



“... THOUGH I WAS BLIND, NOW I SEE.”

1 John 9:25

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### **HOLY MYSTERIES**

**VISITATIONS OF THE SICK AND INFIRM** - If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Father Stephen at the Rectory. Our hospitalization code for Christiana and Wilmington Hospitals is **UKR**.

**EMERGENCY CALLS** - Please call the Rectory anytime (day or night) in an Emergency!

**BAPTISMS** - Celebrated by appointment.

**CROWNING IN MARRIAGE** - Please discuss timing with Father prior to setting a date. At least six months notice is needed. There are three 2-hour courses that must be attended prior to the Wedding.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** - The deadline for getting information printed in the Weekly Bulletin is Wednesday.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS** - For the Needs of the Parish; 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Ministry

**June 2, 2019**  
**Volume 55: Number 22**  
**Schedule of Services and Activities**  
**Week of June 2 – 9, 2019**  
**Celebrating our 92<sup>nd</sup> year of Service to the Lord**

Sunday, June 2 - Sunday of the Man Born Blind

8:30 – 9:00 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Panakhyda: + Feleshchuk Family

Panakhyda: +Stephen Farrell

Wednesday, June 5 – Leave-taking of the Resurrection

8:00 AM – Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy

6:00 PM – Great Vespers for the Feast

Thursday, June 6 – Ascension of Our Lord

8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Friday, June 7

7:00 PM - Boy Scout lock In

Sunday, June 9 – Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

8:30 – 9:00 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

1:00 PM – Hamilton Family Hall Rental

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**CONGRATULATIONS BARRY PINKOWICZ** – The NOESA (National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award) is a distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. It is awarded to an Eagle Scout by the National Eagle Scout Association for distinguished service to his profession and community upon the recommendation of his local BSA council, NESA committee, Scout executive and council president. This award will be presented to Barry for his lifelong commitment to the Boy Scouts of America, his hometown of Aston, PA and Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church at an Eagle Scout recognition dinner on June 2. May God grant Barry many, happy and blessed years!

## SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday of the Man Born Blind – Matins: John 20:11-18; Liturgy: Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34; John 9:1-38

Monday – Acts of the Apostles 17:1-15; John 11:47-57

Tuesday – Acts of the Apostles 17:19-28; John 12:19-36

Wednesday – Acts of the Apostles 28:22-28; John 12:36-47; Vespers: Isaiah 2:2-3; Isaiah 62:10-12; 63:1-3, 7-9; Zachariah 14:4, 8-11.

**Ascension Thursday** - Matins: Mark 16:9-20; Liturgy: Acts 1: 1-12; Luke 24:36-53

Friday – Third Finding of the Precious Head of St. John the Baptist – Matins – Luke 7:17-30; Liturgy: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15; Matthew 11:2-15; Day: Acts of the Apostles 19:1-8; John 14:1-11

Saturday – Acts of the Apostles 20:7-12; John 14:10-21

Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council – Matins: John 21:1-14; Liturgy: Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18; 28-36; John 17:1-13

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## BLINDNESS TAKES MANY FORMS

Helen Keller, who became a famous author and lecturer despite being born deaf and blind, was once asked if she thought that there was anything worse than not having her sight. “Only one thing is worse than blindness,” she replied, “and that is to have eyes and not see!” The truth of Helen Keller’s words are painfully obvious in this morning’s Gospel lesson. Christ encounters a man who has been blind from birth. Because of his handicap, the blind man is somewhat of an outcast. Even the Apostles question their Master, “Who sinned that this man should have been born blind?”

What is the reaction to Christ’s miracle of giving sight to the blind man? Some of his neighbors express doubt that he is really the same person they knew as sightless. The Pharisees question him as they would a common criminal. The man’s own parents distance themselves from him, refusing to get involved in the controversy. The eyes of everyone were blinded to the fact that the Lord had chosen the unfortunate man to be a means of showing His power.

Sadly, many of us who proclaim ourselves to be “Christians” do not see Jesus as being the **LIGHT OF THE WORLD**, stubbornly remaining mired in the darkness of our sins. May the words of the Kondakion for this Sunday remind us of our need to be illumined by our Savior: “I come to You, O Christ, like the man born blind from birth, and I cry to You with repentance: You are a radiant and glorious light to those who stumble in darkness.”

