

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND



Icon of the Gospel of the Man Born Blind

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The week of the Man Born Blind: Jesus anointed the eyes of the Man Born Blind, and he was enlightened, professing Jesus to be his Lord. He is an image of our baptisms, when we are enlightened out of darkness by the anointing of the chrism of the Holy Spirit. We remember the salvation of the Man Born Blind and our own enlightenment as we close the Feast of the Resurrection.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!

Föltamádt Krisztus! Valóban Föltamádt!

Christós Voskrése! Voístinu Voskrése!

Christós Anéstil! Alithós Anéstil!

The Year of Saint Joseph, Patron of the Universal Catholic Church

Scripture readings: Epistle: Acts 16: 16-34
Gospel: St. John 9: 1-38

Divine Liturgy Schedule:

Sat.	May	8	4:00 p.m.	For the parish family of St. Nicholas Church
Sun.	May	9	SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND — MOTHER'S DAY	
			8:30 a.m.	Intention for our deceased mothers <i>Panachida for our deceased mothers</i>
			11:00 a.m.	Intention for our living mothers <i>Moleben for our living mothers</i>
Mon.	May	10	The Holy Apostle Simon the Zealot	
Tues.	May	11	Foundation of Constantinople (330). SS. Cyril and Methodius, Apostles of the Slavs	
			7:00 p.m.	100th Anniversary meeting
Wed.	May	12	Leave-taking of Pascha	
			9:00 a.m.	+Anne Stack by her family
Thurs.	May	13	ASCENSION OF OUR LORD, HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	
			9:00 a.m.	+Father Frank Knusel by Sister Melita Marie Penchalk, OSBM
			7:00 p.m.	+Cantor John Chontos by Judy Chontos
Fri.	May	14	Postfestive Day of Ascension. The Holy Martyr Isidore	
Sat.	May	15	Postfestive Day of Ascension. Our Holy Father Pachomius the Great	
			4:00 p.m.	For the parish family of St. Nicholas Church
Sun.	May	16	SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS AT THE FIRST NICEAN COUNCIL	
			8:30 a.m.	+Marie Sloff by the Petruno family
			11:00 a.m.	+Andrea and Raymond Huddas by the Stephen Hysick family

*****Please remain standing during the Divine Liturgy until Pentecost Sunday*****

Welcome to new parishioners and visitors The faithful of St. Nicholas Church would like to welcome new parishioners and visitors. We are happy that you have joined us on our spiritual journey and we hope that you feel welcome. **RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION** If you are Roman Catholic or Orthodox you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. When coming to receive Communion please do not extend your tongue — tilt your head back and open your mouth as wide as possible so that the priest can place the Body and Blood of Christ into your mouth. **FASTING BEFORE LITURGY** Please fast at least (a minimum of) one hour before attending the Divine Liturgy and receiving Communion. **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)** Please do not receive Communion if you have committed sins of a grave nature (i.e., “mortal sins”). Go to Confession first before receiving Communion. Visitors: please sign the guest book by the bulletin board. **All precautions are being taken to make our church as safe and sanitary as possible during this time of COVID. Bishop Lach requires that masks be worn during services. Thank you for your understanding.**

Please continue to pray for the sick and shut-in: Doris Crawley, Lillian Stefano, Kitty Marchione, Anna Uhrin, Cindy Dinsmore, Jerry May.

Prayer to St. Joseph for our mothers Just St. Joseph, pray that we may act in keeping with our Christian calling. Spouse of Mary, show us the way to consecrate ourselves to one another in selfless love. You who worked near the Son of Man, help us to bring Christ to all our labors and embrace sanctifying tasks that are pleasing to God. We invoke you as our guardian and protector, and we pray in the name of Jesus, the One Whose Hand you held, Whose Heart you loved, Whose Name you eternally adore. Amen.

Gospel Reflection It took a lot of courage for a young blind man to stand up against great odds. Even his parents were afraid to speak out. They excused themselves by saying: “He is of age. Let him speak for himself.” But he was intelligent as well as courageous. He outwitted the crafty and clever Pharisees. “Well, this is news!” he said. “You do not know where He comes from, yet He opened my eyes ... it is unheard of that anyone ever gave sight to a person blind from birth, if this man in today’s world it takes real courage and deep faith to be loyal to God. We live in very lax times. Too many people, youth and adults, want to be “with it.” They go along with a group or gang because they lack the courage to be different. They find it hard to defend Jesus and His teachings to an unbelieving generation. It takes courage to say: “I’m different. I have certain standards. I think for myself. I won’t follow like a meek lamb led to the slaughter. I want to be me! At one time, people painted over beautiful wooden objects.... furniture, doors, fireplace ornaments, because it was the “style.” With the passing of years they realized their mistake and removed the layers of paint to uncover the real beauty of the wood grain. People often do this to themselves. Sometimes an intelligent high school student will hide his superior scholastic talents by saying: “I don’t want the gang to think I’m a brain.” Others go along with the gang and conform to low standards of behavior. Many adults also lack the courage to be different. Because “others do it,” they follow like sheep. As Christians, we must be different. God gave us definite rules and laws. Do we have the courage to keep them and stand up for Christ? Can we do less than the today’s Gospel.

