

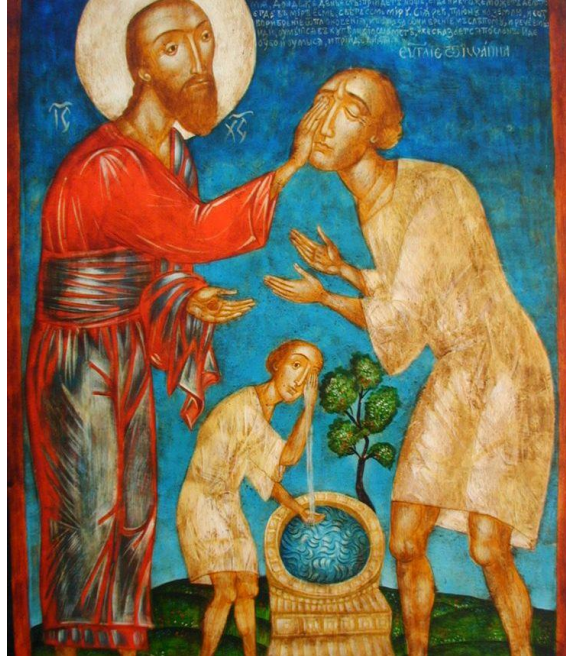
SUNDAY BULLETIN

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SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN

Sts. Cyril and Methodius, Enlighteners of the Slavs

(May 24th, 2020)



***HRISTOS VOSKRESE – VAISTINU VOSKRESE!
CHRIST IS RISEN – INDEED, HE IS RISEN!***

Liturgical Readings:

Epistle (Acts 16, 16-34 & Hebrews 7: 26-8: 2);

Gospel (Jn. 9, 1-38 & Matthew 5: 14-19)

The Gospel reading for today describes the miraculous healing of the man born blind. The Lord Jesus Christ transformed the man's life completely. He was born blind and Jesus enabled the man to see.

The healed man was blessed to experience Jesus Christ personally in His life. He was blessed to actually see Jesus after having been healed. Believers of every generation have the opportunity to have their eyes opened to see Christ.

In the Epistle to the Hebrews, we read the time honored words about the timeless Christ, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today and forever." (Heb.13:8) Today's Gospel is a lesson in Jesus Christ being capable of healing all believers.

Strong faith enables believers to see the Lord Jesus Christ at work at every moment of every day. Even in these times of the Coronavirus, strong faith in Christ makes Jesus visible at work in daily life.

Miracles continue to occur. Fervent believers with eyes to see, recognize Christ working miracles in the present. The Lord Jesus Christ is reassuring present in today's world.

The blind man had done nothing wrong to deserve his blindness. Jesus used the man's blindness and healing to reveal Himself as the Son of God. Jesus healed the man to manifest the works of God.

Now is the time to visualize God's works being manifested in our lives. Let us look deep within ourselves and look intently at Jesus Christ. Today's Gospel inspires deep personal thought and appreciation for God's Holy Church.

Today's Gospel inspires hope in the living God and love for the God that heals the sightless. The present Gospel reveals the authority and power of the Lord Jesus Christ to transform apparently hopeless situations into moments of joy.

Individuals depressed in life, those suffering without understanding, can draw hope and strength from Christ in the present Gospel. God's Holy Church offers hope and joy in the living Lord.

God's Holy Church offers refuge and healing at all times. Understanding comes by seriously investing in learning about Christ. The place to continue learn throughout life is in God's Holy Church.

Knowledge about Jesus Christ transforms believers lives and puts them on the road to God's Kingdom. The healed man said in the present Gospel that God hears worshippers doing His will. (Jn. 9:31)

May the present Gospel reading serve to open our eyes to the Resurrected Christ in our midst. Joy will arise in our hearts when we firmly cast away sin, do God's will and become ever grateful to the living and loving God.

Fr Rodney Torbic

DONATIONS RECEIVED ON MAY 17TH

Due to this pandemic, not only have we modified the schedule for services but we have suspended all fund raising activities including fish fries until further notice. The fish fries have provided great financial support to our church treasury over the years and this loss of income plus not having a weekly collection puts a strain on the finances. Even though we may not be attending services, we continue to incur operating expenses that need to be paid. ***WE ARE ASKING YOU TO PLEASE CONTINUE WITH YOUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS BY MAILING THEM TO THE CHURCH. YOUR COOPERATION WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!***

Offering \$1225.00; Candles \$40.00; Anniversary Donation \$100 from Eli Cvijanovich.

Building Fund Donations: In memory of Mark Stokrp for \$25 from Michael & Byers and \$200 from Mark Stokrp and Family

BELL TOWER FUND - Total to date \$45,139.14/\$ 32,500.00

\$50 from Milica Knepp in memory of her mother Mildred Tumbas

Large candle donations - Patricia Niel in memory of Buncich family (Milos, Milica, Radovan, Milos Jr, Kristine); Olga Bulich in memory of Charles, Christina, Mary, Alexis, Marie, Daniel, Michael, Tyna, Dorothy and Anna

WE ARE ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR THE LARGE CANDLES (\$25)

THANK YOU!

BOOK OF THE MONTH MAY

"The Orthodox Church" - Timothy Ware

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY at 7:45 PM - Evening Prayer trough the Conference call (339) 207-6529

WEDNESDAY (May 27th) - Apodosis of Pascha

10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy

6:00 PM - Great Vespers

THURSDAY (May 28th) - The Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ

10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy

FRIDAY (May 29th) - Holy Theodore of Vrshac

10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy

SATURDAY (May 16th)

6:00 PM - Great Vespers (Live streamed)

SUNDAY (May 17th) - Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

10.00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Live streamed)

Liturgical Readings: Epistle (Acts 20, 16-18; 28-36); Gospel (Jn. 17, 1-13)

Dear ones,

Please, keep in your hearted prayers our beloved brothers and sisters in Christ

- who suffer of cancer: Jenifer, Linda, Sandy (Simko)
- who pray the God for the restoration of health: Irine (Martinovich), Grace (Vuckovich), Ranka (Banda), Edward (Gartell), George (Momcilovic)