

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND



*Icon of the Ascension of Our Lord -- May 21st*

## **May 17, 2020 – Sunday of the Man Born Blind**

*Tropar, Kontakion, Prokimenon, Alleluia Festal Tone Acts 16:16-34 John 9:1-38*

### **Sat. May 16 Our venerable father, Theodore, disciple of St. Pachomius (+302)**

8:00 am Divine Liturgy for + Lori Lizanich by Parents (Livestream)  
5:00 pm Great Vespers (Livestream)

### **Sun. May 17 SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND**

10:00 am Matins (Livestream)  
11:00 am Divine Liturgy for \* Our Parish Family (Livestream)  
3:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

### **Mon. May 18 St. Theodotus of Ancyra in Galatia (+304)**

8:00 am Liturgy for + Margie Girman by Steve & Ann Sichko (Livestream)  
3:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

### **Tues. May 19 St. Patrick, Bishop-Martyr of Prusa in Bithynia (+363)**

8:00 am Liturgy Birthday Blessings for Dorothy Basalla by Family (Livestream)  
3:00 pm Great Vespers (Livestream)

### **Wed. May 20 St. Thalaleus, Martyr (+272)**

8:00 am Liturgy + John M. Kleban by John & Mary Dirda (Livestream)  
6:00 pm Great Vespers with Litija (Livestream)

### **Thur. May 21 ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**

7:00 am Festal Matins (Livestream)  
8:00 am Liturgy for \*Our Parish Family (Livestream)  
4:00 pm Divine Liturgy + Nicholas J. Loya by Loya Family (from May 17)  
(Livestream)

### **Fri. May 22 St. Constantine the Great and St. Helen, his mother**

8:00 am Liturgy for + Eugene F. Kusnerik by Judith Carol and Family (Livestream)  
3:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

### **Sat. May 23 Our venerable father and confessor, Michael, Bishop of Synnada (+820)**

8:00 am Slavonic Divine Liturgy for + Betty Jane Kormos by Marie Mills  
(Livestream)  
4:00 pm Great Vespers (Livestream)  
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy + Fred Brunarsky by Donor (from May 2) (Livestream)

### **Sun. May 24 SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy for + William Basalla by Byron & Lisa Olexa (Livestream)  
11:00 am Divine Liturgy for \* Our Parish Family (Livestream)  
3:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

*Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!*

**PRAY DAILY** - have a keep able rule of prayer that you do by discipline. Say the Lord's Prayer several times a day. Any time you have an opportunity to say a prayer, take advantage of it. The devil tries to eliminate your prayer since the prayer eliminates the devil.

- For courage to repent (to go to confession) - **St. John Forerunner, pray for us!** (40x)
- For Peace in the World – **Lord, have mercy!** (40 times)
- For Our Children – **Holy Father Nicholas, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For the Sick and Those in Need – **O Most Holy Trinity, save us!** (40 times)
- For Our Parish – **O Most Holy Theotokos, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For the courage to sing in church – **Holy Father Roman, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For the departed – **Psalm 51, 91, 119 (50, 90, 118 in LXX)**
- Jesus Prayer – **“Lord Jesus Christ,\* Son of God,\* have mercy on me\* a sinner!”**



Every evening before you go to bed, simply go through the whole day and think what you have done right or wrong, do the examination of conscience, and ask the good Lord for forgiveness. Make a sign of the cross over the place where you sleep and say: **“Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my soul and body. Do You Yourself bless me, have mercy on me, and grant me life eternal. Amen.”**

**A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE (ALL):**

Parishioners of all 4 parishes (Cathedral, Holy Spirit, St. Mary, St. Nicholas Croatian) may continue to mail their donation envelopes to the Parish Office, 5500 West 54th Street, Parma, OH 44129 or simply drop them in the black locked mail box outside the office door. They will then be deposited into the proper church account. ***Please also continue to use your church envelopes when turning in your donations and print your full name on the outside of the envelope, on the line provided. This will help with the recording of your donations in the computer.*** Thank you. **-OR-**

**ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE (ALL):** Giving made easy! We now offer electronic giving for all with Churches-GivePlus. You can contribute anywhere, anytime right from your computer, smartphone or tablet. Give online by visiting the website <http://stmarybyz.com/> and clicking on the **Give OnLine Link**. Or download the free GivePlus mobile app from the App Store or Google Play.