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## THE ASCENSION OF JESUS AND OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

After the Resurrection, Jesus did not come back to live among us as before. He now returned to the glory He had with the Father. This is especially evident in the Gospel of St. John where Jesus tells His disciples before His arrest, "I came from the Father and have come into the world. Now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father" (John 16:28). "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to Your Son, so that Your Son may glorify You" (John 17:1). Jesus is truly and physically risen, but He did not return to life in this world as did Lazarus, the son of the widow of Nain and the daughter of Jairus.



Each of the Gospel writers expresses this mystery in a different way. In Matthew, Jesus' last words are "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to Me... I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matt. 28:18). Jesus did not return to live among us, but He is with us in power and Spirit. In the Gospel of John, the first action of the risen Jesus when He appears to His disciples is to give them the gift of the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23). In the Gospel of Mark, "the Lord Jesus, after He spoke with them (the disciples) was taken into heaven & took His seat at the right hand of God" (Mark 16:19). Jesus is alone the true high priest whose role is to mediate between God & His people & to bring salvation. Those who function as priests on earth only do so in the power of the Holy Spirit, the gift of Jesus to His Church. The Epistle to the Hebrews echoes what Mark says, "we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the majesty in heaven, a minister of the sanctuary & of the true tabernacle that the Lord, not man, set up" (Hebrews 8:1-2). St. Luke alone tells us that Jesus ascended on the 40th day (Acts 1:3) & describes the Ascension as Jesus being "taken up" (Luke 24:51) & "lifted up", disappearing into a cloud (Acts 1:9). As He was taken up, He was blessing His followers, a priestly action that He now performs from the right hand of the heavenly Father.

Because St. Luke says that the Ascension took place on the 40th day, this day has been kept by the Church to celebrate the glorification of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Just as the life of the earthly Jesus was transformed by glory, so also the lives of those who believe in Him are transformed by the Resurrection. Before the Resurrection, Jesus had a mission to the people of Israel. When a Canaanite woman - a foreigner - asked Christ to cure her daughter, He replied, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matt. 15:24). After the Resurrection, our Lord tells His followers: "Go ... and make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19). St. Paul stated about 25 years later: "A;; of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is not male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:27-28). The Gospel of the Risen Christ is for all people, without distinction of race, gender or status.

The great feasts of the Church year recall the mighty deeds that God has done on our behalf. For these deeds we return to Him glory and praise. However, the feasts are not only a historical commemoration of what happened in the past, but also tell us about our life of the Spirit today. By the love that Christ showed on the Cross and by His 3<sup>rd</sup> day Resurrection, the faithful who believe in Him are also transformed by love and are filled with life. This happens in the Mystery of Baptism ("you are clothed with Christ") which is renewed every time that we receive the Mystery of the Eucharist: the Body and Blood of Christ, Himself. On the Feast of the Ascension, we sing: "Ascending in glory today from the Mount of Olives, through Your great love, You lifted up our fallen nature and enthroned it with the Father on high... Therefore, serve Him in justice and holiness."

The spiritual life is not a private and lonely journey. The kingdom of God will be the restoration of Paradise. It will come about only when we will be able to treat everyone equally, without distinction of race or ethnicity or status or gender. God has created every human being and loves every person equally. He wishes all to come to salvation, and if we are to find Him in our own lives, and if we are to be united with Him, then we too must be at the service of our neighbor. We must see in every person a fellow traveler on the road to unity with God. Our Lord has told us that we serve Him when we show kindness to each other, for "whatever you do for one of these least brothers of Mine, you do it for ME!" (Matt. 25:40).

