

**\* 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha \***

**Sunday of the Man Born Blind**

The Holy Martyr Basiliscus (286-305) –  
suffered martyrdom for his faith in Christ under  
Emperor Maximian.

**\*\* Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 \*\***

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***Easter Season Greeting until May 25<sup>th</sup>***

***Christ Is Risen! - Indeed He Is Risen!***

***Xpucmoc Bockpec! - BoicmyHy Bockpec!***

***Liturgical Services this coming week***

**Sunday, May 22 \*\* 9:30 a.m. \*\* Rosary (Eng.) \*\* 10:00 a.m.**

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

**Monday, May 23 \*\* 9:00 a.m. \* Div. Lit: God's**

blessings for Members of the Knights of Columbus

**Tuesday, May 24 \*\* 10:00 a.m. \* Div. Lit: Good**

health & God's blessings for members of SSVP

**Wednesday, May 25 \*\*\* Moleben to the Mother of**

**God \*\*\* 6:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, May 26 \*\*\* The Ascension of Our Lord**

**Jesus Christ \*\* 9:00 a.m.\*\* Div. Lit: God's blessings to**

all parishioners

**Sunday, May 29 \*\* 9:30 a.m. \*\* Rosary (Eng.) \*\* 10:00 a.m.**

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

*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.

***verse:*** The venerable ones will exult in glory\* and they shall be joyful in their beds



**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 have seen the true light...”, “Let our mouths...” *we sing:* **Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.**

**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 chord 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.**



**Commentary on the Sunday Gospel Reading**

<https://godwithusonline.org/reflections/the-sunday-of-the-man-born-blind-ukrainian/>

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.

The blind man did not choose to be blind, nor did he cause his own blindness. However, very often we choose to be blind. We choose to close our eyes to the needs of our neighbors, we decide not to pay attention to the sufferings of those around us, we avoid the intimate moments of prayer when we are challenged to face our own weaknesses and imperfections. By falling into this type of blindness, we stop being effective instruments of God's love and mercy in this world.

Let us not be afraid to change our lives, to make that leap of faith out of spiritual darkness, to redirect our focus to Christ who is the Light of the world in order to be enlightened, cleansed, inspired and sanctified by Him. Jesus Christ is the Brilliant Light of those in darkness and when we open our eyes to look into His eyes, it might hurt a little bit at the beginning, but in His eyes there is so much love for each one of us. It is through such a loving gaze of our Saviour that our spiritual eyes are healed. When we encounter the Divine Light of Christ like the blind man, our only proper response is to worship Him with true humility and surrender.

### **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.



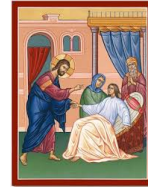
\*\*\*\*\* *Prayers* \*\*\*\*\*

*Prayer for the Afflicted People of Ukraine in Time of War*

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that Your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all Your precious children, at risk and in fear, that You would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

**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.

***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.



**\*\* ANNOUNCEMENTS \*\***



**A warm welcome** - to all parishioners who join us today in our church for the Divine Liturgy and those who continue to pray at home. We wish you a healthy & blessed week!

**Please Pray for health of ...** All those affected by the coronavirus, those wounded in the war in Ukraine and: Paulette K., Bev. N, Irene M., Sharon & Al L., Wilma C., Rob E., Elsie K., Billie M., Peter O., Rob R., F.T., Zbigniew K., Pat B., Anne D., Margaret M., Dave & Betty C., Matt D., Bill P., Thomas H., Lawrence & Ping B., Gladys O., Zonia K., Brian K., Mary & Dave E., Jeanne R., Lisa M., Michael L., Melynda S., Suzanne C., Clay B., Stefanica K., Sarah N., 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.



**Thank you to all our Supporters & Volunteers –**

**Дякуємо** – Many thanks to everyone for your continued support of our parish community and for



supporting our brothers & sisters in Ukraine. Our gratitude to Mr. Orest Hrycewich for weedwacking the parish parking lot & to Mrs. Mildred Kolody for trimming cloths for our new tables in the parish hall. God bless you all!

**Sunday Coffee Postponed until Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**Monthly Parish Council Meeting** – will take place tomorrow, **Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

**Monthly Meeting for SSVP**- will take place this coming Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at our parish hall.

**Note from Kamloops Pro Life Society** – this coming Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 9 - 5 the Pro Life Society is going to display blue and pink flags to raise awareness for unborn children on OLPH School grounds along the fence on Tranquille road. We are encouraged to pray for the sanctity of human life and if possible, to assist in putting up the flags at 9:00 am and removing them at 4 pm.

**Residence Carpet Cleaning** - will take place this coming Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**2022 Parish Feast-day (Praznyk)** – will be celebrated on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. This year we will be honoured with the presence of our Apostolic Administrator, Bishop David Motiuk.

**St. Ann's Academy Graduation Mass** – will be celebrated on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at SAA's gym.

**10<sup>th</sup> World Meeting of Families** – theme: “Family Love: Vocation and Path to Holiness” – will be celebrated on Sunday, June 26, 2022. Although the main gathering will take place in Rome, we will also celebrate this event on Eparchial and parish levels.