Giving online is fast, easy and secure. You can set up single donations, recurring donations and how frequently you wish to give. Online giving can be done either by credit card or a bank account. The first time going to the GivePlus application, create your profile; then login, follow the easy to read screens and make your donation.

**DEEPEST SYMPATHY (HS & SM):** We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **+ Kathleen Kinicki** and **+ Janice Pogozelski**, who passed away last week. May God grant to his handmaidens, **+ Kathleen** and **+ Janice**, Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory. Vicnaja jim pamjat!

Watch the livestream at [www.parma.org](http://www.parma.org) or [www.logos.tv](http://www.logos.tv) or YouTube LOGOS TV - PARMA  
 If you know of someone that does not have access to the internet, reach out to them by phone to keep them informed with updates and encourage them to continue their daily prayer at home.

**OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL**  
**May 10, 2020**

	-	Total	Livestreamed
Cathedral Parish	-	<u>\$ 480.00</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u> Online Giving
Holy Spirit Parish	-	<u>\$ 1,740.00</u>	<u>\$270.00</u> Online Giving
St. Mary's Parish	-	<u>\$ 1,950.00</u>	<u>\$200.00</u> Online Giving
St. Mary 250 Club - #65 Jim Amato; Larry Kirchner, Captain			
St. Nicholas Parish	-	<u>\$ 00.00</u>	

***Have you remembered Your Church in your Will and/or Trust?***

Thank you and may God reward your generosity!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND CONFINED: St. Mary's** – John Krenisky, Kathleen Miller, Mary



Ann Ridilla; Ray Yasenchak; Jean Asmondy; Esther Morganosky; John Anitas; Pat Asmondy; Goldie Barvinchak; Pearl Beningo; Mildred Bobick; JoAnn Chaky; Eva Cook; Seleema Corrigan; Sally Csejpes; Lois Deighton; Dolores Furda; Mary Grauel; Ruthann Hodar, Margaret Huges, Rosemary Kennick; Catherine Kopko; Larry Lantz;

Jean Malinky; Barbara Miterko; Eleen Monoc; Carl Panko; Sue Peterchalk; Joseph Popik; Art Pordash; Eleen Reese; Dorothy Shevchuck; David Starling; Isabelle Sweeney; Bob & Mary Zelenka.

**Cathedral** – Martha Loya; Helen Long; Phil Nechvatal; Joe Kaltner; Helen Fredericks; Frank and Rose Lizanich; Carol Morin.

**Holy Spirit** – Samuel Basalla, Jim Neitzel, Elizabeth Loya; George Hapker; Ken Kalas; Ann Yorko; Janice Misch; Richard Onderak; Elizabeth Sheppard; Helen Sawchak; Carol Vasil; Helen Alpine; Blanche Gubanich; Andrea Seman; Carol and Richard Bub.

**St. Nicholas Croatian** – Helen Jeris; Marge Kordic; Walter Badovinac; Mary Ann Zubovich.

***Please call Fr. Nathan Adams at (216) 678-0870 (NEW NUMBER) for someone ill or in need of prayer.***



**MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION (ALL at HS):** Monday, May 25, 2020, is Memorial Day.

A celebration will be held at Holy Spirit Cemetery. All services will take place at the main circle by the altar (observing proper social distancing). The day will begin at 9 AM with the American Legion Memorial Service at the flag in the Cemetery. Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:30 AM with a Panachida following, also in the Cemetery (weather permitting). Please plan on joining together as we honor our service men and women and all those buried in Holy Spirit Cemetery.

**CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN-UP (ALL at HS):** When you place new decorations at your family member's grave, please dispose of all old decorations IN THE DUMPSTER PROVIDED IN THE CEMETERY. Please DO NOT LEAVE YOUR OLD DECORATIONS OR ANY TRASH AT THE END OF THE ROWS. Thank you.

**SPECIAL THANKS (HS):** Thank you to the parishioners that got together last Wednesday and cleaned up the front yard of the church grounds. The trees look great and the weeds are under control again. Thank you for all your hard work!

