

THE ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH NEWS

St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Mission

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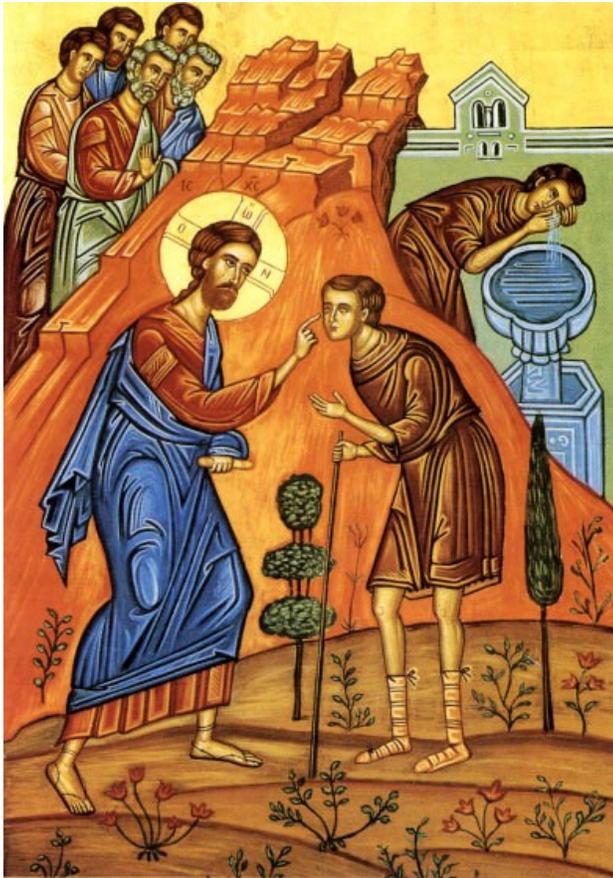
6th Sunday of Pascha

Epistle: Acts 16:16-34

Gospel: John 9:1-38

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Sunday of the Man Born Blind



If you have never been to an Orthodox Church before you are about to participate in the Divine Liturgy. The Liturgy is the *work of the people* and that means that all of your prayers are necessary! We hope you will stay and join us for coffee hour in the atrium. Please feel free to ask Fr. Matthew any questions you might have! May God's blessings be upon all of you!

Sunday of the Man Born Blind 6th Sunday of Pascha

Tropars, Kondaks and other Special Hymns: Blue Book pg. 206, Red Book pg. 229.

Anything else that is special (different than usual) for the Paschal season can be found on in the Blue Book on pages 193-196 and in the Red Book on pages 215—218.

Weekly Schedule of Divine Services:

Wednesday 5/24 6:30PM– Great Vespers for the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord

Thursday 5/25 7:30AM Matins 8:30AM– Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord

Saturday 5/27 7PM– Great Vespers

Sunday 5/28 10AM– Divine Liturgy

This is the last Sunday we sing "Christ is Risen!" So sing with joy, sing with love, and sing with faith and hope in our Risen Lord! Make a memory and keep the joy of Christ's Resurrection in your heart and in your soul all throughout the year! Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

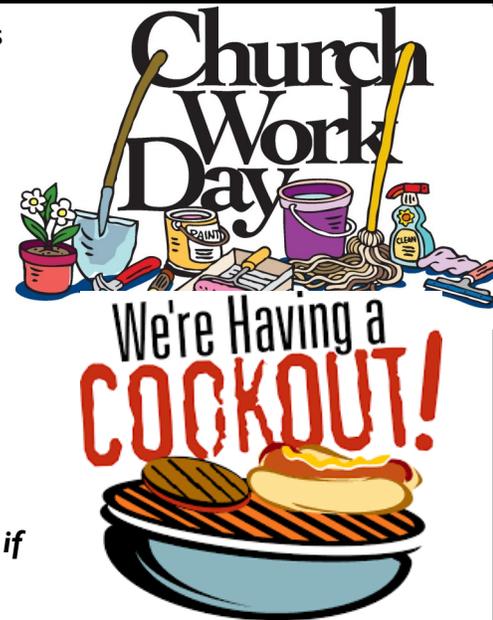
Evelyn Melnikoff, Fr. John and Pani Betty Jean Baranek, Fr. James Gleason, The Paccio Family, Johanna, James, Herbert and Mary Schleinig, Patricia+ (Blessed Repose), James+ (Blessed Repose), Anna, Basil, David, Dianna, Denise, Alex, Jason, Athanasia, Ethel, Kathy, Lester, Sally, Jack, Angela, Tyler, Maria, Jeff, Lesley, Page Family, Stephen (Blessed Repose), The Blanar Family, Anna+ (Blessed Repose), Louise, Emma Rae, The Floyd Family, Phillip (Blessed Repose), Zachary, George, Fred and Helen Mileschko, Robin, Michael, Dean, Margaret, Jenny+ (Blessed Repose) and Keith, Peter (blessed repose), Bishop Gregory and his family, Bryan +(Blessed Repose), Rick, the James Family, Fr. Scott, Rebecca Cooper+ (Blessed Repose), Fr. Paul Herbert+ (Blessed Repose), Joseph, Boris, Maria+ (Blessed Repose), Maria Starcova, Ernie +(Blessed Repose), Fr. Hazuda+ (Blessed Repose), Janis, John Haddad, David Novak, Suzette Gardenhour, Bob, David, Michelle, Stephen, James, Brian Paul, George Smisko+ (Blessed Repose), Kathy, Mike, Helen S+ (Blessed Repose), Bob+ (Blessed Repose), Debbie, Alma+ (Blessed repose), Ken, The Hayes and Boucher families, Bo+ (Blessed Repose), Sadie+ (Blessed Repose), Peyton & the Gully Family, John, Alexandra, Benjamin, John, The Hazuda Family, Fr. William George+ (Blessed Repose), Pani Amy George and the George Family, Violet Through the prayers of the Birthgiver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, St. Elizabeth, The Holy Fathers, and all the Saints, may our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ, Risen from the dead, have mercy on us and save us!



