

**ST. MARY'S
BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

May 5, 2024

SAT. 4:30 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners Page 189
SUN. 10:30 a.m. +John & Joyce Haydu by daughter Nancy & Family

MON. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

TUE. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

WED. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy



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10:30 a.m. +Marge Hritzo by Anonymous

FRI. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

SUNDAY OF FATHERS OF 1st ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

May 12, 2024

MOTHER'S DAY

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SAT. 4:30 p.m. LIVING & DECEASED MOTHERS
SUN. 10:30 a.m. LIVING & DECEASED MOTHERS

You were taken up in Glory, O Christ Our God; You gladdened the Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit. By blessing them You confirmed that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

CHURCH DONATIONS April 22, 2024

Candles \$8.00 Monthly Dues \$150.00

Lenten Donation \$30.00

Offertory \$1,195.00

CHURCH DONATIONS April 29, 2024

\$50.00 Memory of Karen Muransky

\$50.00 Memory Don Danko

\$15.00 Easter \$27 Monthly dues

\$72.00 Candles Maintenance \$120.00

\$1,140.00 Offertory

**PENTECOST LITURGIES... CELEBRATIONS FOR
FATHER RICHARD & FATHER JOHN**

*Please mark your calendar....May 18th Saturday 4:30 p.m. will be a
Liturgy of Thanksgiving for Father Richard's 49th Anniversary
and for his years of service to St. Mary's, as well as his Retirement.*

*The 10:30 a.m. Liturgy will be for Father John to Welcome him as
our New pastor. CONGRATULATIONS, ON YOUR ASSIGNMENT !*

There will be a Celebration in our Center following the Sat.

Liturgy, honoring Fr. Richard and Fr. John!

**God grant Fr. Richard & Fr. John Health & Happiness for many
Blessed Years!**

SOCIAL GAMES

**Games are played every Sunday in our Center ..Doors open 4:30 p.m
and Games start 6:30 p.m. Plan to join us. Also...there are still SOME
SEATS LEFT FOR OUR SUPER BINGO ON May 11th. Stop by the
office Mon-Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m to purchase your tickets.**

SISTERS OF ST. BASIL

**We are pleased to say that the your donations for our Sisters during
Lent has been sent to Uniontown in the amount of \$1,590.00.**

Thank you again for your generosity! God bless you all!

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

On his way to the temple of Jerusalem, Jesus met a man born blind and miraculously restored his sight. The Gospel of this Sunday gives a detailed account of the whole incident. The liturgy properly evaluates the various details of this great miracle. First, here is the story:



“Passing through the Temple, Jesus saw a man who had been blind since birth. He had compassion on him and put clay on his eyes, then said to him: Go to the pool of Siloe, and wash! And as he washed, his sight was restored, and he proclaimed the glory of God. But his relatives said to him: “who opened your eyes that no living creature can heal?” And he answered them saying, “A man named Jesus. He told me to go and wash in the pool of Silo, and now I can see. He is truly Christ, the Messiah, of whom Moses wrote in the Law. He is the Savior of our souls.”

The Jews believed that this man’s blindness was God’s punishment for some sin. They forgot that man’s troubles are not always punishments. To see sin behind every trouble is superficial, even bad theology. Sufferings are sometimes sent to us in order that “the works of God should be made manifest.” The liturgy understands this, but it also speaks of the spiritual blindness which is an even greater tragedy, so we ask God in the words of the liturgy to be saved from this deeper blindness: “With eyes spiritually blind I come to You, O Christ, and like the man who was blind since birth I cry out to You with repentance.” “To those who are in the darkness, You are the shining light. And again: “Enlighten, O Lord, my spiritual eyes made blind by the gloom of sin. Anoint them, O compassionate One, with humility. Wash them with the tears of repentance.”

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

The Scriptural descriptions which serve as basis for the icon illustration of the Feast of The Ascension of our Lord are rather sparse. The Gospel of Mark states that: “The Lord, Jesus was taken up into heaven and took His seat at God’s right hand.” In the Gospel of Luke we learn that the Ascension took place in Bethany, that Christ has His hand upraised and blessing the Disciples. He was lifted up before their eyes in a cloud which took Him from their sight.



The Byzantine liturgical hymn sums up the Feast: “You descended from heaven to earth, O Christ, and by Your Ascension You wondrously raised up the race of Adam which had been lying in the depths of the prison of Hades. And having taken our nature back to heaven, You seated it with You on the Father’s throne because of Your mercy and love for all.”

ASK GOD

I asked God to grant me patience. God said, No. Patience is a byproduct of tribulations; it isn’t granted, it is earned.

I asked God to give me happiness. God said, No. I give you blessings. Happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain. God said, No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to Me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said, No. You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked God for all things I might enjoy in life. God said, No. I will give you life so that you may enjoy all things.

I asked God to help me love others, as much as God loves me. God said...finally you have the idea.