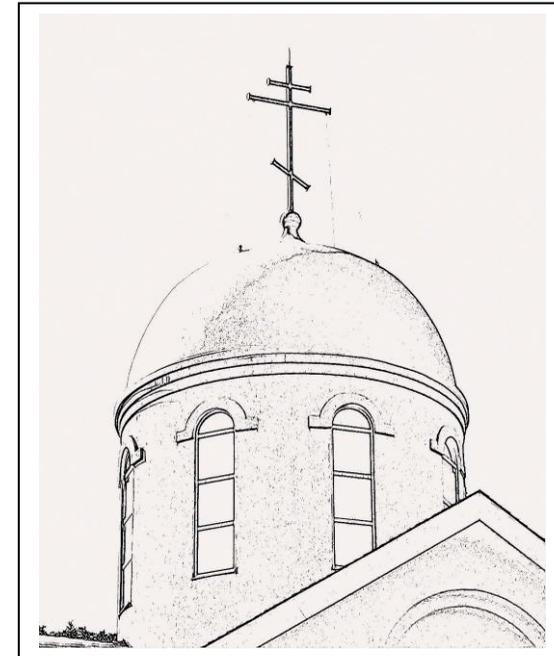


TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 9:1-38 (Gospel) At that time, as Jesus passed by, He saw a man blind from his birth. And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of Him Who sent Me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the Light of the world." As He said this, He spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for He does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know Who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he shall speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if any one should confess Him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become His disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where He comes from, and yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if any one is a worshiper of God and does His will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that any one opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And Who is He, sir, that I may believe in Him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen Him, and it is He Who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped Him.

WEEKLY



BULLETIN

Today is the beginning of our salvation, the revelation of the eternal mystery. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace. Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos: Rejoice O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you!

Troparion of the Annunciation to the Theotokos

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May 21, 2017
SIXTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA
Sunday of the Blind Man

Tone 5. Holy Equals-to-the-Apostles Emperor Constantine and his mother, Helen (Elena) (327). St. Constantine (1129) and his children, Ss. Michael and Theodore, Wonderworkers of Múrom. Ven. Cassian the Greek, of Uglich (1504). The Meeting of the VLADIMIR Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos (in commemoration of the saving of Moscow from the invasion of the Crimean Khan, Mekhmet-Girei in 1521).

Today's Readings:

Epistle: Acts 16:16-34 and Acts 26:1-5, 12-20

Gospel: John 9:1-38 and John 10:1-9

Upcoming Service Schedule:

Wednesday – 6:15pm Panikhida (+Protodeacon John Federoff)

Wednesday – 7:00pm Great Vespers (*Ascension of Our Lord*)

Thursday – 9:30am Divine Liturgy (*Ascension of Our Lord*)

Saturday – 7:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday – 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Next Sunday's Readings:

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

Gospel: John 17:1-13



The Blind Man

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Coffee Hour Teams:

Today – TEAM A (Pasick, Stavrou, Morris Families)

Next Sunday – TEAM B (Nilsen, Christos)

Welcome to our visitors who have joined us today for worship and prayer. We invite you to stay with us after today's services for an Agape Coffee Hour in our Parish Rectory. Please sign our guest book before you leave, tell your friends and family members about us, and bring back one or two of them on your next visit!

Special Prayers

We pray for **all** our parish family members, but we pray especially for those who are ill and afflicted. Among them are: **Dorothy Gornick, Tom Collins, Tom Kopec, Walter Romanofsky, Millie Podolak, Ann Marie Gahr, Dennis Gahr, Millie Hladick, Ron Madensky, Andy Popovchak, Dorothy Studier, Helen Ciurczak, Pauline Barnowsky, Suzanne Hanas, and Catherine Ratushna.**

Annunciations

TODAY –The **Church School** meets in the parish rectory at 8:45am, and the **Adult Education Class** gathers in the church at 9:00am.

TODAY has been designated by the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishop as **Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday**, and is to be observed in all Orthodox parishes. Awareness is the beginning of action, so please **become aware** of the Orthodox Church's involvement in this ministry by visiting www.theocpm.org, then act accordingly. A collection basket will also be in the narthex today should you wish to donate to this worthy ministry.

THIS WEDNESDAY – **Great Vespers with Litya** will be served at 7:00pm for the Feast of the **Ascension of Our Lord**. Prior to the service, an **anniversary Panikhida** will be served in memory of **+Protodeacon John Federoff**.

THIS THURSDAY is the Great Feast of the **Ascension of Our Lord**. **Divine Liturgy** will be served at 9:30am. This is a major feast, so every effort should be made to attend both or either the Great Vespers or Divine Liturgy. A **pot-luck style agape Coffee Hour** will be held in the parish rectory following the service. Please bring along a dish to share in celebration of this joyous feast!

Next Sunday will be the last sessions for **the Church School and the Adult Education classes**. Both will resume in the fall. In the meantime, we **always have opportunities to learn about our Faith**. Please take advantage of those that present themselves even during the summer months.

Sunday, June 4 is **Pentecost Sunday**. On this day, we will begin our **summer schedule** and **begin the Divine Liturgy at 9:00am**.

Saturday, June 10 – The annual **Run/Walk for the Church** event will take place at Ss. Peter and Paul Church in South River. All who wish to meet others from our neighboring Orthodox parishes, get a little fresh air and stretch their legs for a mile, two, or more, should consider participating. Please **mark the date** and look for more details to come!

Sunday, June 25 – A **Parish Council Conference** for all deanery parishes and their parish councils will be held at Ss. Peter and Paul Church in South River from 2 – 6pm. All parishioners are encouraged to attend this **important workshop** as it will explain our Diocesan By-Laws and the recent and proposed changes to that document.

Keep up on OCA news by visiting www.oca.org,
diocesan news by visiting www.nynjoca.org, and
parish news by visiting www.occa-brick.org.

MANY YEARS

Birthdays this week

Monday – Andrea Chidylo

Anniversaries this week

Friday – Alan and Kathryn Diaz (#4)

OUTREACH

- **Food Pantry donations** are *always* accepted. Place non-perishable food items in blue bin in the narthex
- **Clothing donations** are accepted on the last Sunday of each month. Place donations next to the food pantry bin.