

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND



Icon of the Ascension of Our Lord

May 9, 2010 – Mothers' Day

Sunday of Man Born Blind

Festal Tone

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 10 – MAY 16

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12 – EPIPHANIUS & GERMANUS, BISHOPS – FINAL DAY OF THE FEAST OF PASCHA

6:00 PM GREAT VESPERS & LYTIA (FULFILLS OBLIGATION FOR ASCENSION)

THURSDAY, MAY 13 – ASCENSION OF OUR LORD (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

FRIDAY, MAY 14 – HOLY MARTYR ISIDORE

9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY

✠ NATALIA OZARKO (40TH DAY); REQ: MARIA LOZOVYJ

SUNDAY, MAY 16 – SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS



Remember in your prayers



Please remember in your prayers those members of your parish, our family and friends who are ailing, are in hospitals, nursing homes and those who are not able to join actively in their community. Remember especially the

following: Katherine Andrus, Walter & Isabella Bachynsky, Susie Boyko, Sonya Cronin, Helen Davis, Melissa Graves, Stephen Hricko, Bohdanchik James, Lorene Lagrone, Maria Laszok, Maria Lavasanipour, Lesya Loznycky, Sophia Skop and Ariadna Wall. Please let Fr. James know if there is anyone else who should be remembered.

Remember Those In The Armed Forces

Let us especially remember in our prayers those family members and friends who are actively serving their countries in the Armed Forces: Luke and Slavamira Haywas, Elizabeth Heltsley, Oksanna Hirniak, Andrew Hrynkiv, Zenon and Susan Keske, Michael Lopes, Vasyl Lylak, Thomas Orr, Paul Richelmi and Brian Tuthill. Please give any names of those you would like remembered in the Liturgies to Fr. James.



Mothers' Day!



Today we celebrate Mothers' Day with a special Luncheon following the Divine Liturgy. Please join us so that we can all celebrate that essential role in the Christian Family – the Mother.

50th Anniversary

The 50th Anniversary celebration will take place on the weekend of November 20 – 21. Bishop Richard has confirmed his attendance so planning is underway. Do you have any photos from the life of our parish? I ask you to loan them to the church in order to scan them and to make a slide-show that will chronicle the past 50 years. Please see Fr. James.

Rummage Sale

The rummage sale has been rescheduled for May 22nd. Donations & Volunteers are still needed. Please contact Olena Bankston: (619) 567-6967.

New Furnace & Air Conditioner

So far donors have given \$1,400.00 towards the \$3,500.00 expense. Please contribute generously.



Contributions for May 2, 2010

Sunday Collection	\$893.00
Heater / AC	\$400.00

Feast of the Ascension – Thursday, May 12th

This week we celebrate the Lord's Ascension into Heaven, which occurred 40 days after His Resurrection from the dead. As this is one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church's liturgical year, we all should try to be present for at least one of the divine services: 6:00pm Vespers on Wednesday, May 12th and 9:00 Divine Liturgy on Thursday, May 13th.

"The Church of Christ is now embellished like a bride. Having been adorned with icons of holy form; and it calls all together spiritually, let us come and celebrate together joyfully with concord and faith, magnifying the Lord"

– from the eve of the Sunday of Orthodoxy

50th anniversary project

As part of our 50th anniversary celebration we are commissioning icons for the iconostas.

From left to right:

- ❖ St. Nicholas the Wonderworker
- ❖ St. Michael the Archangel (who guards the door to heaven)
- ❖ The *Theotokos* with the Lord (Indicates the beginning and the end of time)
- ❖ The Four Evangelists: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John
- ❖ Our Lord the *Pantocrator* (All-Ruler) the just judge of all our works
- ❖ St. Gabriel the Archangel (who announced the incarnation – our entry into heaven)
- ❖ The John the Baptizer – Patron of this Holy House

We are looking for donors for these icons. May God bless the iconographer, Michael Kapeluk of Pittsburgh, for his devout service in beautifying the Lord's House! The projected cost of this project is \$10,000. If you would like to make a donation towards this project, please see Fr. James.

WHY DOES THE PRIEST CENSE US?

During the services, the priest censes many things in church. He also censes the people. Why does he cense the people?

As clouds of smoke from the burning incense rise up, we are reminded that we were created in the "image and likeness of God." It is this image in us that the priest censes. Just as he censes the icons of the saints, he censes each of us.

We are called to be saints. When we turn to God and tell Him we are sorry for our sins, He visits us and blesses us. He encourages us to grow and become more like Himself who is both holy and good. When the priest censes us, he reminds us to keep the divine image in us pure and God-like.

DID YOU KNOW?

- ❖ 1/6 of all of the words of Jesus Christ are concerned with the relationship of a person and his material possessions.
- ❖ 1/3 of Christ's parables are devoted to man's preoccupation with money.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Jesus Christ says in Matthew 6:21, "Where your treasure is there shall your heart be also." What a person does with his money, how he thinks about it, where he spends it, what he will do to earn it, and the things to which he will give it are some of the real clues to who he is inside, to what is essentially important to him, to what is really in his heart.

Enlarging Your Circle of Friendship

Often times when we come to church we find ourselves mingling with the same group of people; people with whom we may have a special affinity or perhaps people with whom we may have formed lasting friendships – and this is a great and wonderful thing! Yet, at the same time, we mustn't pass up the opportunity to interact with and get to know people outside our circle of friends. There is nothing better than a unified parish, whose circle of friendship includes everyone. Take a moment each Sunday to get to know someone different – you won't regret it!

Святкуємо 50-років!

Celebrating 50 Years!

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Entering Heaven Through the Flesh of Jesus

Through all this time between the Resurrection of the Lord and His Ascension, the providence of God thought of this, taught this and penetrated their eyes and heart. He wanted them to recognize the Lord Jesus Christ as truly risen, who was truly born, truly suffered and truly died. The manifest truth strengthened the blessed apostles and all the disciples who were frightened by His death on the cross and were doubtful of His Resurrection. The result was they were not only afflicted with sadness but also were filled with "great joy" when the Lord went into the heights of heaven. It was certainly a great and indescribable source of joy when, in the sight of the heavenly multitudes, the nature of our human race ascended over the dignity of all heavenly creatures. It passed the angelic orders and was raised beyond the heights of archangels. In its ascension, our human race did not stop at any other height until this same nature was received at the seat of the eternal Father. Our human nature, united with the divinity of the Son, was on the throne of His glory. The Ascension of Christ is our elevation. Hope for the body is also invited where the glory of the Head preceded us. Let us exult, dearly beloved, with worthy joy and be glad with a holy thanksgiving. Today we not only are established as possessors of paradise, but we have even penetrated the heights of the heavens in Christ. The indescribable grace of Christ, which we lost through the "ill will of the devil," prepared us more fully for that glory. Incorporated within Himself, the Son of God placed those whom the violent enemy threw down from the happiness of our first dwelling at the right hand of the Father. The Son of God lives and reigns with God the Father almighty and with the Holy Spirit now and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

St. Leo the Great