



MAY 25TH, 2025

6th Sunday of Pascha - Tone 5
Sunday of the Blind Man

Scripture Readings

Acts 16:16-34 (Epistle)

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.

John 9:1-38 (Gospel)

Now as Jesus passed by, 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 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

Many Years!

anniversaries

3rd - Jeb & Jennifer Billmire
10th - Ben & Linda Hendrix
16th - Butch & Helen Sakala
25th - Bill & Colleen Hendrix
27th - Josh & Lacie Leithead
29th - Matt & Libbie Dawson

birthdays

2nd - Leonard Volosin
5th - Austin Jackson
5th - Colleen Hendrix
7th - Vickie Tipton
8th - Victor Volosin
8th - Nadia Sisneros
10th - Makenzie Schulte
11th - Lauren Nelson
13th - Madeleine Hlatki
14th - Joshua Sisneros
18th - Dee Eurich
19th - Abigail Bourge
24th - Rachel Stevens
26th - Betty Eurich
27th - Harry Mikita
28th - Tori Jackson
29th - Kaleb Ritter
30th - Brock Burnside

graduations

Bodie Glover - 8th Grade
Evie Stevens - 8th Grade
Nicole Fischer - 12th Grade
Stone Stevens - 12th Grade

Service Schedule

May 31st (Saturday, 9:30a) Divine Liturgy
— Fr. Anthony Machnee

June 8th Pentecost (Liturgy, Kneeling Vespers 9:30a)
— Fr. Stephen Close

Scripture Readings — continued

John 4:5-42 - continued

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.

The Blind Man

At the end of John 8, Jesus tells the Pharisees, "Before Abraham was, I am," invoking the divine name revealed to Moses. Recognizing this claim to divinity, they attempt to stone Him, but He hides and leaves the Temple. As He passes by, Jesus sees a man blind from birth (John 9). His disciples ask whose sin caused the blindness—his or his parents—but Jesus answers that it was so the works of God might be revealed in him.

He heals the man by making clay with His saliva, applying it to the man's eyes, and sending him to wash in the pool of Siloam. This act echoes the creation of man from the dust in Genesis, showing Jesus as Creator. Saint John Chrysostom emphasized that Jesus sought out the blind man intentionally, not by chance. Saint Theophylaktos noted that Jesus had left the man without eyes at birth so He could now complete creation by forming them anew.

The healing is also a test of the man's faith. Jesus respects his free will, requiring his voluntary act of obedience. The man washes and returns with sight. Though healed, his life becomes difficult—he's interrogated by the Pharisees, whose spiritual blindness keeps them from accepting the miracle. Even his parents avoid supporting him out of fear.

The man, however, boldly confesses Christ. His healing is both physical and spiritual. His courage in proclaiming Jesus as Lord becomes a model of faith and witness for all believers.

Doxasticon | tone 5

O Christ our God, spiritual Sun of Justice, by thy pure touch, thou dost enlighten him that had been deprived of light from his mother's womb; by shedding thy rays on the eyes of our souls, show us to be sons of the day, that we may cry to thee with faith: Great and ineffable is thy compassion for us. O Lover of mankind, glory to thee!

Kontakion | tone 4

With the eyes of my soul mutilated, I come to thee, O Christ, as the man blind from birth, crying to thee in repentance: Though art the radiant Light of those in darkness.

Exapostilaria | tone 2

Give sight, O Lord, to the eyes of my soul, maimed by gloomy sin, by grafting in humility, O Merciful, and cleansing me with tears of repentance.

Prayer List

living

Met. Tikhon, Abp. Benjamin, Archim. Vasily, Fr. Andreas, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Dennis, Meryl, Harold, Tammy, Litsa, Lilliana, Carl, Christina, Lindy, John, Alicia, Patricia, Danny, Jerry, Roberta, Wendy, Judy, Michael, Jill, Beverly, Lily with child, Infant Dominic, Tayla with child, Joseph, Alisha with child, Jackie, Amber with child, Anna with child, Joan, Trisha, Stella, Lee, Carol, Ethan, infant AdaLynn, Nauvlet, Leilah, Austin, Brian, Josh, Mother Magdalena, Kodiak, Miriham, Cheri, infant Gus, April, Madalyn, Cheri, infant Gus, April, Madalyn, McKenzie, MaKiya, Hannah, Haylee, Keith, Samantha, Christina, Jake, Ashton, infant Sophie, Jeanie, Jetlyn, Lauren, Bob, Taylee with child, Georgianna, Clint, Murl, Carolyn, Millie, Earnie, child Charlotte, Cathy, Michael, Abigail and the infant Gwendolyn

Those who are confined: Casey, Basil, Mark, Johnny, Hannah, Theodore

departed

Milt, Dave, Lonnie, Paul, infant Dorothy, Vladimir, James, Larry, Vontae, Carol

Youth Events

summer youth camp

I am very excited to finally announce that our registration for summer camp 2025 is open! We have a new website where you can find all the information you need. On the registration page you will find forms that you can download, sign, and then upload into the registration form right on the website. Payment will also be made through the registration form. The website can be found here: rmoyc.org

July 7th - 10th, 2025
1st - 12th Grade | \$240 per camper

Camp is an important and fun part of the formation of the youth of our communities, and hope that you will support us by sending campers, considering volunteering as staff and sharing this information widely!

In Christ,

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