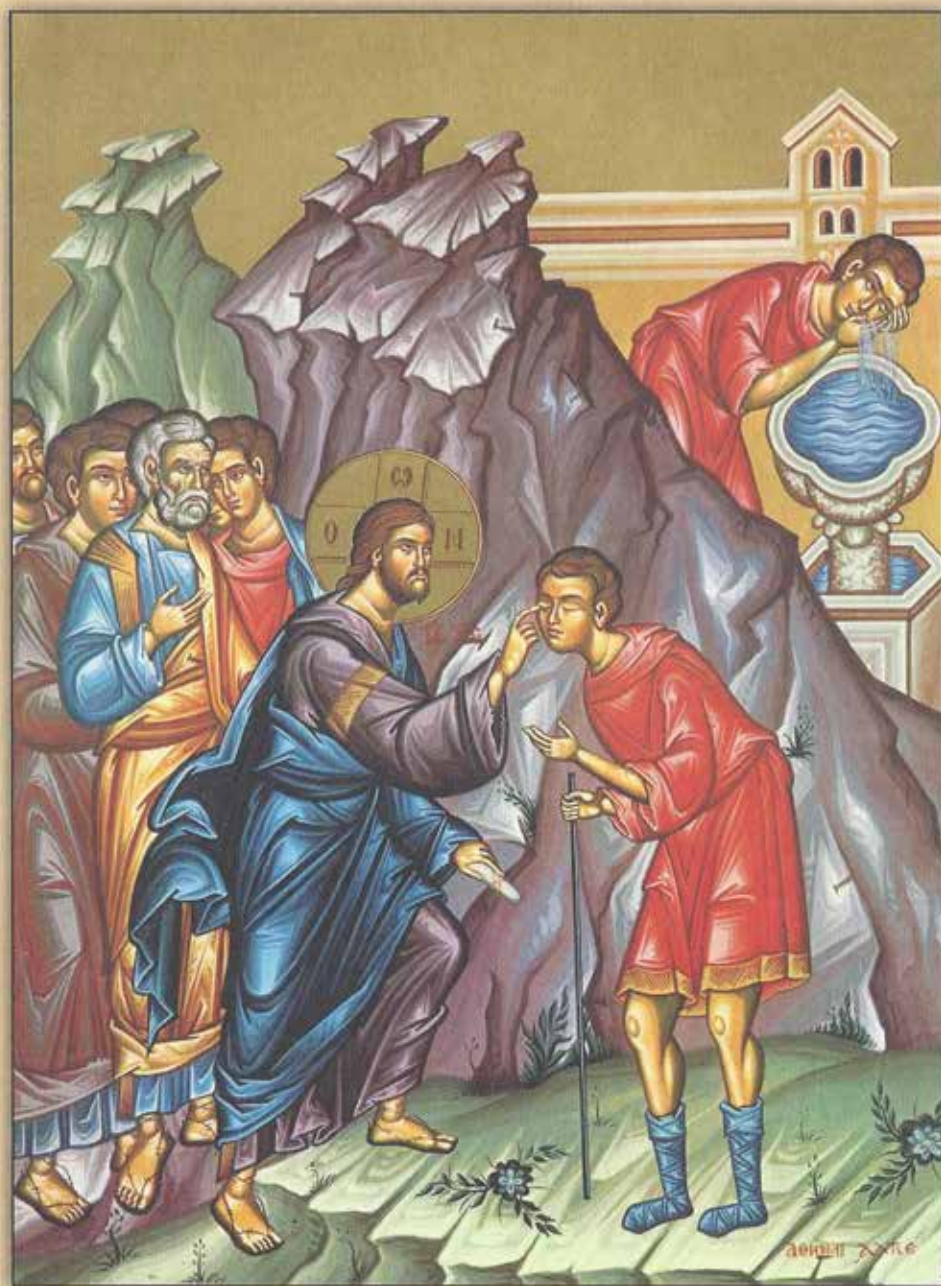


SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND



Icon of the Gospel of the Man Born Blind

May 26, 2019: Sunday of the Man Born Blind	
Epistle: Acts 16: 16-34	Gospel: Jn. 9: 1-38
Mon., May 27	9:00 + For Those Who Died in the Service of Our Country
Tues., May 28	8:00 Special Intention (Andrea Novak)
Wed., May 29	8:00 + Christopher Texter (John Tokarick) <i>For the Holy Day:</i> 7:00 pm For Our Parishioners
Thurs., May 30	Ascension of Our Lord (Holy Day of Obligation) 9:00 + Robert Kearney (Jule Harris)
Fri., May 31	8:00 + Mary, Michael & Marija Bock (Michal Bak) 6:00 pm Moleben to the Mother of God <i>Please note the change in time for the Moleben Service. This is so that the Firemen's Parade will not interfere with our Moleben. Next week we will go back to the 6:30 time.</i>
Sat., June 1	No Morning Divine Liturgy 10:30 Confessions 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Theresa Pachucy (Marisa Fabri)
Sun., June 2	9:00 For Our Parishioners 11:30 + Stephen & Amelia Malinchak (Daughter, Jule & Family)

The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord

The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord falls on this Thursday, May 30th. This is a holy day of obligation in our Ukrainian Catholic Church. There will be two Divine Liturgies for this holy day. The first Liturgy will be on Wednesday evening at 7 pm and the second one will be on Thursday morning at 9 am.

