SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

MAY 9, 2021

Saints Cyril and Methodius
Byzantine Catholic Church

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Parochial Administrator
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Sunday
9:00 and 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy
(If unable to attend in person, our 9AM Divine Liturgy
is streamed via our Facebook page.)

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| SUNDAY  | SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND  
| May 9  | Festal Tone  
|        | Mother’s Day  
|        | Acts 16:16-34  
|        | Jn 9:1-38  
|        | 8:30 AM Confession  
|        | 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
|        | 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
| Monday | Simon the Zealot  
| May 10 | Apostle  
|        | 1 Cor 4:9-16  
|        | Mt 13:54-58  
| Tuesday | Cyril & Methodius  
| May 11 | Apostles to the Slavs  
|        | Heb 13:17-21  
|        | Jn 10:9-16  
| Wednesday | Epiphanius & Germanus  
| May 12 | Bishops  
|        | Acts 18:22-28  
|        | Jn 12:36-47  
| Thursday | Ascension of Our Lord  
| May 13 | Acts 1:1-12  
|        | Lk 24:36-53  
|        | 6:30 PM Divine Liturgy and Procession  
|        | 6:00 PM Vespers  
| Friday  | Isidore Martyr  
| May 14 | Acts 19:1-8  
|        | Jn 14:1-11  
| Saturday | Pachomius the Great Venerable  
| May 15 | Acts 20:7-12  
|        | Jn 14:10-21  
|        | 4:00 PM St. Nicholas Mission Divine Liturgy  
| SUNDAY  | SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 1ST  
| May 16 | ECUMENICAL COUNCIL  
|        | Festal Tone  
|        | Acts 20:16-18 & 28-38  
|        | Jn 17:1-13  
|        | 8:30 AM Confession  
|        | 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
|        | 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy  

Call the parish office (919-239-4877) to make an appointment or to speak with Fr. Vasyl (908-404-0777).

SSCM CHURCH/HALL SCHEDULE
The St. Nicholas Mission celebrate their Divine Liturgy in our church every Saturday at 4:00 PM.
The Eritrean Orthodox celebrate their Divine Liturgy in our church from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month.
The Coptic Orthodox celebrate their Divine Liturgy in our church from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meets the second Tuesday of every month. If you have any questions or concerns you would like addressed at the next meeting, please contact one of the members: Mike Carpenter, Marie Taylor, Paul Tooley, Lance Morgan, Dan Pope, and Mike Sapsara.
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If you are new to our area or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are happy you are joining us to share in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not a home for you, we warmly invite you to become part of our parish family.

If you wish to register with our parish, please email Michelle Rubush at sscurymethodius@gmail.com

CHRIST IS RISEN!
INDEED HE IS RISEN!

SLAVONIC: CHRISTOS VOSKRESE! VOISTINNU VOSKRESE!

Please remember in your prayers:
Jerry and Holly Kingery; Lance Morgan; Sophia Rose; John Patrick Rose; Rachel Blair; David Hoover; Cameron Shuey; Dale Blair; Bernadette’s parents and aunts: Andrew, Etta, Martha and Yolanda; Father Mark and family; Father Vasyl and family.

Please pray for the repose + of the souls of our faithful departed:
+Elizabeth Macario; +Luke Morgan, +Natalie and John Morgan, +Rev. Fr. Richard Rohrer, +Gloria Shuey, +Victor Quintero, + Maria Victoria Quintero

In Blessed Repose, Grant O Lord, Eternal Rest to the Soul of Your Departed Servants and may their Memory be Eternal.

In spite of the pandemic, the maintenance of our church continues and bills must be paid. Thanks to all who continue to serve our church with their time, talent, and treasure. We are grateful to all who help clean our church, take care of the trash cans, and plant flowers.

Our church well was recently tested for water quality and it is free of bacteria!

HELP NEEDED FOR CHURCH CLEANING
We need more volunteers so no one is cleaning more than once every three months. Please use the Sign-Up Genius which was sent via email to respond. Volunteers may do the cleaning anytime during the week when the church is not in use. Please send an email to the church if you are able to participate in this very important ministry for our church. Thank you to our current volunteers!

