseph Betchyk and father of Robert Betchyk Jr. VICHNAYA YEMU PAMYAT!

WE WILL LIVESTREAM the Holy Liturgy this Sunday at 9 am and nextweekend on Saturday at 6 pm. Please tell all your friends and relatives this schedule so that they can sing and pray with us at the Holy Liturgy.

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 21, 6 pm

+Joseph Dudas (Margaret, Daughters)

Sunday, May 22, 9 am

+Anita Chomiak (Russell Chomiak)

Saturday, May 28, 6 pm

For the health of the Parish, and Pastor

Sunday, May 29, 9 am

For all our Deceased Vets, Parishioners

TODAY'S TROPAR:

Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and bestowing life upon those in the graves.

TODAY'S KONTAK:

O Christ, I who am spiritually blind; come to You as did the man born blind, saying in repentence: You are a Radiant light to those who live in darkness.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN:

Pray and give glory to the Lord, Our God.

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