



May 24th, 2020
Sunday of the Blind Man
6th SUNDAY OF PASCHA

ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Acts 16:16-34

Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour. But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities. And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe." Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods. And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

Gospel: John 9:1-38

He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?" Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he." Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes..."

MAY Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2nd - Leonard Volosin
- 3rd - Jeb & Jennifer Billmire
- 4th - Sevy Draney
- 5th - Austin Jackson
- 5th - Colleen Hendrix
- 5th - Gabriella Johnson
- 7th - Vickie Tipton
- 8th - Victor Volosin
- 8th - Nadia Sisneros
- 10th - Ben & Linda Hendrix
- 10th - Makenzie Schulte
- 13th - Madeleine Hlatki
- 14th - Margie Mikita
- 16th - Butch & Helen Sakala
- 18th - Dee Eurich
- 21st - Keith & April Schulte
- 25th - Bill & Colleen Hendrix
- 26th - Betty Eurich
- 27th - Harry Mikita
- 27th - Gary & Myrle Hlatki
- 27th - Josh & Lacie Leithead
- 28th - Tori Jackson
- 29th - Matt & Libbie Dawson
- 29th - Alexandria Stephens
- 29th - Fr. Stephen & Mat. Lindsey Osburn

SERVICES

- Grave Blessings @ Chapel - 11:00 AM (25th)
- Ascension Liturgy - 8:00 AM (28th)
- Great Vespers - 5:00 PM (30th)
- Divine Liturgy - 9:30 AM (31st)

WISDOM

"We have very little faith in the Lord, very little trust. If we trusted the Lord as much as we trust a friend when we ask him to do something for us, neither we as individuals nor our whole country would suffer so much."

- Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica

Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are Semi-Reopened

(Gospel Cont.) John 9:1-38

Christ is Risen!

With the blessing of our diocesan chancellor Bishop Daniel on behalf of Archbishop Benjamin, the following changes in the attendance policy for services at St. Mary's are in effect:

Beginning immediately, our services may have up to 40 people in attendance in the Church and the remainder of our community in the Hall to watch on the TV. Vespers is open to anyone (because we never get more than 40). Keep in mind that this does NOT mean we can open completely. We cannot have any social functions like Coffee Hour until further notice, but based on meeting "social distancing" and cleaning requirements, persons beyond "10" can attend the services. Moving forward, we will go back to our regular schedule of Vespers at 5 PM on Saturday and Liturgy at 9:30 am on Sunday. Regardless of what happens next, we will continue to live stream all services in the Hall and on our Facebook page ([Facebook.com/ColoradoOrthodoxChurch](https://www.facebook.com/ColoradoOrthodoxChurch)) This blessing is given, provided that all the other protocols and procedures blessed by His Eminence Abp. Benjamin in "Toward the Gradual Opening of Parishes in the Diocese of the West" are strictly observed (I will provide for anyone who needs a copy but you can find the almost same policy on the OCA's website - [OCA.org](https://www.o-ca.org)) Please keep this in mind so that we may be able to worship our Lord, Jesus Christ with one another in the way He intends us to worship Him.

Also this blessing to reopen was given prior to President Trump's Executive Order. The Synod of the Orthodox Church in America is meeting next week to discuss how this impacts all of our churches going forward. Everything will be posted on [OCA.org](https://www.o-ca.org) and our diocesan website - [DOWOCA.org](https://www.dowoca.org) Stay tuned for the news once we all know more.

Lastly, and I believe most importantly, a huge thank you to everyone for their patience in this trying times. This has not been an easytime for our community nor for any church of any community. Another huge thank you to those in our community who have been helping those effected by this illness, such as Kelly Glover, Terri Volosin, Lacie Leithead, and Colleen Hendrix. The "hero" thing has been exhausted throughout the media so I will say that what they and all others have done has been SAINTLY.

So May God Grant our 4 SAINTS, Kelly, Terri, Lacie, and Colleen, and also Grant all healthcare and frontline workers Many Blessed Years!

God Bless you all and I am happy to see you again!

In the Risen Christ with love,
Fr. Stephen Osburn

...opened?" He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight." Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself." His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner." He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see." Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?" Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from." The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

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