A Brief History of Memorial Day

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet church-yard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimo-

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailors and soldiers. On May 5, 1868, Logan declared in General Order No. 11 that:

The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with

nials of respect as circumstances may permit.

During the first celebration of Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery.

This 1868 celebration was inspired by local observances of the day in several towns throughout America that had taken place in the three years since the Civil War. In fact, several Northern

and Southern cities claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day, including Columbus, Miss.; Macon, Ga.; Richmond, Va.; Boalsburg, Pa.; and Carbondale, Ill.

In 1966, the federal government, under the direction of President Lyndon Johnson, declared Waterloo, N.Y., the official birthplace of Memorial Day. They chose Waterloo - which had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866 - because the town had made Memorial Day an annual, community-wide event during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

By the late 1800s, many communities across the country had begun to celebrate Memorial Day and, after World War I, observances also began to honor those who had died in all of America's wars. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May. (In addition to Memorial Day, Veterans Day, a day set aside to honor all veterans, living and dead, is celebrated each year on November 11. The date was chosen because of the armistice of World War I, the 11th month, the eleventh day, the eleventh hour.)

24 Notes That Tap Deep Emotions

*Day is done, gone the sun,
From the hills, from the lake,
From the skies.
All is well, safely rest,
God is nigh.*

*Go to sleep, peaceful sleep,
May the soldier or sailor,
God keep.
On the land or the deep,
Safe in sleep.*

*Love, good night, Must thou go,
When the day, And the night
Need thee so?
All is well. Speedeth all
To their rest.*

*Fades the light; And afar
Goeth day, And the stars
Shineth bright,
Fare thee well; Day has gone,
Night is on.*

*Thanks and praise, For our days,
'Neath the sun, Neath the stars,
'Neath the sky,
As we go, This we know,
God is nigh.*

Of all the military bugle calls, none is so easily recognized or more apt to render emotion than the call Taps. The melody is both eloquent and haunting and the history of its origin is inter-

esting and somewhat clouded in controversy. In the British Army, a similar call known as Last Post has been sounded over soldiers' graves since 1885, but the use of

Taps is unique with the United States military, since the call is sounded at funerals, wreath-laying and memorial services.

Why do we stand, and not kneel, from Easter to Pentecost?

In the tradition of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, it is not correct to kneel at anytime from Easter to Pentecost. Despite the fact that other churches do it or "visitors...are surprised" does not change the fact that kneeling is not proper during this time. In the Ukrainian Catholic Tradition, the action of kneeling and prostrating is a penitential posture. It is the position of a sinner seeking forgiveness. It is NOT a position of adoration (as it is in the West). This is why it is practiced so often in the Lenten season.

Standing is the proper position for giving praise and thanks to God in the spirit of joy and happiness. During the Paschal Season (Easter to Pentecost), the time for repen-

tance, and fasting, is over. It is the time of our salvation for "Christ is Risen!" We express our joy, thanksgiving and adoration for this fact and the fact that we who have "...been baptized into Christ and put on Christ" have also risen with Him. It is for this reason that kneeling is improper during this holy season. To kneel during this season is to imply that you do not accept the Resurrection of Christ. By standing for all prayer, (even private before and after services) we are demonstrating, in a bodily way, that you believe that "*Christ is risen from the dead, and by death He has trampled death and to those in the graves He has granted life.*"

From the Archbishop's Chancery...

USHERS NEEDED: For the success of the enthronement of our new Metropolitan, Most Rev. Borys Gudziak, on Tuesday, June 4th, ushers are needed for traffic and crowd control. For those interested in offering their time and talent, please contact Msgr. Peter Waslo, Chancellor of the Archeparchy, at 215-627-0143 or by email at chancellor@ukrcap.org.

YOUTH DAY: On Saturday, June 8th, Metropolitan Borys is hosting a Youth Day

for youth here in the United States of America. It is a day dedicated to the present and future of our Church here in America. All youth from the ages of six (6) and older are invited. The day will be bilingual and geared towards different age groups. For more information, please see the flyers in church and to register please go to h2hyouthday@gmail.com.

ENTHRONEMENT SCHEDULE:

Bishop Andriy has requested that copies of the Enthronement schedule be made available

to all Parishioners. Copies of the Enthronement Schedule are available in the Vestibule

of the Church. Please feel free to take a copy.

May Devotions

The month of May is devoted to our heavenly Mother, Mary. A Moleben service will be offered on Fridays in May, at 6:30 pm. Come to

church, join us in honoring her, who God first honored, by choosing her to be the Mother of His Son.