## THE ASCENSION

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**AFTER** - The Ascension came forty days after the Resurrection. **APOSTLES** - The saw Jesus ascend into heaven. **ASCENSION** - Jesus stayed and taught His Apostles for 40 days after His Resurrection and then ascended into heaven. **BAPTISM** - At the time of His Ascension, Jesus told His Apostles to go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **BETHANY** - The Apostles were gathered on a mount in Bethany to witness the Ascension. **CLOUDS** - Jesus ascended into the clouds. **COME AGAIN** - Jesus will come again to judge the living and the dead. **COMFORTER** - Jesus promised to send the Comforter. **DISAPPEAR** - Jesus disappeared into heaven. **FATHER** - Ascending into heaven, Jesus sits at the right hand of His Father. **FORTY DAYS** - The Ascension occurred 40 days after His Resurrection. **HEAVEN** - Christ ascended into heaven. **HOLY SPIRIT** - Jesus promised to send the Comforter, the Holy Spirit. **PREPARE** - Jesus ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us. **RIGHT HAND** - Jesus sits at the Right Hand of the Father. **THURSDAY** - Ascension falls on Thursday - 40 days after Pascha. **UP** - Jesus ascended up into heaven.

## **WHY GO TO CHURCH?**

A Churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of the newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So I think I'm wasting my time and the priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all." This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - is expressed to the following: Daria Tigan, 6/2; Mary Duffy, 6/5; Miriam Krauthauser, 6/5; Linda Hnatow, 6/5; William Riggins, 6/6; Natalia Smith, 6/8 & Katherina Smith, 6/8. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

**SPECIAL THANKS** – To Linda Hnatow, Chairperson, and all who helped and participated in the Dogs for Diapers luncheon last Sunday. Over \$200 was realized and together with the other luncheon, almost \$1,000 has been raised for this worthy cause.

## **MEETINGS – MINISTRIES**

**PARISH BOARD MEETING** – Tuesday, June 11 @ 6:30 PM

**THE POWER OF PRAYER** – Please remember your daily prayer for our country. Today, we begin Day 39.

## **TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

(Please find a substitute if you cannot make a given week)

June 2 – Linda Hnatow and Lorraine Neff

June 9 – Linda Hnatow and Lorraine Neff

June 16 – Victor Kaliakin and Ann Duncan

June 23 - Victor Kaliakin and Ann Duncan

June 30 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow

July 7 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow

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## **READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

June 2 - John Plachuta

June 9 - Irene Maskaly

June 16 - Andrew Duncan

June 23 - Jean Roeth

June 30 - Linda Hnatow

July 7 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

July 14 - Jean Roeth

July 21 - Thomas Kasprzak

## **GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

June 2 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus

June 9 - John and Sandy Cramer

June 16 - David & Eve Lazaration

June 23 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

**DO YOU SHOP ON AMAZON?** – Did you know that if you would get on Smile Amazon and choose our Parish as your beneficiary that Amazon would donate a percentage of your purchase to us? Search on Orthodox Wilmington and choose SS Peter & Paul Ukrainiaan (yes it is misspelled and we've tried to correct it). Try it and help our Parish Family benefit from your shopping experience!

## **HALL RENTALS**

Friday, June 7 – 8 – Boy Scout Lock In

Sunday, June 9 – Hamilton Family

## **CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Week of June 3 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of June 10 - Dawn Daniels, David Duncan & Kathy Duncan

Week of June 17 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

Week of June 24 - Mark & Laura Andreas, Paul Andreas

Week of July 1 - John Cramer, Sandy Cramer, Victor Melnychenko & Joseph Thurstlic

Week of July 8 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of July 15 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES** – are offered to Michael Tilson and Linda and to Joseph Stevens on the falling asleep in the Lord of their cousin, Stephen Farrell. A Panakhyda will be celebrated today after the Divine Liturgy. Let us remember the newly departed servant of God, +Stephen, in our prayers asking God to place his soul in the abode of the saints, where there is no pain, sorrow nor mourning but only life everlasting. Let us also pray for the family asking God to give them His strength in this, their hour of need.

**ORDINATIONS HERE AT STS. PETER AND PAUL** - On Saturday, June 29, our Parish will host His Eminence, Archbishop Daniel who will celebrate a Hierarchical Liturgy and ordain to the Holy Deaconate, Timothy Kelleher who will be attached to our Parish and to the Holy Priesthood, Deacon Oleh Kravchenko. The festivities will begin at 10:00 AM. Many priests and clergy will be attending this special Liturgy. I am hoping that all of our Parishioners will make the attempt to be here for this auspicious occasion. Our Sisterhood has agreed to make a special luncheon for this occasion.

