



6th Sunday of Pascha Sunday of the Man Born Blind

*The Holy Apostle Andronicus & Junia –
Andronicus and Julia are mentioned in the
Epistle to the Romans (16:7): “Great Andronicus and Junia, my
kinsmen and my fellow prisoners, who are distinguished among
the Apostles, who also were in Christ before me.”*

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Easter Season Greeting until May 20th

Christ Is Risen! - Indeed He Is Risen!

Chrystos Voskres! - Voistynu Voskres!

Христос Воскрес! - Воістину Воскрес!

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***The Most Holy Trinity Parish Public Liturgical Services
Postponed Until Further Notice.***

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Holy Eucharist Cathedral schedule:

Sunday, May 17 & 24 Div. Lit. at 9:00 a.m. (Eng.) &
10:00 a.m. (Ukr.)

After the priest has exclaimed, "Blessed be the Kingdom..." and the people have responded, "Amen," the clergy sing the Paschal Troparion once and the people repeat it. Then, the clergy sing the first half, and the people conclude it.

Paschal Troparion - Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life.

Troparion, Tone 5: Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word,* co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,* and born of the Virgin for our salvation.* For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death* and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

+Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, Tone 4: Blinded in the eyes of my soul, * I come to You, O Christ, like the man who was blind from birth, * and I cry in repentance: * You are the brilliant light of those in darkness.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 8: Though You descended into a tomb, O Immortal One, * yet You destroyed the power of Hades; * and You rose as victor, O Christ God, * calling to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice! * and giving peace to Your Apostles: * You, who grant Resurrection to the fallen.

Prokeimenon, Tone 8 - Pray and give thanks to the Lord our God.
verse: In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Psalm 76:12,2)

Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 16:16-34)



In those days, as the apostles were going to the place of prayer, they met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and the disciples, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the

innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Alleluia, Tone 8 - Look upon me and have mercy.

verse: Direct my steps according to Your word.

Gospel: John 9:1-38

At that time, as Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; 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 this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the

Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him.

Hymn to the Mother of God - The Angel cried out to the One full of Grace: O chaste Virgin, rejoice! And again I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and raised the dead. Let all people rejoice! Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exult now and be glad, O Sion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Verse: Receive the Body of Christ;* taste the fountain of immortality.

Verse: Praise the Lord from the heavens; * praise Him in the highest. * Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia. (Psalm 18:5)

Instead of “Blessed is He...” *we sing:* **Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.**

Instead of “We have seen the true light...” *we sing:* **Christ is risen...**

Instead of “Let our mouths...” *we sing:* **Christ is risen ... (3x).**

Instead of “Blessed be the name of the Lord...” *we sing:* **Christ is risen... (3x).**

“Christ is risen” is sung again once (using a simple cord chant) instead of “Glory be to the Father...” at the dismissal.

Then the Troparion “Christ is risen” is sung as in the beginning of the Liturgy, but with an additional ending.

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life *(3x).*

And to us He has granted life eternal * we bow down before His resurrection on the third day.



Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in these Holy Gifts!

I love You above all things and I desire to receive

You into my soul.

Since I cannot receive You now,

I place before You my whole life and hope, O loving Master;

and I ask, pray, and entreat You: Make me worthy to partake in a mystical

way and with a pure conscience of Your awesome and heavenly Mysteries:

for forgiveness of sins, for the pardon of offenses, for communion of the Holy

Spirit, for the inheritance of the kingdom of heaven, for confidence before

You, and not for judgment or condemnation.

I embrace You as You enter and abide in me, and I unite myself completely to

You. Permeate my soul and body, and never permit me to be separated from

You. Amen.

Молитва духовного Причастия

Мій Ісусе! Я вірю, що Ти присутній у цих Святих Дарів!
Люблю Тебе над усе і моя душа тужить за Тобою.
Не можу зараз Тебе прийняти в Євхаристії,
тому хоча б духовно прийди до мого серця!
Запрошую Тебе, відчиняю навстіж двері мого серця,
згадаючи Твої слова: «Ось стою під дверима і стукаю.
Якщо хто почує Мій голос і відчинить двері,
Я ввійду до нього, і буду вечеряти з ним, а він зі Мною».
Я ввесь єднаюся з Тобою. Ісусе, моє найвище Добро
й моя солодка Любове!
Торкнись мого серця і запали його,
щоб воно завжди палало любов'ю до Тебе! Амінь.



