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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**

**Sunday, June 6, 2021**

Epistle: Acts 16: 16-34

Gospel: John 9: 1-38

**CHRIST IS RISEN!**

**TRULY HE IS RISEN!**

**PRAYERS FOR THE HEALTH:** Wellington Kennedy, Conrad Kennedy, Gloria Wheeler, Doris Sprague, Gregory Harvilla, Judy Wadysz, Barbara Sapick, Anna Hagopian, Reader Gary (Paul) Repella, Michael Gaujanian, Marion Kurtyka, Alice Caddy, William Harvey, Daniel Moran, Frances Munaco, Sonia Kurtyka, Nancy Hawkins, Bradley Webster, Jestin Spears, Sophie Miller, and Deacon David Rehn.

**HOSPITALIZED:** *Gregory Harvilla was admitted to Garden City Hospital, yesterday, Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for his improved health.*

**CHURCH SERVICES THIS WEEK:**

**Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, - Vespers for the Holy Feast of Ascension**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, - Divine Liturgy for Holy Feast of Ascension**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Fr. Timothy is Celebrating his 41<sup>st</sup> 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!**

**REMINDER: THERE IS NO KNEELING FROM PASCHA TO THE PENTECOST KNEELING PRAYERS!**

**ATTENTION: We are really low on lighters used to light candles in church. Please, if you can, help by buying a few lighters to replenish our supply. Thanks!**

**MEMORIAL LUNCHEON:** A special luncheon is scheduled for **TODAY, Sunday, June 6, 2021, in our Church Cultural Center** in memory of *Paul Sapick* who fell asleep in the Lord on April 24, 2021. It is offered by the Sapick family in his memory. There will be a Parastas after the Divine Liturgy in memory of Paul. The family of Paul Sapick is inviting everyone to please join them for a meal after Divine Liturgy and Parastas. Memory Eternal! Christ is Risen! Please come and support the family and enjoy a delicious meal.

**MEMORIAL DONATION:**

Nicholas Obrizok Jr (in memory of my father Nickolas & mother Helen)

\$100.00

Memory Eternal! Christ is Risen!

Thank you for your donation!

**MASK WEARING: It is recommended that you continue to wear a mask while in church. Please continue to remember to sanitize your hands and sign in on the sign-in sheets.**

**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."