**LIFE LINE SCREENING (CTH):** Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at Cathedral of St John the Baptist on 6/24/2020. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle> or text the word circle to 797979.**



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.



# THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PARMA

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Prot. No. 64/2020 L

May 12, 2020

## DECREE

I, Bishop Milan Lach, S.J. **dispense all the faithful of the Eparchy of Parma from the obligation of attending Sunday Divine Liturgy as well as Divine Liturgy for Holy Days of Obligation effective today and until further notice.** You are not dispensed from prayer on Sunday, the day of prayer and rest.

After discussion with the College of Consultors of the Eparchy of Parma, and in consideration of the situations in all three regions of our Eparchy, I give permission to resume the public celebration of Divine Liturgies and other liturgical services effective Monday, May 18, 2020, for the parishes of the Ohio Region and the Great Lakes Region.

I also give permission for the parishes of the Mid-West Region (Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Iowa) to resume the public celebration of Divine Liturgies and other liturgical services. However, this must be handled at the discretion of the pastors and administrators who, after monitoring the situation in their respective states, believe it is safe for the public to attend.

I ask all pastors and administrators to discuss with their respective parish councils the more detailed instructions that will be sent to them, and that these instructions be communicated to all parishioners via parish bulletins, websites or any other parish social media.

Every joyful celebration is anticipated with good preparation and so I would like to encourage you, knowing that soon we will be able to joyfully celebrate together again, to prepare yourselves for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and reception of the Holy Eucharist. Even during this pandemic, God is inviting us to think more deeply about ourselves, about Him, about our spiritual life, and about the spiritual meaning of our lives. During this time, God is giving us a great opportunity for a new beginning, a fresh restart. I encourage you and invite you to prepare yourselves by making arrangements with your priest to receive the Mystery of Holy Reconciliation. Please take advantage of this time of grace to spiritually prepare yourselves (an examination of conscience is available at [www.parma.org](http://www.parma.org)).

I believe that due to the effort of our parishes to prepare our churches in the best way possible our churches are safe places in which to worship. However, out of respect for the fact that some people may not yet feel safe attending services at church, divine services will continue to be livestreamed at <http://parma.org/live> or may be available through your parish website. All other non-liturgical activities, fundraisers, and social gatherings remain suspended for the public. Baptisms, funerals, and weddings can be celebrated with precautionary measures.

Brothers and sisters, I as your father and bishop continue to offer every Sunday Divine Liturgy and pray to the Most Holy Theotokos for all of you, the faithful of the Eparchy of Parma. Please continue to pray with your families during this month of May, especially praying the Moleben, Akathist, and Paraklesis to the Theotokos (texts are available at [www.parma.org](http://www.parma.org)) for her protection, and for those who are infected and dying from this virus in our country and throughout the world. Please also pray for the health care workers and our government as they work to protect our lives.

Yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Milan Lach, S.J.  
Bishop of the Eparchy of Parma

Notary

### *Our True Home*

Once there was a young man who became a Christian many years ago. His rich pagan father despised him for this. He argued with his son, beat him, and then finally threw him out of the house. The young man remained a devout Christian and won many others to Christ as well. Eventually, the young man was brought before the magistrate, and was accused of being a Christian.

The magistrate offered him a choice. First, he would release him if he would simply renounce Christ, come home and enjoy his father's wealth. Or, he could remain a Christian and be put to death. "Leaving my father's riches does not trouble me," said the young man, "for there is a far more beautiful home waiting for me with my Heavenly Father."

This Thursday, we will celebrate the feast of Our Lord's return to His Heavenly Father. On Ascension Thursday, forty days after His Resurrection, Our Lord took His disciples to the Mount of Olives near Bethany, blessed them and was lifted in a cloud which took Him from their sight. (Acts 1 :9)

The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord reminds us of our final destination. Ultimately, we are all created to dwell with God in Heaven. While we journey on earth, however, God continues to share Himself with us by sending His Holy Spirit to us, to live within us and to work among us. Therefore, let us, on the Feast of the Ascension, anticipate the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world and into us in a renewed way.