CATECHETICAL SUMMARY

Today the Church celebrates the Sunday of the Healing of the Blind Man. This man, who had been “born blind,” encountered Jesus when the Lord was leaving the Temple in Jerusalem. The man was, apparently, begging for money or food at the gate of the Temple and when Jesus spoke to him he listened and was obedient to the Lord’s command. Unlike the other figures in the Gospel account, this man alone had never seen the miraculous works of Christ, and yet, trusted in his word. We too, who have “not seen and yet believe” trust in the word of the Lord and follow in his ways. In this way, we, who were formerly blinded by sin, have begun to see through faith.

But, how do we trust in the Lord and follow in his ways? In the Epistle today, we are reminded of the conversion of Saul who, blinded by anger and his persecution of the Church, discovers that he is persecuting Christ himself and is called to join in the healing ministry of the Lord. We too, those who have been baptized into Christ and have received the vision of faith, are called to do “work[s] befitting [our] repentance.”

And what are those works which we are called to do if not to follow in the ways of Christ and Saint Paul, to bring healing to those who are spiritually blind through ignorance of Christ? To help those to whom God has called us to minister “to open their eyes that they may turn from darkness to light, and

from the dominion of Satan to God; that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those sanctified by faith in me.”

THE FATHERS ON THE GOSPEL

He healed others by a word.... But the Lord bestowed sight on the one who was blind from birth—not by a word, but by an outward action. He did this neither casually nor simply because this was how it happened. He did it this way in order to show it was the same hand of God here that had also formed man at the beginning. And therefore when his disciples asked him why he had been born blind, whether by his own fault or his parents’, Jesus said, “Neither this man sinned, nor his parents, but that the works of God might be manifested in him.” The work of God is, after all, the forming of man. He did this by an outward action, as Scripture says, “And the Lord took clay from earth, and formed man.”

Notice here too how the Lord spit on the earth, and made clay and smeared it on his eyes, showing how the ancient creation was made. He was making clear to those who can understand, that this was the [same] hand of God through which man was formed from clay. For what the creating Word had neglected to form in the womb, this he supplied openly. He did this so that the works of God might be evident in him, and so that we would now seek for no other hand than that through which humanity was formed. Nor should we seek another Father, knowing that the hand of God which formed us in the beginning, and forms in the womb, has in the last times sought us lost ones out. He is gaining his own lost sheep and putting it on his shoulders and joyfully restoring it to the fold of life.

Saint Irenaeus, Against Heresies 5.15.2.

As, therefore, we are formed in the womb by the Word, this very same Word also formed sight in the one who had been blind from his birth. In this way, he openly showed who it is who forms us in secret, since now the Word himself had been revealed to the world. It also made known the ancient formation of Adam and how he was made, and through what hand he was formed—indicating the whole [of Adam’s creation] by showing us a part [of it].

For the Lord who formed sight is he who has formed the entire person, and in doing so, carried out the will of the Father. But in respect to that formation in men and women that took place after Adam—when humanity fell into sin—there was a need for the washing of regeneration.

This is why the Lord said to the man to whom he had given sight, “Go to Siloam and wash.” In this way, he provided both his physical reformation and

his regeneration which comes through washing. And this is why, when he washed, he came back seeing. He would come to know his creator and humanity would come to know him who has given us life.

Saint Irenaeus, Against Heresies 5.15.3.³



Although the Most Holy Trinity Parish Public Liturgical Services are postponed until further notice, Fr. Andrzej & his family will continue to celebrate daily services and offer their prayers for the intentions of parishioners of the Most Holy Trinity parish.

Sunday, May 17 *Liturgy* (Eng./Ukr.): God's blessings to all parishioners

Monday, May 18 *** Div. Lit: +Isabelle M.