Church Shirt Available For Order!

The 3-button placket, collar, short sleeve shirt, no pocket, (for adult males and female) EMBROIDERED with "SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church" and our the 3-bar Cross is available to order. Order forms are available in the vestibule of the church. (along with a sample of the shirts). We need a minimum of 12 pieces for the entire order to be placed with "Talk Shirty to Me" Company on the Scranton-Carbondale Highway. We are offering you this shirt at "cost" and it only reflects a \$3.00 rise in price from our original order (\$15.00 each) 5-6 years ago.

The shirt will be available in Adult sizes: S-M-L-XL at \$18.00 each, Size XXL at \$20.00 each, Size XXXL at \$22.00

each, Size XXXXL at \$24.00 each. An assortment of colors: white, black, navy, turquoise, fuschia, red, navy, light blue, light yellow, light pink, silver grey, etc... Available in "Performance" fabric (100% polyester, no shrink, repels stain) and also available in 50% Cotton/50% polyester.

The deadline for placing orders is Sunday June 2, 2019. Orders only accepted with payment. Make checks out to "St. Cyril's Church" and Memo "3-button shirt" (put in collection basket or give to Lauren). Prices listed above....no tax or delivery charges. Shirts will be available for pick up at the church, in about 2 weeks, after the placement of the order. A great gift for current and past parishioners of our church. A shirt to wear proudly!

Queen City Days

Eureka Hose Co. No. 4 invites you to their annual Queen City Days which will take place from Wednesday, May 29th to Saturday, June 1st at the Rep. Joe Wargo Park, 707 East Grant St. in Olyphant. There will be local vendors, Nonweiler Amusement Rides (big and small).

Thursday Family Night 6 pm to Closing, ride all the rides for \$25.00. Saturday Family Bracelets 2 - 5 pm \$10.00. Friday Firemen's Parade at 7:00 pm. Saturday Fireworks by Bulldog. Music every night.

Bus Trip to Enthronement

The North Anthracite Council of LUC has chartered a 33 passenger bus to the Tuesday, June 4th Enthronement of Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak at our magnificent Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. Pick-ups will be at 5:15am at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church in Berwick, 5:45am at SS. Peter and Paul Church in Plymouth and 6:15am at St. Vladimir Church in

Scranton. Cost is \$35.00 per person - please make out check to North Anthracite Council - LUC. Reservations can be made by contacting Janina Everett at 570 441-9593, Paul Ewasko at 570 563-2275 or Sandra Berta at 570-383-9487. Reservations are on a first-come first-served basis. Payment in full reserves a bus seat.

LUC Meeting

Father Paul Wolensky, pastor of Edwardsville's St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, extends a warm invitation to the beautiful Prayer Service - Moleben to Jesus Christ Lover of Mankind - on Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 3:00pm to be followed by a meeting of the North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics (LUC). Review of the mid-May bus trip to New York

City, the June 4 Enthronement of His Grace Borys Gudziak as seventh Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the USA, upcoming religious events, schedule of autumn meetings and fund raising plans will be the primary agenda items. This is a public event of St. Vladimir parish to which all parishioners and friends are welcome.

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of May 2019 is Team #1: Jerry

Sereditch, Michaelene Davis, and Gloria Jablonski.

Sunday Collection for May 18 & 19, 2019: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for June 1 & 2, 2019

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Samuel Sczesniak -- Nicholas Chylak	Michael Shumek
9:00 am	Brennin Marcinko -- Cole Marcinko	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Brian Radle -- Thomas Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

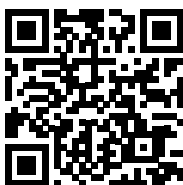
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A Link to Baptism

The cure of the blind man also symbolizes mankind's means for its recovery from its blindness. It symbolizes the Sacrament of Baptism. Baptism is called holy enlightenment. Those who have been recently baptized are called the newly enlightened. This gospel from Saint John was read in the ancient Church on Holy Saturday when Catechumens were baptized. As this man is cured of his blindness when he washes in the waters of the pool of Siloam, as Jesus tells him to do, so are we brought out of darkness into a new life when we are baptized as Christ instructed us to be. Jesus restores His creation, mankind, with the potential to become what it was meant to be before the fall of Adam.

We also hear in the reading that after this man was cured many of those who knew him before did not recognize him. He is still the same man

but something has significantly changed about him. He is no longer blind. So when we are illuminated we are also new persons, though our outward appearance might be the same. To symbolize this newness a white garment is put on us to show the purity with which we start this new existence. We must, however, become different and unrecognizable in our inward and outward actions also. We must manifest our new existence to those around us through these actions. We must radiate this new found light to others by the way we live our lives. We must say to the world, "I am he who was blind but now my eyes are opened." Credit must be given to Him who has cured us of our darkness by living our lives according to the lessons of the illumination we have received and the continued guidance we get with the reception of the Holy Spirit.