**Pope Francis' Visit to Canada** - July 24-29, 2022 - The historic visit, focused on Indigenous healing and reconciliation. Given the vast landscape of Canada, the limited time period for the visit and considering the health of the 85 year old Pontiff, the Vatican has announced that Pope Francis will adopt only three communities as a base for his Canadian visit: Edmonton, Quebec City, and Iqaluit.

**Parish Fundraiser to Support Those Fleeing the War in Ukraine** – we have the opportunity to purchase Ukrainian pins at the church entrance as a way of supporting our brothers and sisters who will come from Ukraine. Suggested donation is \$10.

## **Pastoral Ministry and Sacraments:**

**Reconciliation:** on Sundays and Holy Days: before Divine Liturgies and other days, by appointment.

**Holy Communion:** for the sick, by appointment, any time.

**Baptisms:** by appointment.

**Marriages:** six months' notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made.

**Funerals and Memorials:** by appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick (Holy Unction):** Those anticipating surgery, hospitalization or treatments and who would like to receive anointing or to meet with the parish priest, please call or email Fr. Andrzej in advance to arrange a time and a day.

### **Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion:**

1. You are a member of the Catholic Church (Orthodox faithful are welcome to receive Holy Communion); 2) You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently; 3) You attend Divine Services regularly; 4) Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church; 5) You have kept the Liturgical fast – no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy (water and medicine does not break the fast). 6) You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel. 7) To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace.

*If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are very welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.*

### **Sunday live-streamed coverage of liturgical services:**

**Holy Eucharist Cathedral (New Westminster) – Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. (Eng.) & 10:30 a.m. (Ukr.)**

<https://www.facebook.com/holyeucharistcathedral/>

**Youtube** [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPp1JaDotIj\\_4h3aAJq0Srg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPp1JaDotIj_4h3aAJq0Srg)

*From the Head of the UGCC on the 86th day of the war: Let us pray together for this war to end and for peace in our homeland.*

“Fierce battles are continuing in eastern Ukraine. The enemy is attacking, trying to storm our cities, particularly in Luhansk region. Fierce fighting is taking place in the east of Kharkiv and Donetsk regions. On the one hand, the south of Ukraine is defending itself, and on the other, it is under heavy shelling from the occupiers, who are trying to stay on the shores of the Black and Azov Seas”, mentioned the Head of the UGCC.

The enemy is shelling our cities and villages again, the Head of the Church emphasizes, on the Russian border of Chernihiv and Sumy regions, as well as in Kharkiv region. One can only imagine, he says, the drama of those people who were forced to flee their homes, then returned, found their home surviving, were already happy to return to a peaceful life - and here again from Russian territory missiles are striking these homes, bombs are falling, people are dying. But Ukraine is standing. Ukraine is struggling. Ukraine defeats its enemy. Ukraine shows the world the heroism of ordinary people.

“We know that our people are going through tragic times... But it is the strength of spirit of the sons and daughters of our people and our army that turns these tragic times into heroic times. In fact, the war gives birth to new heroes of Ukraine, heroes of love for the Motherland, God and neighbor”, the Father and Head of the UGCC states.

Today, His Beatitude Sviatoslav reflected on the last of the works of mercy for the soul – to pray for the living and the dead. According to him, this work of mercy is, in fact, one of the most important, as without it all other human deeds lose their Christian meaning.

In today's world, says the Head of the Church, we may not fully feel the power and value of prayer... We better understand some immediate actions that are the subject of social interest, psychological attention to a person. However, the soul and the

body without the spirit of God weaken and cannot do anything good.

“Prayer is one of the main works of mercy, which not only helps, but also saves a person, gives meaning to their earthly life, opens the arms of the Heavenly Father to them. Intercessory prayer serves as work of mercy. When we, as the Church, the Body of our Lord, intercede in prayer before Heavenly Father for our living or dead brothers and sisters in need, we pray with Jesus Christ, the Head of that Body. And He prays with us in the Holy Spirit, prays in us and for us to His Heavenly Father, as St. Augustine says”, the Head of the Church emphasizes.

His Beatitude Sviatoslav also mentioned two important international visits to Ukraine: the Vatican Secretary for Relations with States, and the delegation of Polish bishops.

“I thank Archbishop Paul Richard Gallagher, the Vatican foreign minister, for his visit to Ukraine. His presence among us is a special expression of the Holy Father's attention to the needs of Ukraine, the moment of listening and prayer. We are grateful to the Holy See for everything that is being done today, in particular in the diplomatic field, to stop the unjust Russian aggressor”, mentioned the Major Archbishop of the UGCC.

And added: “We thank the brothers and sisters from Catholic Poland who are praying and helping Ukraine. We saw those images of Poles kneeling in prayer in the center of Warsaw, on the sidewalks, with a rosary in their hands. We express sincere gratitude to all those who are supporting Ukraine today and showing their solidarity with our people”.

“God bless Ukraine! God bless the Ukrainian army! God, accept into your arms the innocent victims of this war who have already departed from this earthly life! God bless all those who are victims of this war and grant victory to Ukraine!” asks the Ukrainian spiritual leader.

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