



Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord

This upcoming week we will celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord. Together we have come to the last day of Christ's physical presence on earth. This marks the fulfillment of all things, since His Conception at the Annunciation to the Holy Virgin, His Birth and all the events of His earthly life, recorded for us in the Gospels. This Feast Day is a day of victory, fulfillment of all victories.

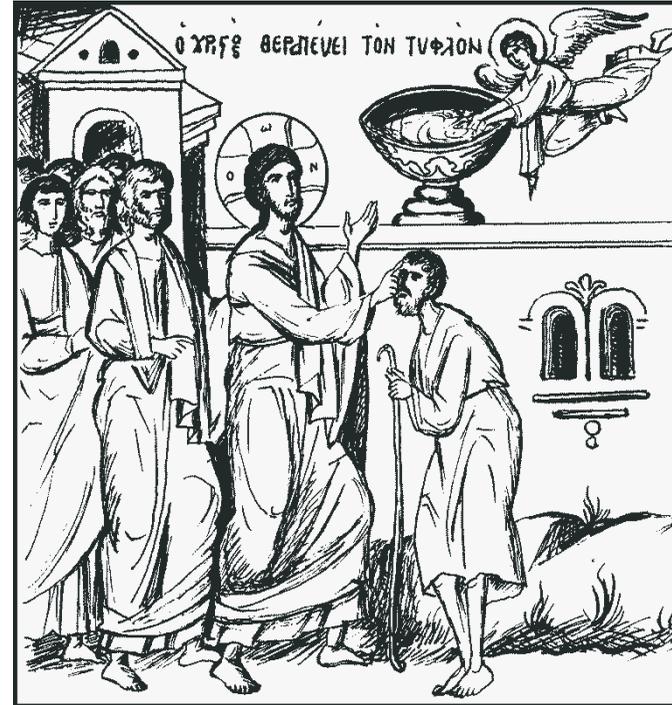
We should note, however, that all these victories of Christ over Satan, death and sin are accomplished in humility. Let us start with Bethlehem...

There was, as we would say now, no media. All happened in obscurity, lowliness and poverty, as the Savior of mankind was born in a cave, lying near the ox and the donkey. At His Crucifixion also there was no glory: on the contrary, there was shame, thieves, reviling, mockery, bodily death, a lonely death. At His Resurrection nobody saw anything. The women who saw the empty tomb were not even believed. Only a few dozen believers came to believe in the first few weeks after His Resurrection. So also at His Ascension the only witnesses were His Mother and the eleven disciples amid the obscure olives groves on the Mount outside the City.

We see that all the great events, all the victories, of the life of Christ were accompanied by humility. This is because in the Church victory is humility. Every act of humility is a victory over the pride of Satan.

And in order to grant us the opportunity for humility, at the last event of His physical presence amongst us, Christ gives us two things: He comforts us and the disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, who will guide us into all truth, into all humility. Next, through His holy angels, He reminds us that as He ascends, so He will return, with angels and a cloud of glory. Christ reminds us that He will return in His second and glorious coming to judge all the earth. When Our Lord ascends, He promises us the Holy Spirit. When Our Lord descends at the second coming, He will come in glory as the Victor-Conqueror over death.

Let us remember that God is victorious in humility. Therefore we as a Church and faithful Christians are also victorious, but only in humility. Amen.



May 5, 2013

*Sunday of the Man
Born Blind*

**St. Irene, Glorious
martyr**

Festal Tone

Changeable Part:

Pages 15-16

*In the Booklet of Changeable
Parts (Small white book)*

Announcements:

Today: Sunday of the Man Born Blind

On this Sixth Sunday of Pascha we commemorate the miraculous healing of the man who had been blind since birth. As a community of faithful commemorating this healing, let us call out in prayer: "Enlighten, O Lord, my spiritual eyes made blind by the gloom of sin. Anoint them, O compassionate one with humility." (Stichera of Matins)

This Sunday: Central Deanery Vibrant parish Pilgrimages – The remaining pilgrimages sponsored by the Central Deanery on the Pastoral Letter by His Beatitude Patriarch Sviatoslav: "The Vibrant Parish – a place to encounter Christ" are scheduled on May 5, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. at Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ambridge.

Next Sunday: Parents Meeting

In preparation for the First Reconciliation Celebration we will have a meeting of the parents of this year's class on Sunday, May 12th, following the Divine Liturgy in the Church hall. We ask those parents to please be present for this meeting. Thank you.

Next Sunday: GOLDEN JUBILEE/DINNER: Bishop Robert Moskal, born and raised in our Carnegie parish and first bishop of our Eparchy, will return to Holy Trinity Church in Carnegie to celebrate the golden jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood on Sunday, May 12. He will serve Divine Liturgy at noon that day followed by a Testimonial dinner at the Airport Marriott in Coraopolis. The dinner will begin with a social at 2:30 followed by dinner at 3 P.M. Tickets are \$35 per person and may be obtained by calling Holy Trinity Church at 412-279-4652 or from other members of the Diocesan Resource Committee.

Liturgical Custom

Please remember that during this Paschal Season, and continuing until Pentecost Sunday (even throughout the week), we do not kneel during the Divine Liturgy. Kneeling is a sign of penance and contrition – but the joy of Pascha is so much greater in this season that we stand in celebration instead.

Pyrohy

Our total income from last week’s sale was **\$450.00** Thanks to all our dedicated women and men that come faithfully to be part of this parish activity.

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of April 28, 2013 was **\$1624.70**
 (Collection: \$928.00, Loose & other: \$246.70, Pyrohy: \$450.00)

Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!

MOTHER’S DAY

Please light a candle in honor/memory of the following

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| _____ | Living | Deceased |
| _____ | Living | Deceased |
| _____ | Living | Deceased |

Given By:

Please print each name and circle the correct notation. Red candles will be used for .the Living, White for the deceased. Donation for each candle is \$3.00.

*** DEADLINE TO ORDER THESE CANDLES: SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2013***



The Chapel of the Ascension in Jerusalem

The Chapel of the Ascension in Jerusalem is a Christian and a Muslim holy site that is believed to mark the place where Our Lord ascended into heaven. The small round Church contains a stone imprinted with the very footprints of Jesus.

Before the conversion of Constantine in the year 312, early Christians honored the Ascension of Christ in a cave on the Mount of Olives, probably because of concerns for safety. By the time the pilgrim Egeria visited Jerusalem in the year 384, the place of the Ascension was venerated on the present open site, uphill from the cave.

Destroyed by the Persians in the year 614, the Church was eventually reconstructed to its present day dimensions by the Crusaders. The site was ultimately acquired by two emissaries of the ruler Saladin in the year 1198 and has remained in their possession ever since. Sadly, the Crusader building was converted to a mosque but was never used by Muslims since the overwhelming majority of visitors were Christian. As a gesture of compromise, Saladin ordered the construction of a second mosque two years later next door to the Chapel for Muslim worship while Christians continued to visit the main Chapel till this very day.

At a Wedding

- Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, *“Why is the bride dressed in white?”*
- The mother replied: *“Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life.”*
- The child thought about this for a moment, then said *“So why is the groom wearing black?”*