“Christ healed the man blind from birth (John 9). It was not merely by a word that he was healed, but ‘by an outward action, doing this not without purpose or by chance, but that he might show forth the Hand of God that had at the beginning moulded the human being’ (haer. 5.15.2). So, just as ‘the Lord took mud from the earth and formed the human being’ (Gen. 2:7), Christ spat on the ground and made mud, smeared it upon his eyes, ‘pointing out the original fashioning, how it was effected, and manifesting the Hand of God to those who can understand by what [Hand] the human being was formed out of the dust’ (haer. 5.15.2). As, in Christ’s words, the man was born blind not because of his own sin or that of his parents, ‘but that the works of God should be manifest in him’ (John 9:3), so Irenaeus sets this particular work within the intentionality of the economy as a whole: For that which the artificer, the Word, had omitted to form in the womb, he then supplied in public, that the works of God might be manifested in him, in order that we might not seek out another hand by which the human being is fashioned, nor another Father, knowing that this Hand of God which formed us in the beginning, and which does form us in the womb, has in the last times sought us out who were lost, winning back his own, and taking up the lost sheep upon his shoulders, and with joy restoring it to the fold of life. (haer. 5.15.2; cf. Luke 19:10, 15:4-6).” -St. Irenaeus of Lyons: *Identifying Christianity*, pp 162-163

Many Patristic writers since the time of St. Irenaeus (2nd Century) saw in the act of Jesus spitting on the ground (on the earth) a reference to the Genesis 2 creation story in which God forms the human being from the dirt of the ground. It is as if Jesus is completing the act of creation for this man. The assumption is that it is really the pre-Incarnate Christ who creates Adam. Now, in this Gospel lesson, the man was born incomplete, with no sight, but the Fathers seem to assume he has no eyes. Christ finishes the act of creation for him – forming eyes from the dirt just as He formed the first human. Christ literally becomes light for this man – granting him sight. Or one might see in Christ’s activity Him literally bringing about the new creation. - <https://frted.wordpress.com/tag/man-born-blind/>

- **Family Clean up Day and Cookout– Saturday June 3rd 9am–** Everyone is invited for a day of work in the service of God’s Glory to beautify our Church grounds and enjoy fellowship together. Feel free to come at any point during the day and offer your talents to the Lord. The more hands we have the lighter the load will be. Towards the end of our work we will enjoy a cookout together on the Church grounds! Please sign up if you are interested in coming on the bulletin board by the coffee pot.



- **Altar Society Meeting Today During Coffee Hour**
- **Altar Boy’s Retreat Registration is now open online!-** <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=oblwu7zab&oeidk=a07edvuj77d52f7b0a2> **Please contact Fr. Matthew if you have any questions!**
- **Young Women’s Encounter Registration is now open online!-** <http://www.acrod.org/news/2017/lywe-2017-registration> **The Young Women’s Encounter takes place at the same time as the Altar Boy’s Retreat. If you are interested please sign up and let Fr. Matthew know as soon as possible.**
- **Camp Nazareth Registration is Open–** Our Camp week is Week 3 -- July 30 - August 5, 2017. If you plan on attending please register at https://www.campnetwork.com/Register/Register.php?camp_id=396857. If you have any issues or need assistance with the camp fee’s please let Fr. Matthew know as soon as possible.
- **Camp Nazareth Family Day Raffle Tickets are Available!-** The tickets are \$20 a piece with a chance to win \$10,000. All proceeds go to Camp Nazareth. See David Novak if you are interested. All Checks are to be made payable to **Camp Nazareth**. There are only 9 tickets available to get them quick before they’re all gone!