

ST.GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Readings: Acts. 20:16-18 & 28-38; Jn. 17:1-13

God' blessing upon Michael & Vicki Senko on their 45th wedding anniversary,

by Debbie Label. God' blessing upon Fr. Igor Hohosha on his birthday, by Pyrohy workers.

9:10 A.M. Third Hour

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

<u>Saturday, May 8</u>	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist Readings: Acts. 16:16-34; Jn. 9:1-38 NO SERVICE		GI
<u>Sunday, May 9</u>	Sunday of the Man Born Blind		Then
	Readings: Acts. 16:16-34; Jn. 9:1-38 9:10 A.M. Third Hour 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy		Jesus
	be offered for+ Eric Fuchs & Sendy Winghart, given by Mary Siweckyj.		or
<u>Thursday , May 13</u>	Ascension of Our Lord		
	Readings: Acts. 1:1-12; Lk. 24:36-53 7:00 P. M. Divine Liturgy Repose of David Barshowski, by Magdalena Cheresnowsky		bli
<u>Saturday, May 15</u>	St. Theodore venerable		th_
* <u>St. John's parish</u> *	Readings: Acts. 20:16-18 & 28-38; Jn. 17:1-13 6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy God blessing upon all parishioners.		_
<u>Sunday, May 16</u>	Sunday of the Fathers of the 1 st Ecumenical Council	١	n_

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Sunday of the Man Born Blind

We do not know from experience what physical blindness is, but we can imagine how this man was walled in himself, how all the world around him existed only as a distant sound, something he could not picture, imagine. He was a prisoner within his own body. He could live by imaginations, he could invent a world around himself, he could by touch and by hearing approximate what really was around him; but the total, full reality could only escape him. We are not physically blind, but how many of us are locked in ourselves! We meet people, and we see them with our eyes; but seldom it happens that beyond the outer shape, features, clothes, - how often does it happen that we see something of the depth of the person? How seldom it is that we look into a person's eyes and go deep in understanding! We are surrounded by people and every person is unique to

God, but are people unique to us? Are not people that surround us just 'people', who have names, surnames, nicknames, whom we can recognize by their outer looks but whom we do not know at any depth?

Often this is our condition: we are blind, we are deaf, we are insensitive to the outer world, and yet, we are called to read meanings. When we meet a person, we should approach this person as a mystery, that is as something which we can discover only by a deep communion, by entering into a relationship, perhaps silent, perhaps in words, but so deep that we can know one another not quite as God knows us, but in the light of God that enlightens all and each of us. But are we doing this? Is our concern to convey the width, and the depth, the beauty and the meaning of things to every person whom we meet? Are we not rather concerned with receiving than with giving? And yet, Saint Paul who knew what it meant to receive and to give, said, "It is a more blessed thing to give than to receive".

On this Sunday let us reflect on how rich, how richly endowed we are, how much it was given us to see, and to hear. And let us realize at the same time how tragically walled we are within ourselves unless we break this wall in order to give, as generously, as richly, as abundantly as we were given. And then indeed, our joy will be fulfilled according to Christ's promise. And no one, nothing will ever be able to take it away from us. Amen!



<u>May 9, 2021</u>

Sixth Sunday after Pascha – Sunday of the Man Born Blind, Tone 5; the Transfer of the Relics (1087) of Our Holy Father Nicholas the Wonderworker from Myra to Bari; Holy Prophet Isaiah (8th c. BC); Holy Martyr Christopher (249-51) <u>Changeable Part:</u> Pages 14-16 In the Booklet of Changeable Parts (Small white book)

Announcements:

Today: Man Born Blind

The Sixth Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pascha is observed as the Sunday of the Man Born Blind. The Gospel of St. John 9:1-38 describes to us the miracle of Christ healing the man who was blind since birth near the pool of Siloam. For us this Sunday is a reminder that the Lord has anointed our eyes with his own divine hands and washed them with the waters of our baptism.

Feast of the Ascension

On Thursday, May 13th, we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This Feast Day is a Major Feast Day (Obligation) in our Holy Church. To commemorate this Feast we will have on Thursday evening, May 13th, a Divine Liturgy at 7:00 p.m. Please, come to celebrate this Feast Day.

Memorial Day

On this Monday, May 31st^h, we will celebrate Memorial Day in our country. On this day the Blessing of graves will take place in our parish. At 10:00 a.m. a Panikhida Service followed by the Blessing of graves will take place at Highwood Cemetery. At 10:45 a.m. a Panikhida Service followed by the Blessing of graves will take place at Union Dale Cemetery. Graves in other cemeteries will be blessed by request and appointment.

Mission Day Guidebook

Starting on the feast of the Ascension May 13th to Pentecost, May 23th we will once again pray that the Lord might renew our life through the Holy Spirit. Throughout these ten Mission Days let us pray for our own parish, mission parishes in St. Josaphat Eparchy and our beloved Church in Ukraine. Please, find the link for the guidebook here: https://stjosaphateparchy.com/mission-days-2021/

Scholarship

Again this year the Education Board of St. George's is happy to announce that students who are attending or are planning to attend Duquesne University should be aware of the availability of the Estina Franzak Perpetual Scholarship Fund.

For additional details please see Fr. Igor or Olha Perkun. Applications must be submitted to the Education Board of St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church by June 1, 2020

Collection - May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of May 2, 2021 was **\$1,766.00**. + Pyrohy: **\$742.00** (Regular: \$1595.00, Loose & candles: \$51.00, Nut Rolls sale: \$120.00)

May Our Risen Lord bless you and reward you for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church: Xpucmoc Bockpec! Christ is Risen!



"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24

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B. " God Became Human that Humans Might Become God"

God becomes of one form with us – he becomes a human being in order to make us of one form with him (see *Phil* 2:7). In *kenosis* (from the Greek meaning *self-emptying*), the Son of God descends into Hades, and finding Adam, he grants humankind the

forgiveness of sins, participation in God's nature, and eternal life. "God became human that humans might become god." Deceived by the instigation of the serpent, humankind *in Adam* strived in vain to become like God by means of its own strength (see *Gen* 3:5). "At one time Adam was deceived, for he desired to become god and did not. God became a human being so that Adam might become god." The human being in Christ, by growing in likeness to God, can truly *become like God*: He has given us, through these things, his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of lust, and may become partakers of the divine nature" (2 *Pt* 1:4). (#181)



Happy and Blessed Mother's Day!

O Lord, our God, look down with merciful eyes upon our humble and earnest petition which we fervently offer to You today on behalf of all of our mothers. Shower Your heavenly graces upon them. Grant that they may always behold the joy of their children and their children's children. Fill them with that same maternal love that our most holy Lady, the Godbearer, and ever-Virgin Mary showed to Your Only-Begotten Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. And, grant that all of our mothers may ever be sustained in the image of our heavenly mother, the Most Pure Virgin Mary. We pray to You, O heavenly Master, on this special day, honoring our mothers to graciously hear us and have mercy on them.

Our Parish Family wishes special blessings upon

all our mothers, grandmothers, god-mothers and spiritual mothers on this Mother's Day. Grant them, O Lord, many happy and blessed years! Многая Літа! Христос Воскрес!



The wise woman builds her house, but with her own hands the foolish one tears hers down. - PROVERBS 14:1 NIV