

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. St 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!

In his MENAION, St Demetrius of Rostov calls the blind man St Celidonius (see his account of St Lazarus in the Synaxis of the Seventy Apostles on January 4).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Golf Outing-June 25th, 2007

Garage Sale - Memorial Day Weekend-May 25-26

County Fair Food Booth

AppleFest

Beefsteak Dinner

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Sunday, May 13, 2007

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Today **Happy Mother's Day**
Wed. **7:00 PM Eve of Ascension, Vespers w/ Litya**
Thurs. **Divine Liturgy Ascension of our Lord 7:40am Hours Divine Liturgy 8:00 AM**
Saturday **9am clean-up around Church - 6:00 PM Vespers**
Sunday **9:15 Church School**

Divine Liturgy 9:40 AM Hours, 10 AM Divine Liturgy

Archpriest Eugene Vansuch FOS Director will be joining Fr. Samuel for Vespers and Liturgy

Today's commemorated feasts and saints... 6TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA - Tone 5. Blind Man. Virgin Martyr Glyceria at Heraclea, and with her, Martyr Laodicius, Keeper of the Prison (ca. 177). Righteous Virgin Glykeria of Novgorod (1522). Translation of the Relics of Ven.

Makary, Archimandrite of Obruch (or Kanev 1678). Martyr Alexander of Rome (284-305). St. Pausiacius, Bishop of Synnada (6th-7th c.). St. George the Confessor, with his wife, Irene, and their children, of Constantinople (9th c.). St. Euthymius the New (1028), Founder of Iveron Monastery, and his fellow Georgian Saints of Mt. Athos: his father, John, his cousin, George, and Gabriel. Monk-martyrs of Iveron (Mt. Athos).

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

CHRIST IS RISEN!

BULLETIN

Thank you to Carol and Mark Benda who hosted Coffee Social last week. This week's social will be hosted by **Corrine and Louis Matthews**. Next weeks social will be hosted by the **Lamlamay Family**. If you can host a Coffee Social, please sign-up downstairs.

There are sign-up sheets downstairs for Church cleaning and lawn care. Please sign-up.

Thank you to Tim Kachur who mowed the grass for us last week.

Although there is no charge for participating in our Coffee Socials we would appreciate a small donation to cover the cost of the paper goods and coffee supplied by our Church.

Please **remember** to send in your **weekly donation or pledge** even when you have not attended Church on a Sunday. Our Church depends on your weekly contributions to pay our obligations. Thank you.

We need a donor for wine to be used for after communion. A case costs about \$45.00.

The Annual Church Rummage/Yard sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 25 & 26 from 10 AM until 4 PM. We will accept clean unbroken items such as: books, CD's, games, gift items, handbags, house items, glassware, jewelry, toys, games, video

tapes, DVD's, working electrical appliances etc. We will not accept clothes, computers, or suitcases. Workers will be needed for set-up and to help on the days of the sale. As always thank you for supporting our endeavor.

Reminder! There is **NO** kneeling during the period of time between Pascha and Pentecost.

The **normal Wednesday and Friday Fasting** disciplines have resumed. **PLEASE PURCHASE** gift cards for shopping at ShopRite and A & P stores. They are working out wonderfully. Very convenient for shopping. No cash, no checks, just a little card. They are great, and our church benefits by your using them.

WE HAVE SHOP RITE AND A&P GIFT CARDS-STOCK UP ON GIFT CARDS FOR YOUR REGULAR SHOPPING & AS GIFTS TO OTHERS

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Catherine Schwed, Thelma Macheska, Alyssa Karakos, Mary Kwak, Matushka Evelyn Kreta, Christopher, infant Ella Jane, Corinne Matthews, infant Nicholai, Dan Taylor, Stephen Kachur, Lynne Goodwin, Loren Chwan, Pighi Mardaloescu, Valentina Bobrowsky, Archimandrite Joachim (Parr), Sonia Blazo, Kevin Molbury, Newly Departed +Oscar (Mugadizi), and Newly Departed +Michael (Patrick)

Seven Day Vigil Candles

By **Pelesh Sisters** in Blessed Memory of **their father +John** (Pelesh) **5-15 (59 years)**

By **Alexandra Gutu** for the Health, Salvation of **her mother Ana**

By **Kedala Family** for the Health, Salvation, and Happy Birthday of **Matushka JoAnne 5/15**

Seven day vigil candles are available for the faithful to sponsor in memory of their departed, the sick, or for the general intentions (anniversaries, birthdays, weddings, baptisms, etc.). They will remain lit on the altar and table of oblation. The suggested donation is \$10.00 each and will burn for seven days. The intentions and those who offered them will be announced in the weekly bulletins. You may purchase your offering at the Parish Council office.

If you would like to have something published in the weekly bulletin, e-mail or bring typed copy to Father Samuel by Wednesday of the week prior to the Sunday you would like it published. If you would like something in the monthly bulletin have it e-mailed or brought to Fr. Samuel two weeks prior to the first of the month it is to be published in.

We welcome our guests who are worshipping with us today. Please join us downstairs for refreshments and fellowship. Please sign our guest book.

As long as we are in this world, let us repent with our whole heart of the evil things which we have done in the flesh, so that we may be saved by the Lord while we still have time for repentance. For after we have departed from the world, we are no longer able there either to confess or to repent anymore.

Second Clement, c. A.D. 100.