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Gospel: John 9:1-38

**June 2, 2019
Sunday of the Blind man**

Epistle: Acts 16:16-34

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Sunday, June 2, Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, June 5, Great Vespers 6:30 p.m. - **Eve of the Ascension of Christ**

Thursday, June 6, Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m. - **Feast of the Ascension of Christ**

Saturday, June 8, Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 9, Obednitsia 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

A Special Meeting dealing with Fund-Raising Projects for the summer months will be held on Monday, June 10 at 6:00 p.m. underneath the Church. In addition to our Church Committee, everyone who is interested is asked and encouraged to attend.

Pentecost Parastas will be held on Sunday, June 16 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Cemetery. Please return the names of your departed loved one to Fr. John by Saturday, June 15.

Please remember in your prayers: Millie Telep who is receiving rehab at Allied Rehab, 475 Morgan Hwy, Scranton, Pa. 18508 Rm. 322 May our Lord Jesus Christ grant her a speedy recovery.

Chicken Barbecue next Sunday, June 9 sponsored by the Whitmore Hose Company of Mayfield at the company building at 305 Depew Ave. Take out and sit down dinners will be available from noon until sold out. Tickets are \$10.00. For home delivery free of charge up to 3 miles call 570-876-3776 to make arrangements.

On Saturday June 08, at 10 a.m. Church Mutual Representative will speak on the topic of preparedness for an armed intruder. St Nicholas Orthodox Church in Bethlehem, Pa. will host the presentation. As this involves risk management every parish should send at least two people for the presentation.

Choir Rehearsal for Pentecost will be held on Tuesday, June 11 at 6:30 p.m. Choir Director and Summer Inter Peter Simko will be directing. Please make every effort to attend!

Church Dues are being collected. If you are in the arrears, please make every effort to send in your dues. If you are interested in knowing the balance of your Church dues, please contact Gloria Shaw at 570-876-5506.

Please remember in your prayers: **Annabel Franchak** who is guest at the Wayne Woodlands Manor, in Waymart., Pa. **Peter & Helen Senio** who are guests at; The Gardens of Green Ridge, Rm. #101, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa., **Marie Derkash & Ann Butler** are guests at the Oakwood Terrace, 400 Gleason Dr. Moosic, Pa. 18507 **Mary Slenska**, Allied Rehab, and **Irene Kiehart** is a guest at the Atria at Farmington, 111 Scott Swamp Rd, and Rm.14B Farmington, CT 06032.

Sunday Hostesses: **June 2**, Susan Schlasta, Helen Grancey, Vicky Kravetsky, **June 9**, Jean Malec, Maryann Serafini Theresa Krenitsky, **June 16**, Millie Telep, Dorothy Allen Kay Fedirko.

Sunday of the Blind man — The miracle described in today's Gospel (John 9:1-38) is even more remarkable than it might seem at first. Saint 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!

Feast of the Ascension of Christ: *"Thou hast ascended in glory O Christ our God, granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world! (Troparion).*