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May 13, 2018

Sunday of the Blind Man

Epistle- Acts 16:16-34 -- Gospel- John 9:1-38

*"This is the teaching of the Christian Orthodox Church, this is the teaching of your Forefathers, your Fathers;
This is your Faith, through which all of us will come to salvation. Hold to it! Amen."*

St. Alexis, Confessor and Defender of Orthodoxy in America

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CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

Христосъ воскресе! Воистину воскресе!

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Today – *Sunday of the Blind Man* – **9:00 A.M.** Divine Liturgy
We welcome Father Joseph Martin



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

To all our living mothers,

May God Grant You Many Years!

To all our departed mothers, *May Their Memory be Eternal!*

TODAY: Altar Candles for the repose of the newly departed Sophia Montville
requested by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gurka and Ms. Mary Smolok
MAY HER MEMORY BE ETERNAL!

*Should you require the services of a priest during the week, please call Father Nicholas Solak, Dean of the
Wilkes-Barre Deanery at (570) 350-1482*

- ❖ Wednesday, May 16 - **6:30 p.m.** Vespers with Litiya for the Feast of the Ascension
- ❖ Thursday, May 17 - **9:00 a.m.** Divine Liturgy, Feast of the Ascension
Welcome Father Joseph Martin
- ❖ Saturday, May 19 – **6:00 p.m.** Vespers – Welcome Father David Hester
- ❖ Sunday, May 20 – **9:00 a.m.** Divine Liturgy – Welcome Father David Hester

- Coffee Hour Today
- Sunday School Today

ST TIKHON'S 114th ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE – May 25- May 28. Visit: memorialdaypilgrimage.com

Election Day Potato Soup and Porketta Sandwich Sale, Tuesday May 15 from 7 AM until 7 PM. Preparation, **Monday, May 14** at 4 PM. Volunteers needed to prep and to serve.

Parish Feast Day Luncheon – Sunday, May 27 (Pentecost) - Join us in kicking off our 50th anniversary year. All welcome free of charge, immediately following the Divine Services.

5/6 Attendance: 70 Regular: \$996 Improvements: \$458 Candles: \$160 THANK YOU!

Chicken Barbecue, Saturday, June 2, 2 to 5 p.m., TAKE-OUT ONLY.

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, Sunday, June 3 to benefit the Sunday School, Cost \$10.

Next Pierogie Project, Monday, June 4 & Tuesday, June 5. Please place your orders on the list posted in the vestibule or call Denise @ 570-825-9719. New helpers cordially invited and always welcome!

Frozen pierogies for sale. Call Sandy Serafin at 571-274-5846 or Denise Meck at 570-825-9719.

Annual Assessments 2018 remain the same - \$173 per person

PLEASE NOTIFY PAULA HOLOVIAK OF SHUT-INS IN NEED OF VISITATION

Sunday of the Blind Man



“After the Midfeast (John 7:14), the Lord Jesus Christ came to the Temple again and taught the people who came to Him (John 8:2). After leaving the Temple, He opened the eyes of a man “who was blind from his birth (John 9:1).

The miracle described in today’s Gospel (John 9:1-38) is even more remarkable than it might seem at first. Saint Basil and other Fathers tell us that this was not just a case of giving sight to a blind man born with eyes that did not function, but to someone who had no eyes at all! The second Exapostilarion for this Sunday says, “Along the way, our Savior found a man who lacked both sight and eyes...”.

The Gospel says, “Since the world began, it was not heard that any man opened the eyes of one who was born blind” (John 9:32). There are examples in the Old (Tobit 2:17) and New (Mark 8:22-26) Testaments of blind people receiving sight, but this is something completely unprecedented.

The Savior placed clay in the man’s empty sockets and told him to wash in the pool of Siloam. When he obeyed these instructions, the eyes of clay became living eyes!” www.oca.org