



# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*Week of May 24 - 30, 2020 ❖ 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."

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## DAILY READINGS:

**May 25th**  
Acts 17:1-15  
John 11:47-57  
**May 26th**  
Acts 17:19-28  
John 12:19-36  
**May 27th**  
Acts 18:22-28  
John 12:36-47  
**May 28th**  
Acts 1:1-12  
Luke 24:36-53  
**May 29th**  
Acts 19:1-8  
John 14:1-11  
**May 30th**  
Acts 20:7-12  
John 14:10-21

## Weekly Calendar

**Sunday, May 24th**  
Typika / Obednitsa 8:30 a.m.  
Zoom "live stream" & "virtual" coffee hour

**Monday, May 25th**   
**Memorial Day**

**Wednesday, May 27th**  
**LEAVETAKING OF PASCHA**  
Daily Vespers for  
**ASCENSION OF THE LORD**  
7:00 p.m. Zoom "live stream"

**Saturday, May 30th**  
Abbreviated Great Vespers 5:00 p.m. Zoom "live stream"

**Sunday, May 31st**  
Typika / Obednitsa 8:30 a.m.  
Zoom "live stream" & "virtual" coffee hour

**Saturday, June 6th**  
Abbreviated Great Vespers 5:00 p.m. Zoom "live stream"

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday May 24	Sunday May 31
Greeter:	Greeter:
Cleaning:	Cleaning:
Coffee:	Coffee:

## Parish Figures

Collection: \$ 1,811  
YTD:\$62,299 **[110.6%]**  
YTD Goal: \$56,340.00  
(20wks) [\$ 2,817.00/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**

♦**Closed but not forgotten:** Under the guidance and direction of His Beatitude Metropolitan TIKHON and our Holy Synod, **SYNODAL DIRECTIVES**, we are beginning the process to "open up" church again. It is a multi step process which will take time to plan and complete. Until then we will "live stream" prayer services around our normal service times on the appropriate days via Zoom meetings **only**. **Thank You** for remembering to mail your weekly contributions and charity donations to our PO Box since we still have expenses and bills to pay. If you are **in need** of assistance **in any way don't** be shy and contact Fr. David so that these things can be addressed!

♦**The May monthly charity collection** is for our **Discretionary Fund**. Our Discretionary Fund must be supplied in anticipation of needs that may arise because of the "social distancing" and the closure of businesses. Anyone who is in need of assistance, in any fashion, can approach

**"For the sick and suffering"**

Katherine Szesztakow Joseph Kowar  
Arlene Potter Nicholas Tabakow  
Anastasiya Hudzen Filon Margaret Wagner  
Stella (Stephanida) Liwen Peter Labas  
George Ludko Evelyn Cherpak  
Paul Culton Helen Anop

Igumen Sergious [Gerken] (Inverness, FL)  
Priest Antony Gori (Parkinson's)  
Mat. Natasha Lazor  
Mat. Laryssa Hutnyan (ovarian cancer - Sagamore Hills, Ohio)

Mat. Alexandra Safchuk (cancer - Bethesda, MD schoolmate of Fr. David)

Mat. Anne Hosking (St. Alexis, Clinton, CT)

Nona Richards (Mother of Sarah Clark)  
Michael Kokus (Father of Nick Kokus)  
Alice Stebelski (Aunt of Mallory Kokus)  
Nancy Tate (Mother of Paula Place)  
Stephen Place (Husband of Paula Place)  
Antanina Andrukevich (Grandmother of Mikalai Filon)

Mary Ann Sporcic (recovery/knee surgery - Meriden)  
Jean Sharon (recovery - Sister-in-law of Rosemary Delaney)

Ruth Serafino (Parkinson's - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)

Gerry Collins (cancer - Cousin of Rosemary Delaney)

Thomas Kirby (kidney failure - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)

Sharon Fisher (Parkinson's - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)

David Nutthall (kidney cancer - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)

Katherine "Kay" Marino (Sister of Rdr. John Skrobat)

Arthur Everson (Parkinson's - Nephew of Jennie Everson)

Steven O'brien (cancer - Son-in-law of Jean Murr)  
Michael Hricus (Brother of Marion Bichun)  
Dimitry Wallack (Brother-in-law of Marion Bichun)

... all our health care professionals!

..... and all those home-bound or in nursing homes!