**Tentative 2019 Schedule**

Sunday, June 16 – Father’s Day Dinner

Saturday, June 22 – Religious Book Sale

Monday, June 24 – First Day of the Apostle’s Fast

Saturday, June 29 – Ordination to the Deaconate of Timothy Kelleher and the Holy Priesthood of Deacon Oleh

Sunday, July 14 – Patronal Feast Dinner

Monday, July 15 – 19 – Summer Camp

Saturday, August 3 – UOL Flea Market

Saturday, October 12 – UOL Retreat

Wednesday, October 16 – Saturday, October 19 –XXII SOBOR

Saturday, November 2 – Fall Bazaar

Tuesday, November 26 – Community Thanksgiving Service (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, December 15 – UOL Cookie Sale

**ICON VISIT POSTPONED** – Unfortunately, Father Mark Leisure, the Pastor and caretaker of the Kardiotissa (Tender Heart) Icon of the Mother of God has hurt his back and will not be able to bring the Icon to our Parishes at this time. Once Father is back on his feet, we shall reschedule. I have placed Father on our prayers list. Please remember him in your prayers.

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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL** – Metropolitan Antony, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father Paul Bigelow, Father John Bohush, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Nestor Kowal, Father Mark Leisure, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Victor Wronskyj, father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Pani Dobrodyka Lisa Weremedic, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Charles, Galina, Dolores, Krystyna, Julian, Madison, Mykola, Rita, Ryan, Randy Allen, Carolyn Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, George Burns, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Betty Charney, Mildred (Myrophora) Christo, Erik Colazo, Mary Crystal, Patricia Crystal, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, Peter DiVirgilio, John Dmytryk, James Dudrick, David Duncan, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, James Garrett, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovnirov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Mary Eleanor Hamilton, Rick Hastings, Dolores Helms, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Anthony Hnatow, Betty Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, Caroline Humphrey, Richard Humphrey, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Rosalie Ann Kane, Josephine Kapelus, Sandra Kasch, Thomas Kasprzak, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Diane Keyser, Barbara Kirylic, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, Ludmyla Krawchenko, Mykola Krawchenko, Emma Krasnopera, Volodymyr Krasnopera, Sue Kreisa-Christian, Marlene Kuhar, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Andrew Makolynyk, Paul Markow, Natalia McDonough, Ronald Michel, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Michael Moroz, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Valentina Plachuta, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Lynn Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Fred Royer, Alla Rudawsky, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Maria Russak, Dana Sargent, Charles Scully, Doris Scully, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Wasyl Szeremeta, Tatiana Szwec, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Anna Tur, Charles Tyrawsky, Richard Twardus, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, John Wardigo, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Peter Weremedic, Stephen Wienkowitz, Laura Worley, & James Zook.

## A POWER OVER BLINDNESS

**T**he big question in today's Gospel story is this: Who is blind? Is it the man born with **PHYSICAL** blindness or the Pharisees with their **SPIRITUAL** impairment? Let us examine what St. Ambrose of Milan had to say about this miracle:

*"There is a blindness resulting from sickness which obscures the vision and is remedied by the passage of time. There is a blindness which is caused by some fluids and this, also, when the trouble is removed, is generally cured by the skill of medicine. From this you may know that when one is cured who has been blind from birth it is not a case of skill but of POWER. The Lord gave health, and He used no medicine, for the Lord Jesus healed those whom no one else had cured . . .*

*He spit and made clay and spread the clay over the eyes of the blind man and said to him: "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam." So he went away and washed and began to see. What is the reason for this? FOR HE WHOM JESUS TOUCHES SEES MORE.*

*Notice at the same time His divinity and His sanctity. As the Light, He touched and shed light; as a Priest, He fulfilled in the figure of baptism the mysteries of spiritual grace. May you realize that the things within Christ are light. One who is cleansed by the means which Christ uses truly sees."*