Panachida intentions at the 8:30 a.m. Liturgy: Margaret Banko by Bernadette Banko; Pauline Culyba, Mary Prokopec, and Mary Culyba by Mary Ann Jaskolski; Mary Lotoczky, Anna Lotoczky, Margarte Lotoczky, Martha Bednar, Helen Lotoczky, Helen Mandazzi, and Beverly Bednar by Marlene Farkas; Carole Gutmann, Edna Olson, and Mayme Shea by Laura Gutmann; Zafero Karouzakis, Anna Rohal, and Helen Dorchak by Mrs. Elaine Karouzakis; Rose Niziol, Mary Rundzia, Agnes Jasinski, and Sr. Berth by Shirley Kostiuik; Jane McGraw, Minnie Humphreys, and Agnes McGraw by David McGraw; Dolores Marszalec, Olga Koval, and Antoinette Marchione by the Marszalecs; Anne Minarish, Pat Fedorka, and Helen Margherio by M/M John L. Minarish; Palaguta Sidau and Mia Sidau by Anne Nagrant & family; Margaret Nagrant, Suzanne Wasilco, Jean Vamos, and Julia Savage by M/M George Nagrant; Sue Wasilyco, Margaret Nagrant, and Andrea Huddas by Nikolaj Nagrant; Mary Petty by Gina and Michael Petty; Mrs. Stella Sanders and Mrs. Anna Djudjar by M/M John Sanders; Adelaide Schwark and Mildred Schwark by Joel Schwark; Veronica Simon, Barbara Simon, and Veronica Seman by M/M George Nagrant; Betty Spisak, Mary Spisak, and Catherine Oseh by Gary Spisak; Anne Van Kula, Anna Shubeck, and Anna Janus Van Kula by Jim Van Kula.

Moleben intentions at the 11 a.m. Liturgy: Janice Lotoczky, Amy Milligan, Elexis Farkas, and Marlene Farkas; Val Marszalec, Catherine Marchione, Susan Marszalec, Natalie Marchione, Holly Marchione, Carol Greig, Christina Marchione, Barbara Koval, Haley Dean, Bailey Marchione, and Dorothy Grant by the Marszalecs; Helen Minarish by M/M John L. Minarish; Marianne Nagrant and Katherine Wallace by Anne Nagrant & family; Laura Nagrant, Marianne Nagrant, Susan Hall, Marjorie Hall, Suzanne Swanney, Erin Nagrant, Anne Nagrant, Lisa Hall, Rebecca Hall, Kathy Salter, Evelyn Nagrant, Margaret Biglin, Rose Smith, Carol Wasilco, Jamie Zinser, Rebecca Dority, Denise Fudge, and Susie Raftery by M/M George Nagrant; Chel-sea Holewinski, Marianne Nagrant, Angelika Bambrowicz, Casey Holewinski, and Teri Holewinski by Nikolaj Nagrant.

Weekly Collections

5/2/2021

**Celebrating our
100th anniversary year!**

Offertory	\$ 1,212.00
Initial	\$ 10.00
Holy Days	\$ 16.00
Pentecost	\$ 10.00
Candles	\$ 12.00
Carpet Project	\$ 100.00
Furniture Project	\$ 100.00
Parking Lot	\$ 100.00
E-donations	\$ 360.00
Total:	\$ 1,920.00

St. Nicholas parishioners are exceptionally generous.
Happy Mother's Day to our mothers. May the blessed memory of our deceased mothers be eternal!

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Served by: Father Joseph J. Repko, Pastor
Subdeacon Phillip Dinsmore

Cantors: George Nagrant, Nicholas P. Nagrant, Joseph Wanchik, Steve Terleski, John P. Minarish,
and Subdeacon Phillip Dinsmore and Richard Baranko, *Cantor Emeritus*.

Choir Director: Nicholas J. Nagrant

Catechetical Director: Suzanne Swanney

Youth Directors: Adam Digon and Kimberly Kaufman

Liturgy Schedule: Saturday 4:00 P.M. (Anticipated Sunday Obligation with Vespers)
Sunday 8:30 A.M. (Slavonic / English mix)
11:00 A.M. (English)
Daily Liturgy as scheduled (see inside of the bulletin)
Holy days as scheduled (see inside of the bulletin)

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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***** Celebrating 100 years: Aug 21-22, 2021 *****

Announcements for May 9, 2021: Sunday of the Man Born Blind

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! We wish all the mothers of our parish a very special day and honor them for the *Love* and *Life* they have given to all of us. May God grant to our living mothers many blessed years and to our mothers who have passed, Eternal Memory! We will be offering a *Panachida* for the deceased mothers at the end of the 8:30am Liturgy on Sunday morning, and a *Moleben* for the living mothers at the end of the 11:00am Liturgy.

Mother's Day Breakfast: We cordially invite all of you, especially all of our mothers, to join us for a Mother's Day Continental Breakfast, which will be held this Sunday morning between the two Liturgies.