**NEWLY**

Archimandrite Elias Bitar [May 21] (old friend of Fr. David from CA & SVS)  
Mitred Apr. Nicholas Timpko [May 16]  
Archpriest Paul Lazor [May 9]  
Jennie 'Eugenia' Pich [Apr 15]  
Rosa Rivera [Apr 27] (Aunt of Gladys Labas)  
Vera Geeza Hellman [May 7] (childhood friend of Fr. David from CA)  
William Satterfield [May 12] (Great-Uncle of Marina Kaplan)  
Anthony Jack [May 16] (Friend of / fellow teacher with Greg Dresko)

**DEPARTED:**

Jan Kowalek (Friend of Marion Bichun)  
Deborah Thomas (Sister-in-law of the Thomas')  
Christopher Thomas (Brother of John Thomas')  
Marilyn Thomas (Sister-in-law of the Thomas')  
Patrick Peapples (Son-in-law of the Thomas')  
Katherine Peapples (Daughter of the Thomas')  
Giuseppe Peccerillo (Brother-in-law of the Santoro's)  
Richard Kusmirek (Friend of the Santoro's)  
Barbara Davis (recovery - Friend of the Santoro's)  
Deborah Ray (recovery - Friend of Rachel Santoro)  
Howard Gauthier (Brother-in-law of Elizabeth Bradanini)

Diane Pavelchak (Friend of Elizabeth Bradanini)  
Sandy Reinke (Friend of Elizabeth Bradanini)  
Elizabeth Mainuli (radiation - Friend of Diane Polzun)

John Ludko (Brother of George Ludko)  
Charles Smith (cancer - Friend of George L/Dan Br)  
John Dinda (Friend of George Ludko)  
Ann Anop (breast cancer - Wife of Peter Anop)  
Patricia Borick (Friend of Margaret Wagner)  
Anita Hall (Friend of Margaret Wagner)  
Dolores Lichtatz (ICU - Friend of Margaret Wagner)  
Matthew Murphy (Nephew of Marie Shimchick)  
Louise Shimchick (Aunt of Marie Shimchick)  
Michael Belomyzy (Brother of Annette Salina)  
Frank Lozis (Brother-in-law of Diane Dounouk)  
Malik Gillani (Friend of Diane Dounouk)  
child Daniel Hawn (brain cancer - Friend of Diane Dounouk)

Andrew Veek (Grandfather of Brian Veek)  
Alexandra Hopko (in-operable tumors - Sister of Fr. John Hopko)

Frank Guba (MS - Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Terryville)  
Joseph Moroz (Cousin of Mat. Melanie)  
Nina Gorbacheva (Mother-in-law of Richard Leardi)  
Alex Flansburg (cancer - Cousin of the Dresko's)  
Dierdre Falla (cancer - Colleague of Greg Dresko)  
Hunter Woitowitz (Leukemia - Former Student of Chris Dresko)

Jennifer Ganley (MS - Friend of Chris Dresko)

**Captives:**

Metropolitan Paul & Archbishop John of Aleppo, Syria.



Fr. David and just like what is spoken at confession it remains confidential. The collection is normally taken on the last Sunday of the month but PLEASE use the envelope provided in your monthly mailing and mail them to our PO Box 2876 New Britain, CT 06050. **THANK YOU!!**

**Donation Creation 2020:** The Chrysalis Center is collecting nonperishable foods - Tuna Fish, Pasta & Pasta Sauce, Soup, Rice, Canned Vegetables, Healthy Cereal (Hot/Cold), Peanut Butter & Jelly, Crackers, Baby Items (formula, diapers & wipes), Feminine Hygiene Products, Cleaning Products, Paper Products (toilet paper, paper towels), Toiletry Items (soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes), Cloth Masks - to providing healthy and nutritious meals to our Freshplace families. We will have a drop off these items at the church parking lot

on Saturday, May 30th, 10:00 am - 12 noon.

♦**Men's Club Lotto -**

# 15 Ken Wagner

Support the Men's Club  
Special Projects Fund!!

	<u>May Finances</u>
Income:	\$ 7,590.00
Expense:	\$ 10,874.65
Exp/Inc:	\$ -3,284.65
	<u>Year-to-date Finances</u>
Income:	\$ 67,050.91
Expense:	\$ 68,442.40
Exp/Inc:	\$ -1,391.49