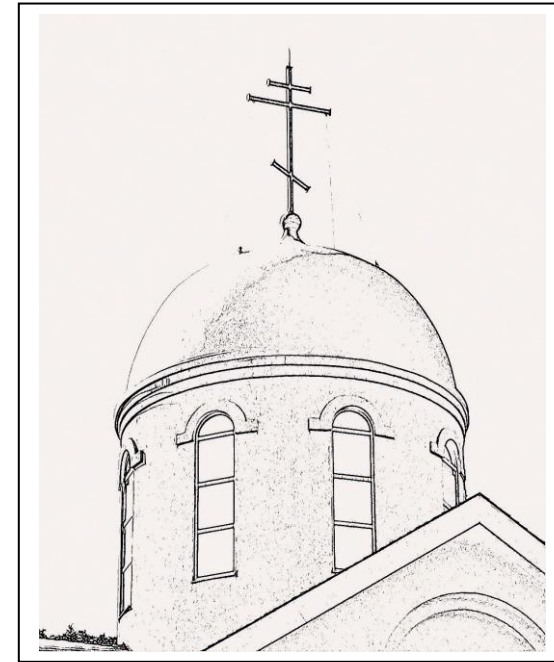


TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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 13, 2018
SIXTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA
Sunday of the Blind Man

Tone 5. Virgin Martyr Glyceria at Heraclea, and with her, Martyr Laodicius, Keeper of the Prison (ca. 177). Righteous Virgin Glykéria of Novgorod (1522). Translation of the Relics of Ven. Makáry, Archimandrite of Obruch (or Kanev—1678). Martyr Alexander of Rome (284-305). St Pausicacus, Bishop of Synnada (606). St George the Confessor, with his wife, Irene, and their children, of Constantinople (9th c.). St. Euthymius the New (1028), founder of Iveron Monastery, and his fellow Georgian Saints of Mt. Athos: his father, John, his cousin, George, and Gabriel. Monk Martyrs of Iveron (Mt. Athos).

Today's Readings:

Epistle: Acts 16:16-34

Gospel: John 9:1-38

Upcoming Service Schedule:

Today – 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Wednesday – 7:00pm Great Vespers w/Litya

Thursday – 9:30am Divine Liturgy

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 Ascension of Our Lord

The Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors program is an essential vehicle for funding the activities and programs of our diocese. Please consider participating in the program. Brochures are located by the bulletin board in the parish hall or at the diocesan website at www.nynjoca.org.

Coffee Hour Teams:

Today – Men of the Parish

Next Sunday – TEAM E (Bass, Petrides)

Special Prayers

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

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 Hall. 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!

Annunciations

TODAY – The **Church School and Adult Education** sessions take place at their usual times and places. The **final day of classes** for both groups is **Sunday, June 3**.

TODAY – A **Mother's Day Brunch** will be served in place of Coffee Hour. All are invited to attend, **especially all mothers, grandmothers and godmothers**. A **freewill offering** will be gladly accepted and appreciated. All men of the parish are asked to help with the clean-up.

TODAY – **We are experimenting** with having the choir sing from the nave of the church during the Divine Liturgy. Your understanding during this trial period is greatly appreciated.

THIS TUESDAY – The **Parish Council** will meet at the parish rectory at 6:30pm.

THIS WEDNESDAY – **Great Vespers with Litya** will be served at 7:00pm for the Feast of the **Ascension of Our Lord**.

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 hall following the service. Please bring along a dish to share in celebration of this joyous feast!

Saturday, June 2 – 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**. **Event flyers** are available by the church hall bulletin board.

The Parish Council is **forming a committee** to plan for this year's **Ethnic Fair and Gift Auction**. The event will take place in **September** this year. If you would like to serve on the committee, please contact Tara Paxton of Father Gary as soon as possible.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

MANY YEARS!

Birthdays this week

Monday – Gary Paxton

Tuesday – Olga Pasick

Tuesday - David Alpaugh

Thursday – Pauline Barnowsky

Thursday - Alexia May

Wedding Anniversaries this week

Today – Amy & Michael Ginty (#1)

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.