

Jesus' Power over Blindness

There is a blindness resulting from sickness which obscures the vision and is remedied by the passage of time. There is a blindness which is caused by some fluids and this, also, when the trouble is removed, is generally cured by the skill of medicine. From this you may know that when one is cured who has been blind from birth it is not a case of skill but of power. The Lord gave health, and He used no medicine, for the Lord Jesus healed those whom no one else had cured

What did He wish in that He who gave back life at His command bestowed health by His Word, saying to the dead: "Come forth" and Lazarus came forth from the tomb; saying to the paralytic: "Arise, take up your pallet" and the paralytic arose and began to take up the pallet on which he was carried when he was paralyzed in all his limbs. Why, I say, did He spit and

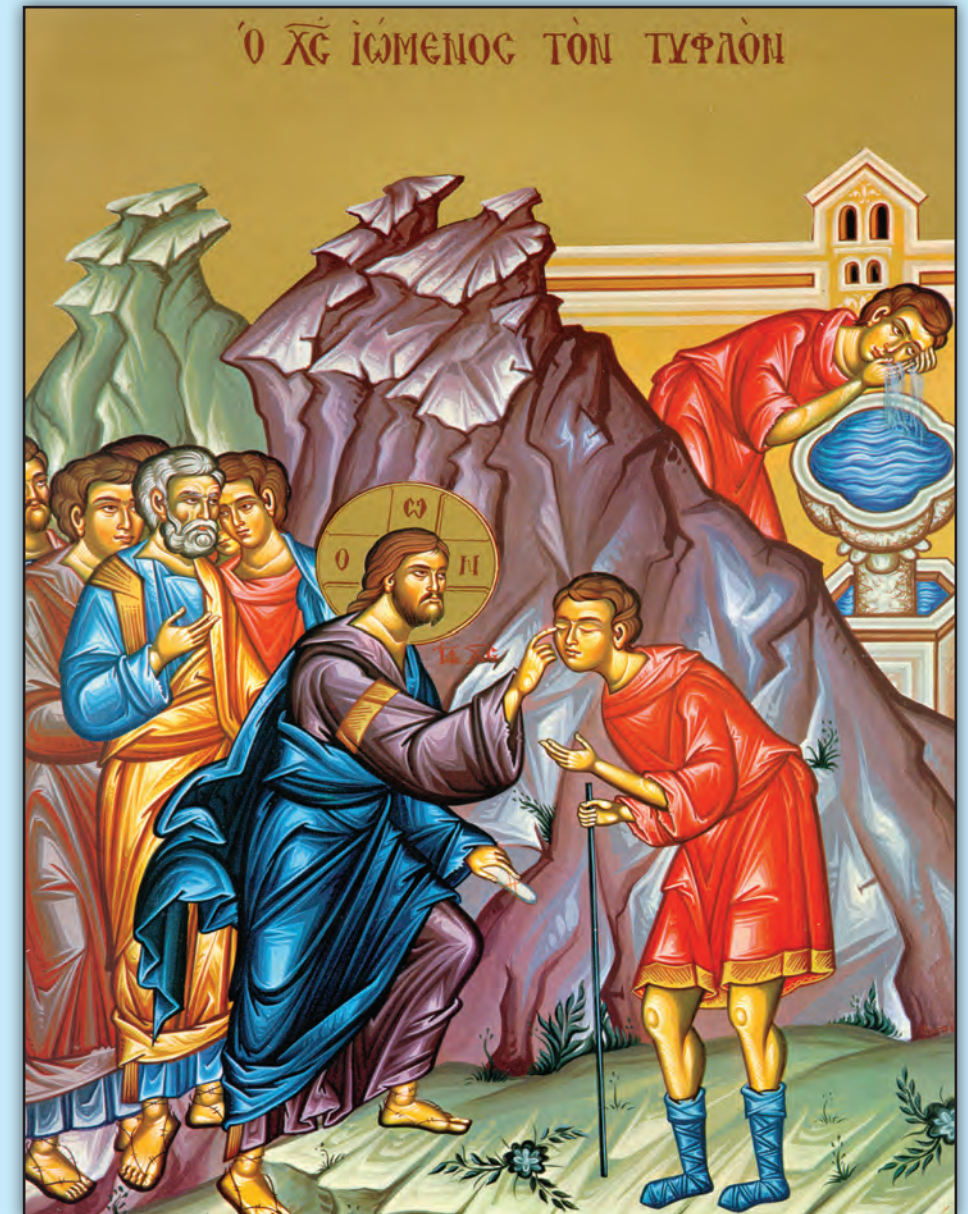
make clay and spread the clay over the eyes of the blind man and say to him: "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is interpreted "sent")? So he went away and washed and began to see. What is the reason for this? An important reason, unless I am mistaken, for he whom Jesus touches sees more.

