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Sunday Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. – Weekdays Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

General Confession 1st Sunday of month

Private Confession every Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. or upon request

Epistle Act 16: 16-34

Gospel: John 9:1-38

Sunday, May 24, 2020

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

XPNCTOC BOCKPECE! VOISTINNU VOSKRES!

BLINDMAN –Sixth Sunday of PASCHA

PRAYERS FOR THE HEALTH: Please pray for the following: Stephanie Kennedy, Drake Kennedy, Wellington Kennedy, Conrad Kennedy, Pat Federonko, Gloria Wheeler, Doris Sprague, Gregory Harvilla, Judy Wadysz, Barbara Sapick, Paul Sapick, Mildred Cislo, Anna Hagopian, Reader Gary (Paul) Repella, Michael Gaujanian, Marion Kurtyka, Alice Caddy, William Harvey, Daniel Moran, Brian Kurtyka, Ryan Kerrigan, and Frances Munaco.

Father Timothy and Matushka are continuing with services. If you can, pray with them at the time the services are scheduled. Please continue to pray for those who are afflicted with this disease, as well as those who put their lives on the line administering to the sick, and also for those who serve our communities – police, emergency personnel, fireman, government officials, and those working to provide necessities for us.

REMEMBERED AT LITURGY: Today during Divine Liturgy, Fr. Timothy prayed for the repose souls of: my grandmother *Mary Halicky*, my Aunt *Anne Skwir*, and my mother *Irene Duke* who just passed on April 20th - from daughter Karen Genz. **MEMORY ETERNAL!**

CHURCH SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Wednesday, May 27th – Vespers for the Holy Feast of Ascension of our Lord 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 28th – Divine Liturgy of the Holy Feast of Ascension of our Lord 10:00 a.m.

Fr. Timothy is Celebrating his 40th Year in the priesthood – ordination on Ascension Day, May 15, 1980. God Grant him & Matushka Sherry Many Years for their many years serving our Lord Jesus Christ and His Holy Church!

THANK YOU: I wish to thank our parishioners for their continued support of St. Michael's. We will come through this uncertain time with your love and support.

I also wish to thank Chris Muzzin and his son Matthew for their technical support in getting St. Michael's on line to live-stream services. There are many parishioners who take advantage of this service. We thank Chris and Matt for volunteering their hard work to make this possible.

View services at: youtube.com go to search section: **Saint Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church Redford**

From The ORTHODOX WEEKLY BULLETIN ...Vestal, Cliffwood, New Jersey

“WHO SINNED THAT THIS MAN WAS BORN BLIND?”

The thought of someone being blind from birth touches even the hardest of hearts. Imagine never seeing a sunset, a field of flowers, a mountain range or a multitude of other natural wonders with which our Heavenly Father has blessed us.

With this in mind, today we commemorate the Sunday of the MAN BORN BLIND. It is touching to hear how our Lord gave him his sight. It is troubling, *however*, to note how the man was treated after his amazing good fortune!

Even before Christ performed this great miracle, the Apostles questioned their Master as to who was to blame for this man's handicap. Was it he, or his parents, who had sinned? The Lord explains that suffering should not be equated with sin! Throughout the course of normal events, misfortune invades all of our lives, giving God opportunities to work His Power through us.

How shameful the Pharisees act when confronted with this miracle. There is no joy expressed by them. Instead, they were indignant that Christ would do such a thing on the Sabbath! When the former blind man would not acknowledge that the Man who healed him was a “Sinner,” the Pharisees cast him out from their midst. Theirs was more permanent “blindness.”

The message of today's Gospel is clear: physical blindness is not nearly as bad as spiritual blindness. This is summarized beautifully in one of the verses from the Vespers for today: “I come to you, O Lord, with the eyes of my soul as blind as the eyes of the man born blind. In repentance, I cry to you: you are the brilliant light for all of those in darkness.”