Tuesday, May 19 ** Div. Lit: Thanksgiving for received blessings
- Fr. Andrzej & family

Thursday, May 21 *** **Feast of Ascension** *** Div. Lit: God's blessings to all parishioners

Friday, May 22 *** Moleben to the Mother of God

Saturday, May 23 *** Div. Lit: +Mary Elizabeth, +Emmett,
+Margaret & +Angus Brady

Sunday, May 24 * *Divine Liturgy* (Eng./Ukr.): God's blessings to all parishioners

Dear Parishioners, please continue participating in online or televised services and remain united with each other in thought and prayer. Keep up the phone calls and don't forget those who may not receive too many calls, emails, texts, etc.



Please Pray for health of ... All those affected by the coronavirus, and Stan K., Fr. Josaphat T., Olga P., Sharon B., Zonia R., Brian K., Maria Z., Jayne & Ernie P., Lawrence & Ping B., Allan N., Moris P., Mary W., Piotr & Jadwiga W., Sam D., Ray O., Mary E., Sharon & Al L., Joe S., Jeanne R., Emily H., Lisa M., Michael L., Greg H., Melynda S., Dorothy N., Gloria N., Ann D., Joyce K., Suzanne C., Clay B., Maria W., Anne D.,



Rose K., Maria S., all sick brothers and sisters in our families and parish community. Please let Fr. Andrzej know if you would like to add names to the prayer list and also notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.



Sincerest Thanks – Many thanks to everyone who brought or sent financial support to our parish during this time when our liturgical services are not open to the public. God bless you all. **March income:** \$1,830.57; **April income:** \$1,704.00. (Sunday donations - \$1,070; UCWLC - \$579; other - \$55).



Sincerest Condolences! Christ is Risen! – we extend our prayers & condolences to Mrs. Zonia Rurka & her family as they mourn the death of Zonia's mother, **late Adeline Palsitt**. May Adeline's soul rest in peace. Christ is Risen!

Upcoming Major Feast Days – The Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ will be celebrated this coming **Thursday, May 21st** & The Descent of the Holy Spirit - **Pentecost Sunday, May 31st**.

Zoom Meeting for the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly – will take place this coming **Thursday, May 21st**.

Thank you to Pawlyshyn Family – in memory of mother & “Baba”, **late Jessie Pawlyshyn**, Mr. David Pawlyshyn & his daughters Sherry & Denise donated a very generous gift of \$300 to our parish. Thank you & may God bless you.

Eastern Catholic Catechetical Resource Website – just to let you know that there is one more great source to increase your spiritual life, please check out the new website for “God with Us” Byzantine Publications:

<https://godwithusonline.org> (**God With Us Online** – is an outreach project of the Eparchial Directors of Religious Education and the Eastern Catholic Associates and is dedicated to the catechetical renewal of Eastern Catholics in the United States in accord with the Church's call for a new Evangelization.)

The National Week for Life and the Family - will be celebrated **May 10-17**, with the theme, “Children: The Crowning Glory of Marriage.”

Material to help celebrate Life and Family has been prepared by the Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF). The material, which can be freely downloaded and reproduced, includes: a proposed plan for pastors and lay pastoral workers on how they might organize the week; a message from the CCCB President, the Most Reverend Richard Gagnon; proposals for homily notes and Prayers of the Faithful; and suggestions for related events and activities. The material is available on COLF:

<https://www.colf.ca/en/events/item/301-national-week-for-life-and-the-family-2020>

5th Anniversary of “Laudato si” - Pope Francis invites the Church to celebrate **Laudato si’ Week** from **May 16-24**.

In a [recorded video message](#), Pope Francis marks the **5th Anniversary** of the publication of his Encyclical *Laudato si’*, **On the Care of Our Common Home**. In the video, he addresses Catholic communities around the world, asking us, “What kind of world do we want to leave to those who will come after us, to children who are growing up?” “Motivated by this question,” he says, “I would like to invite you to participate in *Laudato si’* Week from May 16-24. It is a global campaign on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the encyclical letter *Laudato si’*: On the care of our common home.”

The Pope also renews his urgent call to respond to the ecological crisis: “The cry of the earth and the cry of the poor cannot continue,” he says. “Let’s take care of creation, a gift of our good Creator God. Let’s celebrate *Laudato si’* Week together.”

Laudato Si’ Week is sponsored by the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and is meant to encourage Catholic communities to take bolder actions for creation during the week-long initiative.