Notice at the same time His divinity and his sanctity. As the Light He touched and shed light; as Priest He fulfilled in the figure of baptism the mysteries of spiritual grace. He spat so that you might realize that the things within Christ are light. One who is cleansed by the means which Christ uses truly sees. His spittle cleanses and so does His Word.

St. Ambrose of Milan

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SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND



Icon of the Man Born Blind -- John 9:1-38

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Sunday – May 14, 2023

Христос Воскрес – Воістину Воскрес Christ is Risen – Indeed He is Risen

All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

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Sunday May 14 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday of the Man Born Blind – Mother’s Day (For the Parish) (Living and Deceased Mothers)
Wednesday May 17 9:00 a.m.	(Deceased of the Nagurney-Medwid Family from Irene)
Thursday May 18 *6:00 p.m.*	Ascension of Our Lord (For the Parish)
Friday May 19 9:00 a.m.	(Blessings for Alexandra Orange from AM Gogniat)
Sunday May 21 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday of Fathers of First Ecumenical Council (For the Parish) (+Odile Marynowych from Family)

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION FOR UKRAINIAN CATHOLICS

The Great Feast of the Ascension of our Lord is this Thursday. It is a Holy Day of Obligation in the Ukrainian Catholic Church. We will celebrate the Divine Liturgy for the Ascension on Thursday, May 18 at 6pm.

CONGRATULATIONS VERY REVEREND MITRED ARCHPRIEST MARK MOROZOWICH

Our parish extends our joy and support to Father Mark as he was elevated to the ecclesiastical honor and dignity of Mitered Archbishop this past Wednesday. This honor was imparted to him by Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk and conferred upon him by his eparch, Bishop Bohdan Danylo, of the Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma, Ohio, at a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy concelebrated by: Archbishop Borys Gudziak, Bishop Paul Chomnycky, Bishop Benedict Aleksiychuk, and Bishop Bohdan. In lieu of personal gifts to him, Father Mark has requested that donations be given to the Basil Losten Chair of Ukrainian Church Studies at the Catholic University of America. Checks can be made payable to: Catholic University of America with the “Ukrainian Church Studies” on the memo line. Checks can be mailed to: The Catholic University of America, Bishop Basil H. Losten Endowed Chair in Ukrainian Church Studies, 620 Michigan Ave, NE, Washington, DC 20064.

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Robert Matthew C., Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Alice Gogniat, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Anna Hladun Lloyd, Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Gina Plisiewicz, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Michael Sharr, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Rose Wilson, Jennifer Wilson, Paul Yarrish.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

God With Us Catechism

Today the Church celebrates the Sunday of the Healing of the Blind Man. This man, who had been “born blind,” encountered Jesus when the Lord was leaving the Temple in Jerusalem. The man was, apparently, begging for money or food at the gate of the Temple and when Jesus spoke to him he listened and was obedient to the Lord’s command. Unlike the other figures in the Gospel account, this man alone had never seen the miraculous works of Christ, and yet, trusted in his word. We too, who have “not seen and yet believe” trust in the word of the Lord and follow in his ways. In this way, we, who were formerly blinded by sin, have begun to see through faith. But, how do we trust in the Lord and follow in his ways? In the Epistle today, we are reminded on the conversion of Saul who, blinded by anger and his persecution of the Church, discovers that he is persecuting Christ himself and is called to join in the healing ministry of the Lord. We too, those who have been baptized into Christ and have received the vision of faith, are called to do “work[s] befitting [our] repentance.” And what are those works which we are called to do if not to follow in the ways of Christ and Saint Paul, to bring healing to those who are spiritually blind through ignorance of Christ? To help those to whom God has called us to minister “to open their eyes that they may turn from darkness to light, and from the dominion of Satan to God; that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those sanctified by faith in me.”

MOTHER’S DAY 2023

God gave each of us a special gift – our Moms! On this Mother’s Day, if you are blessed and still have your mother, make sure you share your love and gratitude with her. And if your mother is no longer with us, be sure to offer a multitude of prayers for her that she continues to know your love for her. God Bless all of our mothers with joy and peace!

Happy Mother’s Day!