THANK YOU to everyone that helped out with our Parish Beautification Day last Saturday, May 1st!!! We are extremely grateful to have parishioners who are generous with their time and talents! This year we were able to get quite a lot of work done both inside and outside—most especially in the boiler room and hall—and it is all thanks to your efforts! We would like to especially recognize and thank Subdeacon Phillip Dinsmore for helping to organize and coordinate all of the activities of the day, as well as to GCU Lodge 860 for providing the pizza lunch, T-shirts, and funding for some of the other supplies.

The next 100th Anniversary Planning committee meeting will be held this Tuesday, March 11th, from 7-9pm in the church hall. All committee members are asked to attend, as well as anyone else interested in helping out with our upcoming celebration.

Parking Lot Donations needed: One of the next things on our parish "to-do list" is to make some necessary repairs to our parking lot and driveways, before the condition worsens to the point where costs become extreme. We are in the process of collecting the necessary bids to finalize our plans, but we estimate the total cost to be somewhere in the \$50k-60k range. Obviously, this is a significant expense for a parish of our size, so we would greatly appreciate it if you would consider making an extra donation to help us cover this cost. If you are able, simply put your donation in a specially-marked envelope along with your regular Sunday envelope into the basket, or see Fr. Joe directly.

Help Needed- 100th Anniversary Book advertisement sales: Our Anniversary committee is busy reaching out to numerous local businesses asking them to donate an advertisement for the special book that will be published to commemorate our 100th Anniversary later this year. We would greatly appreciate if all parishioners would help in this endeavor, soliciting businesses that you may frequent, or otherwise have a relationship with. Forms are available in the vestibule, either on the bulletin stand or on the table next to the contact list dropoff box. Ads will be printed in color, and can be purchased in sizes ranging from full page (\$250) down to business card-size (\$50). Ad sales are an important part of the budget that we will need to fund our anniversary celebration activities, so please help us by soliciting the businesses that you support!

Happy Birthday this coming week to Doris Crawley (5/14)! May God grant her many more happy, healthy, and blessed years!

Wanted: Parish Photos and Memorabilia! If you have any items from our parish history that you'd like to share for our 100th Anniversary— photos, documents, articles, mementos, programs, recordings, etc— we would LOVE to see them! Simply contact Karen Kaufman or Jim Van Kula, and they will make special arrangements with you on the proper handling and eventual return of your items.

Eparchial Stewardship Drive Update: We are nearing the end of this year's Stewardship Drive, and are only \$525 from reaching our goal (we have received \$6,475 vs. our assigned goal of \$7,000). If you have not yet made your contribution for this Stewardship year, please send it in today! Payments will be accepted until June 30th. Thank you for your generosity!!! Please remember: if you pay online, make sure you list our church name and location so that your donation gets logged properly.

"God With Us +Online+" Adult Education Webinars: God With Us publications is offering a series of evening webinars entitled *I BELIEVE: A Study of the Creed of the Church*. These webinars will be held each Wednesday evening from April 14 – June 16, each from 8:00-9:30pm (Eastern), and will be led by Fr. David Anderson. These webinars are free, but you must pre-register online at www.easterncatholic.org. If you missed any of the earlier webinars, recordings are available on the website.

Scholarship Opportunity with Ave Maria University: Ave Maria University is offering a generous \$28,000 scholarship exclusively for Eastern Catholic students! This is a life-changing opportunity for young men and women to study at an authentically Catholic university endorsed by The Newman Guide! For more information on how to apply, go to <https://avemariauniversity.lpages.co/brilliant-jewel/>. Please share this opportunity with any Byzantine Catholic who is looking to attend a Catholic college. Fall '21 semester opportunities still available.

Ave Maria University is a dynamic liberal arts university offering 31 majors and 28 minors. Tom Monaghan, founder and chancellor of the university has long admired the Eastern Catholic Rites and their deep traditions. Emanating from this profound respect, the university is offering generous scholarships for Eastern Catholic students to study at Ave Maria University.

21st Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Lecture Sponsored by the Byzantine Catholic Seminary To be Delivered in Person and Livestreamed



Fr. Deacon Daniel Galadza

Father Deacon Daniel Galadza will deliver both in person and through livestream the 21st annual St. Cyril and Methodius Lecture of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary entitled *"The Liturgy of Jerusalem: History, Theology, and Lessons for Today."*

The Church of Jerusalem was the cradle of Christianity, influencing when and how Christendom celebrated the conception, birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ and the memorials of the Theotokos, apostles,

and martyrs. For the Byzantine Catholic Seminary's annual St. Cyril & Methodius Lecture, the Reverend Deacon Daniel Galadza presents Jerusalem's liturgical year, its historical sources and theology. His lecture will illustrate connections between the "Byzantinization" of the Eastern Patriarchates at the end of the first millennium and the Latinization of the Eastern Catholic Churches from the middle of the second millennium onward.

The public is welcome to register for and to attend the lecture on Tuesday, May 18. Visit the Seminary's website (www.bcs.ed.j) for complete information.

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