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**Sunday of the
Blindman**

Christ Is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!

Services	Thurs., June 13 th	Ascension of our Lord	
		Hours	8:45 am
		Divine Liturgy	9 am
	Sat., June 15 th	Great Vespers with Confession	6 pm
	Sun., June 16 th	Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council	
		Hours	9:15 am
		Divine Liturgy	9:30 am

*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind
for Sunday Liturgy.

Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

Gospel Reading: John 17:1-13

<p>Tone 5 Troparion (Resurrection)</p> <p>Let <u>us</u>, the faithful, praise and <u>worship</u> the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the <u>Spirit</u>, <u>born</u> for our salvation from the <u>Virgin</u>; for He <u>willed</u> to be lifted up on the <u>Cross</u> in the flesh, to <u>endure</u> death, and to <u>raise</u> the dead by His <u>glorious</u> Resurrection.</p> <p>Tone 4 Troparion (Pentecostarion)</p> <p>I come to Thee, O Christ, blind from birth in my <u>spiritual</u> eyes, and call to Thee in <u>repentance</u>: “Thou art the most radiant Light of those in <u>darkness</u>.”</p>	<p>Tone 8 Kontakion (Pentecostarion)</p> <p>Thou didst descend <u>into</u> the <u>tomb</u>, O <u>Immortal</u>, Thou didst <u>destroy</u> the <u>power</u> of death.</p> <p>In victory didst <u>Thou</u> <u>arise</u>, O <u>Christ</u> God, proclaiming, “<u>Rejoice!</u>” to the Myrrhbearing <u>Women</u>, granting peace to <u>Thine</u> Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the <u>fallen</u>.</p> <p>Tone 4 Kontakion (Midfeast)</p> <p>Christ God, the Creator and <u>Master</u> of all, cried to all in the midst of the <u>feast</u> of the Law: “Come and draw the water of <u>immortality!</u>”</p> <p>We fall before Thee and <u>faithfully</u> cry: “Grant us Thy mercies, for Thou art the <u>Fountain</u> of our life!”</p>	<p>Tone 8 Prokeimenon (Pentecostarion)</p> <p>Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (Ps. 75:10a)</p> <p><i>V. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.</i> (Ps. 75:1)</p>
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Epistle (*Resurrection*)

(Acts 16:16-34)

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.

Gospel (*Resurrection*) (John 9:1-38)

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.

Announcements:

Please remember to extend your Paschal greetings to everyone!

A special thanks for all of the efforts behind the scenes to make the services in Charleroi possible. It was truly beautiful.

We have received word that Fr. Sam's brother-in-law, Larry Sabol, died unexpectedly in Florida. Friends will be received at the Pantalone Funeral Home in Greensburg on Sunday, June 9 between 2 and 6 pm. May his Memory be Eternal!

This month's Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, June 10th at 6:30 pm.**

Parish Council is also accepting donations to help defray costs of the much needed restroom renovation. Please place your donation in an envelope labelled “Restroom Renovations” and leave in the basket at the candlestand. Many thanks in advance for your generosity!

Save the Date: On June 20th, Orthodox Christians for Life at St. Alexander Nevsky will have a Moleben Service for Victims of Abortion at 7 pm followed by a presentation by Jessica Patterson about BREATHE, an After-Abortion Care Program at 7:30 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

Special Prayer Request ~~ On Tuesday, May 28, the historic St. Theodosius Cathedral in Cleveland, OH suffered significant damage when the roof caught fire. The fire broke out in the afternoon around 3:30 pm EST. Local fire crews began to fight to put out the fire in an effort to save the temple. Priest Jan Cizmar, Cathedral Dean, along with other local clergy, faithful, and neighbors began to remove and preserve holy items from the Cathedral. In a post on the Cathedral Facebook page, Father Jan expressed his gratitude to the local firefighters and faithful who came offering their prayers. He also encouraged everyone to pray and support one another. His Eminence Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Midwest arrived later that evening to inspect the Cathedral. The following day, Archbishop Daniel led a service on the Cathedral grounds offering a prayer asking for God’s mercy during this challenging time. *Please remember the faithful of St. Theodosius’ in your personal prayers*

National Orthodox Baby Shower

Did you know that pregnancy resource centers across the country provide free consultations, medical services, and material resources to help women in crisis pregnancies? Our parish is joining with Orthodox parishes across the country to hold a “baby shower” to support mothers who choose life for their unborn children! Join us in collecting supplies to be donated to New Life Options in Monongahela, our local pregnancy resource center. Babies use an average of 2,500 - 3,000 diapers in the first year of life. That’s a lot of diapers!

New Life Options has provided us with a list of needs:

Wipes	Baby Wash	Shampoo (unscented)
Diaper Cream	Diapers -Newborn, 4 & 5	Hooded baby towels, wash cloth
Crib sheets	Pacifiers	Nail clippers
Teething rings	Nasal aspirated	Comb/brush set
Sippy cups	Seasonal clothing (new) Boys needed most	Gently used clothing-babies & children's

If interested in participating, we will be collecting the much needed items through **Saturday, June 8th**. Deacon David Rostcheck will pick up the collected items and deliver to New Life Options on our behalf.

“He restores my soul, He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.” (Psalm 23:3)

The Paths of Righteousness, the hiking group launched in 2020 at St. Michael’s in Greensburg under the leadership of Fr. Sam is eagerly planning to embark on wilderness hikes of 5-7 miles in length on Saturdays on established trails in Westmoreland, Fayette, Somerset, Indiana and Cambria counties of which Fr. Sam is familiar with. Adult hikers of both genders are welcome, with the only requirement being that they be fit enough and able to do the hike. The hikes will take place approximately once every 6 weeks. See the flyer on the vestibule bulletin.

Note from Council: There is an open position on Parish Council. If anyone is interested, please contact one of the Parish officers: Tim Laciak, Joe Niro or Michelle Meisner.