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SUMMER MARKET - SATURDAY, JUNE 26th

Please save some time during the week prior to the market for food preparation. The day of the market we will need help cooking pierogis and grilling kielbasa, filling orders, parking assistance, etc. More details and job descriptions will be announced soon.
FATHER VASYL’S MESSAGE FOR SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

Who sinned, he who was born blind, or his parents? When we ask, “Why has this happened in my life? Why me? What is the reason for my suffering, because I have done nothing wrong?” We are seeking to justify ourselves, looking for the culprit in our misfortunes, in someone or something else. With this approach, we fall into a vicious circle in which we seek to blame someone or something for our unhappiness. We see no other way to solve this problem. As Christian believers, we should instead seek the significance of this trial, asking, "What does this event mean? What is God's will manifested here? What does God want to tell me through this?" In various trials, the Christian should try to find God's presence, the good of God for himself.

The story of the man born blind reminds us that not everything in life is the result of sin, or God's punishment for certain human sins. Sometimes, things happen from God's will to bring man closer to God. The search for God, God's will in suffering, opens the human heart to God, to his spiritual light. The light of faith and love opens to the person understanding and value of this or that test, to find sense among sufferings. The search for God in suffering fills man with spiritual light, which helps to distinguish good from evil, the action of God from the hidden influence of the forces of darkness. When Jesus answered the apostles' questions about the cause of the man's blindness, He said, "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." (Jn 9: 5).

It is Christ who reveals to man the meaning of patient endurance, and by word and example shows the way of deliverance. Although man sinned through disobedience and distanced himself from God, violated God's order, the order of human life, God did not cease to love him and continues to seek ways to return us to eternal life. This love has been revealed and confirmed by God through various signs and wonders throughout human history through patriarchs, kings, prophets, and in particular through His Son Jesus Christ. We have seen in today's Holy Gospel how the Lord God generously rewarded the blind man for his patience, because he miraculously opened his eyes, giving him physical and mental sight. Remember that only faith in God is the true foundation of the spiritual life.

In Western Europe lived a boy who was born blind. Relatives were very worried about him and could not do anything to help. Fortunately, the boy was very capable, and although he was blind, he learned to play the organ. As he grew up, he played the organ in the church. One day a straw was caught in his eye and he was taken to a doctor. The doctor pulled out the straw and examined his eyes and said that surgery could be performed. After the operation, the young man saw for the first time the world of God, the sky, clouds, flowers, and the sun. He saw something completely different than he had imagined when his father and mother told him about it. It really was a great happiness for him. He could safely say that it was better to see it all at once than to hear it seven times!

So in this world, everything has an end. The long suffering of a man who was blind from birth came to an end: Jesus Christ approached him and miraculously healed him. According to scripture in the Second World, our Heavenly Father's home holds even greater happiness for us than on earth. "What the eye has not seen, nor the ear heard, what has not come into man's heart, God has prepared for those who love Him." (1 Cor. 2: 9).

Let us remember that through the healing of the blind man, the Lord has revealed to us a true view of temporal life, and through temporal and eternal life. The Lord is always ready to help us, all we need is our desire. God's love is truly boundless to us. Therefore, let us cooperate with God's graces, which have only one task; namely, to help us save our immortal soul. We ask Jesus Christ to always be with us; both in waves of joy and in waves of sorrow, especially when it comes to eternity. We pray to Him, and pray to Him often, that He will always be a guide for our lives, that no one will be able to dim the light of God's knowledge for us, that we will love Him with all our hearts and never part with Him. Let us always be grateful for everything to the Lord God, and let us be faithful to His Holy Commandments. Then will we not only see, but also inherit the eternal happiness in heaven which God has prepared for those who love Him! Amen.

A FACE MASK COVERING MOUTH AND NOSE MUST BE WORN DURING DIVINE LITURGY WHICH SHOULD BE REMOVED BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

- Parishioners who are considered “high risk,” and more vulnerable to the virus should consider not attending Liturgy in the church and continue to participate via Facebook.
- Parishioners are dispensed from attending Divine Liturgy on Sunday and Holy Days.
- Please bring your own mask as the church has a limited number available.
- Social distancing (six feet) of people not living in the same household should be followed. A family living together can sit in the same area.
• Please refrain from physical contact.
• Please sanitize hands when entering and leaving church.
• **There will be no Agape meal in the hall after Liturgy; please do not bring food.**
• Please maintain social distancing after Liturgy.
• A collection basket is under the Tetrapod for your weekly donation. You may also mail in your donation or donate online via our website using Tithely.
• As you approach Fr. Vasyl for communion, please state your name.

**THE HALL IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Our Eparchy will be hosting monthly Byzantine Gatherings. Mark your calendars for each date. Gatherings will begin at 6:00 PM. Email contact: FrDeaconTom@gmail.com