For ways to celebrate *Laudato si’* Week, visit www.laudatosiweek.org.

Pope Francis invites us to bring solidarity to our world in a shared **moment of prayer** on **Sunday, May 24**, at **12:00 pm noon local time**, to pray this [Common Prayer for the 5th Anniversary of *Laudato si’*](#):

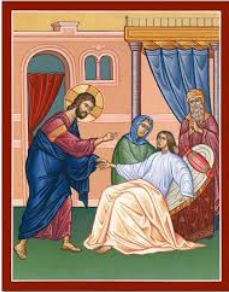
Loving God, Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them,
You created us in your image and made us stewards of all your creation,
of our common home.
You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful lands so that all might
be nourished.
Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we may attend to your gift
of creation.
Help us to be conscious that our common home belongs not only to us,
but to all future generations, and that it is our responsibility to
preserve it.
May we help each person secure the food and resources that they need.
Be present to those in need in these trying times, especially the poorest
and those most at risk of being left behind.
Transform our fear, anxiety and feelings of isolation into hope so that
we may experience a true conversion of the heart.
Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the consequences of
this global pandemic.

Make us courageous to embrace the changes that are needed in search of the common good.

Now more than ever may we feel that we are all interconnected, in our efforts to lift up the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

<i>The Gospel of Luke</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Psalm(s)</i>
21:5-24	May 17, 2020	May 23	Pss 121- Ps 122



Prayer During the Coronavirus Outbreak

Lord, Our God,
We thank you for the life that is your gift,
For the providence that sustains us,
And for your wisdom that directs the course of our days. The threat of an infection of coronavirus is upon us today.

This disease causes fear among us and has claimed lives.

We humbly beg you, loving Lord,

Dispel our fear and deliver us from this and other diseases.

Heal those who are afflicted and stop the spread of the virus.

Strengthen us in charity to care for one another.

For You are a God of mercy, kindness, and love, and we glorify You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

Amen.



LEARNING TO WAIT DURING THIS PANDEMIC

by Archbishop (Emeritus) Stefan Soroka



Our daily life has suffered many major disruptions as a result of the covid-19 pandemic. You and I have been challenged to be patient and to wait. For most of us, it is hard to wait. It is hard to wait in traffic. It is hard to wait in line at a check-out counter. It is hard to wait for a vaccine to be developed. The longer we wait, the worse we tend to worry.

Recall that the Risen Christ asked the apostles to wait after His ascension. Jesus knew that the apostles could not fulfill their work alone. They needed

the presence of the Holy Spirit to accomplish the work of the kingdom. The Holy Spirit would encourage, instruct, guide, and comfort them in their earthly ministry. They needed to wait. Why wait? There is a lesson for you and for me in what happened to them while they waited.

Perhaps the apostles needed to wait so that they could learn some obedience. They needed to learn to prepare themselves in listening to God's plan for them.

The passage of time would also help to prepare the apostles' hearts. They needed time to heal from their failures. They needed time to draw together. There is a special fellowship that develops among those who wait.

Waiting increases anxiety. Jesus knows this and calls the apostles and us to move beyond anxiety to trust, to grow in faith. If things do not seem to work out the way we expected, perhaps it is an opportunity to find God's plan in our life.

Waiting can be fruitful. If our lives belong to God, we do not become frustrated when our plans do not work out. If time belongs to God, we are not angered when things get rearranged in life. We come to realize that our 'to-do' list may not match God's assignment list.

God is more interested in obedience, in quiet hope, in a prepared soul, than He is in our accomplishments.

The apostles had to wait. Not for ten minutes. Not for ten hours. They will wait for ten days. They did not know how long they would have to wait. While they waited, they struggled with their desires to get started in their earthly ministry. They argued whether they heard Jesus accurately.

They struggled to encourage each other, to keep from quitting and returning home.

While waiting, the apostles learned to pray like they had never had to pray before. They learned to depend on one another. They learned to use their faith. In the absence of the physical presence of Jesus, they allowed their faith in his world to grow.

They waited and they became the men that Jesus knew they could be.

They became a Church.

Just wait! Imagine what can happen to you and to me beyond the challenge of this pandemic.