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Week of May 17 - 23, 2015 ❖ Tone 5

6th Sunday of Pascha ❖ Sunday of the Blind Man

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts. 16:16-34

IN THOSE DAYS: as we went to prayer, it happened, 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

AT THAT TIME: when Jesus was passing 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. We 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 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." [continues on page 2](#)

DAILY READINGS:

May 18th
Acts 17:1-15
John 11:47-57
May 19th
Acts 17:19-28
John 12:19-36
May 20th
Acts 18:22-28
John 12:36-47
May 21st
Acts 1:1-12
Luke 24:36-53
May 22nd
Acts 19:1-8
John 14:1-11
May 23rd
Acts 20:7-12
John 14:10-21

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 17th
Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour -
Sisterhood meeting

Wednesday, May 20th
Leavetaking of pascha
Festal Vesperal Liturgy (for Ascension) 6:10 p.m. followed by a festal "Pot Luck" Supper.

Thursday, May 21st
ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Saturday, May 23rd
Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.
General Confession

Sunday, May 24th
Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour

Monday, May 25th

Memorial Day



11th Pilgrimage to
St. Tikhon's Monastery

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday May 17

Greeter: Mat. Melanie

Cleaning: Santoro

Coffee: Santoro/Beck

Sunday May 24

Greeter: Mat. Melanie

Cleaning: Santoro

Coffee: Steffick

Parish Figures

Collection: \$ 1,973

YTD:\$58,520 **[97.0%]**

YTD Goal:\$ 60,334.50

(19 wks) [\$ 3175.50/wk]

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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 man?" 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Sisterhood meeting:** TODAY at coffee hour. All members are asked to make every effort to attend!
- ◆ **Food Collection:** There is a GIANT box downstairs for non-perishable food items. Gabriel Rembisz is working on the St. George Medal for the Boy Scouts so let's help him in this charity project.
- ◆ **Coffee Hour:** The NEW 2015 Coffee Hour sign-up sheet is posted on the Bulletin Board.
- ◆ **Parish & Community Picnic:** Will be held on Saturday, May 30th from 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. We are expecting guests from our

"For the sick and suffering"

- Megan Bartos
- Nadine Cabrera
- John Steffick
- Marion Bichun
- Archpriest Paul Lazor
- Archpriest Michael Koblosh (chemotherapy Alexandria, VA)
- Priest Michael Shuster (Holy Trinity Church, Spring Hill, FL)
- Mat. Susanne Senyo (cancer - Pittsburgh, PA. schoolmate of Fr. David)
- Mat. Clara Eissman (Bethel, CT)
- Mat. Mary Balmer (St Raphael Church, Inverness, FL)
- Mat. Elizabeth Bacon (Chelsea, MA)
- Patricia Minitier (cancer - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)
- Jennifer Akerley (cancer - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)
- Luba Martins (Friend of Rosemary Delaney)
- Kathy Collins (Friend of Rosemary Delaney)
- Leslie Nutthall (Friend of Rosemary Delaney)
- Paul Sulich (Friend of Rosemary Delaney)
- John Delaney (Husband of Rosemary Delaney)
- Helen Skrobat (Mother of John Skrobat)
- Cindy Eastman (Sister of Phyllis Bartos)
- Polly Gunther (Friend of Phyllis Bartos)
- Catherine Williamson (Daughter of Steve Bradford)
- Thomas Hricus (Brother of Marion Bichun)
- Margaret Wallick (Sister of Marion Bichun)
- Lovey (Luba) Kovalesky (Friend of the Bichun's)

- Justin Holmes (Friend of the Bichun's)
- Janet Roberts (Friend of Barbara Burrill)
- Adriano Melluzzo (Son-in-law of the Potter's)
- Gregory Savoie (Friend of the Santoro's)
- JoAnn Hensley (stroke - Friend of Jennie Everson)
- Anita Hall (Friend of Margaret Wagner)
- Ann Ward (Friend of the Polzun's)
- Matthew Murphy (Nephew of Marie Shimchick)
- Camille Fusco (cancer - Friend of Marie Shimchick)
- James Fisher (cancer - Friend of Marie Shimchick)
- child Daniel Hawn (brain cancer - Friend of Diane Dounouk)
- Bruce McCallum (Parkinson's - Father of Rebecca McCallum)
- Gloria DeMartino (Grandmother of Jen Belonick)
- Steven Belonick (Grandfather of Daniel Belonick)
- Andrew Veek (Grandfather of Brian Veek)
- Alexandra Hopko (in-operable tumors - Sister of Fr. John Hopko)
- Frank Guba (MS - Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Terryville)
- Jennifer Ganley (MS - Friend of Chris Dresko)
- Katherine Kopcha (Mat. Melanie's Aunt)

Captives:

Metropolitan Paul & Archbishop John of Aleppo, Syria.

..... and all those shut-in and in Nursing Homes!

Newly Michael Horbal [April 28]
Departed: Arthur Wykes [April 30] (Father-in-law of Jennifer Wykes)



neighborhood & All Saints Church, Hartford who will be joining us for our Pentecost Feast-day Vigil and Divine Liturgy.

◆ **The May monthly charity collection** is for **Fr. Michael Shuster** of Holy Trinity Church, Spring Hill, FL. He is suffering from kidney failure and has had to stop his secular employment. The parish is too small for a "full time" pastor so finances are tight both with the parish and the pastors family. Please be generous by using the envelopes provided in our monthly mailing. We will take our charity collection on last Sunday of the month.

◆ **Men's Club Lotto -**

65 Beth Bradanini

Support the Men's Club
Special Projects Fund!!

Sign up today!!!

New numbers have started!!!

There are 7 numbers available!

◆ **Future Dates:**

Saturday, May 30th: Festal Vigil for Pentecost

after our parish & community picnic and clean-up.

Sunday, May 31st: The Great Feast of **PENTECOST** Festal Divine Liturgy, "Kneeling" Vespers & Procession 9:00 a.m.

FAST FREE WEEK: May 31 - June 7

Monday, June 1st: Parish Council meeting 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 6th: Festal Great Vespers 5:00 p.m. @ All Saints Church, Hartford.

Sunday, June 7th: Festal Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m. @ All Saints Church, Hartford & parish picnic 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, June 21st - FATHER'S DAY: coffee hour hosted by the Sisterhood.

18th All American Council: July 20 - 24, 2015 in Atlanta, GA.

<u>May Finances</u>	
Income: \$	5,921.55
Expense: \$	9,698.12
Exp/Inc: \$	-3,776.57
<u>Year-to-date Finances</u>	
Income: \$	70,039.03
Expense: \$	69,500.09
Inc/Exp: \$	538.94