

St. Mary's Orthodox Church
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Retired Attached: V. Rev Paul Ropitsky

Sunday, May 29, 2022

Choir Director: Wash King

SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN

<i>Christ is Risen!</i>	<i>Indeed, He is Risen!</i>
<i>Christos Voskrese!</i>	<i>Voistinu Voskrese!</i>
<i>Christos Anesti!</i>	<i>Alithos Anesti!</i>
<i>El Messieh Kahm!</i>	<i>Hakken Kahm!</i>
<i>Cristos a Inviat!</i>	<i>Adevarat a Inviat!</i>

Services:

Sunday, May 29	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship hour
Monday, May 30	Memorial Day Pilgrimage to St. Tikhon's Monastery re-opens
Wednesday, June 1	5:00 PM – Vespers, Confessions - Ascension
Thursday, June 2	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy – Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Saturday, June 4	4:00 PM – Vespers, Confessions
Sunday June 5	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship hour
June 26	9:30 am – Divine Liturgy, next Parastas, followed by fellowship hour

We WELCOME all our visitors today! We want to let you know that we are ***so glad*** you came to pray with us. ***Please come again;*** join us after the Divine Liturgy in the Church Hall for Fellowship Hour. If you do not have a home church, we invite you to become a part of our Church Family.

Please Note: Only those Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves may approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.

Prayer List:

Matushka Lovey Ropitsky, Matushka Lisa Weremedic
Andrew Balliet, Michael Birosik, Clark Andrew Bogosh, Theodore Bogosh, Emmalyn Naomi Buchanan, Evanna Jane Buchanan, Stephanie Chmel, Irene Davis, Ilene Devine, Julia Forte, Karen Harkins, Catherine Hedes, Nancy King, Russell King, Michael Kulick, John & Olga Kushnir, Paul Macenka, Mary Maholick, Anna Marie Mantey, Mildred O'Shura, Melissa Schmitt, Althea Shellock, Olga Sidoriak, Mary Simone, Martha Stafiniak, Martha Teno, Michael Teno, Nancy Vanno, Elizabeth Warcholak, Russell Wishousky, Russell Yallas, & Marie Yurchak.

If anyone is in need of a priest, please call Father James Weremedic at 570-645-2772. Visitation of the Sick and Infirm: If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Fr. James at the Rectory. Emergency Calls: Please call the Rectory (570-645-2772) anytime (day or night) in an emergency.

Candles (May 29)

7-Day Vigils/Altar... In memory of **John King, Sr.** offered by Jack Yaroma

Altar Candles... For the Health of **Julia Forte** offered by Friends

Eternal Lamp... In memory of **Andrew & Mary Bybel Family** offered by Family Members

Vigil Crosses... For the Health of **Eve Dempsher** offered by Friends

7-Day Vigils/Tetrapod... In memory of **John King, Sr.** offered by Donna & Edward Friendak

Decorated Candles/Tetrapod- In memory of **All the Deceased Veterans & For the Health of All the Living Veterans** offered by a Veteran

May Birthdays: 2- Lynn Sharpe, 17- Russell King, 17- Julia Forte, 21- Lindsey Ruch, 31- Marie Skripnek;

June Birthdays: 5-Dorothy Macenka, 21- Clark Andrew Bogosh, 24- Wash King, 25- Geri King

June Anniversaries: 9- Michael & Julia Harahus, 9- John & Peggy Lampman

Please note: *If you do not see your name on the birthday or anniversary list, please let Gloria Bench know, and she will gladly add your birthday and/or anniversary to the list.*

Financials 5/22/22:

Operating Acct: Candles 73 - Altar Candles 20 - Offerings 880 - Non-Envelope 150

Holy Days 20 - Donations 455 = Total \$1,598.00.

Building Fund 10 - Pascha donation 250

Please continue to keep filling your church envelopes. Thank you!

Fellowship Hour Hosts:

May 29 Lena Marie Berezniak June 5 - John Evetushick June 12 - Russ King

There is a sign-up sheet for **Coffee Hour** in the vestibule if you would like to host.

Next Event: Yard Sale on Saturday, June 4, 2022

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

To Volunteer or Donate Items - See Helen King

Please use Amazon Smile when ordering from Amazon.

If you have any Redner receipts, please call or get them to Helen King

Please use your Boyer's card when shopping at Boyers; if you need one call Helen King



SANCTIFY ME, O LORD



Mankind is fortunate to have received a precious gift from God. This gift is represented by our 5 senses: SIGHT, HEARING, TASTE, SMELL and TOUCH. Our Master bestowed them upon us so we are able to fully experience the bounty of His Creation.

Our EYES allow us to view the beauty that surrounds us. With EARS, we can hear the inspirational Word of God. We are able to savor the experience of good food and drink with our TONGUE. Our NOSE helps us enjoy the fragrance of flowers and incense. With our HANDS, we can explore and help shape things. How wonderful it is that our 5 senses help us interact with the natural world around us.

Our senses are a blessing from above. Hopefully they are governed by a pure mind, free of evil and passions. But if the mind is not clean, the senses can become servants of corruption and possibly catastrophe. We can choose to surround ourselves with things that are false, shameful and even criminal. But know that God did not give you eyes, ears, nose, tongue and hands for immoral behavior. These simple body parts are not to blame. Man is at fault. At fault is his corrupt nature.

Ultimately, the responsibility is YOURS. With the help of divine grace, let your sight, hearing, taste, smell and touch be pure of every sin. May the Lord enlighten the simplicity of our 5 senses.

GIFTS FROM GOD

6th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 5. Blind Man. Virgin Martyr Theodosia of Tyre (307-308). Repose of Bl. John of Ustiug, Fool-for-Christ (1494). Virgin Martyr Theodosia, Nun, of Constantinople (726-730). Icon of the Mother of God, "SURETY OF SINNERS".

Kontakion — Tone 4 - I come to You, O Christ, / blind from birth in my spiritual eyes / and I call to You in repentance: / You are the most radiant light of those in darkness!

Acts 16:16-34 (*Epistle*)

Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling.

This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation."

And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour.

But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities.

And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe."

Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods.

And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely.

Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.

And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself.

But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here."

Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

So, they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized.

Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

John 9:1-38 (*Gospel*)

Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth.

And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.

I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.

As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.

And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So, he went and washed, and came back seeing.

Therefore, the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?"

Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he."

Therefore, they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?"

He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight."

Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees.

Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes.

Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see."

Therefore, some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them.

They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight.

And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself."

His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue.

Therefore, his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So, they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner."

He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see."

Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?"

He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?"

Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples.

We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from."

The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes!

Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind.

If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing."

They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?"

He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?"

And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you."

Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

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PENTECOST SUNDAY – JUNE 2022**

Dear Father,
Kindly include the following names of the beloved souls
To be remembered in the Pentecost Memorial Services

Family Name: _____

_____ Hometown Mausoleum – Saturday, June 11 at 2:00 PM

_____ Parish Cemetery-Summit Hill – Sun., June 12 at 1:00 PM

Please check or circle which cemetery

First Names:

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