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& 360 virtual tour and 4-part welcome

Gospel: John 9:1-38

Epistle: Acts 16:16-34

**May 29, 2022**, Sunday of the Blindman  
Virgin -Martyr Theodosia of Tyre

**Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!**

**Sunday, May 29, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.** Parastas & Blessing of the Vet's Monument

**Wednesday, June 1, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m.** -Eve of the Feast of the Ascension of Christ - & Blessing of Wheat,  
Wine & Oil.

**Thursday, June 2, Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.** -Ascension of Christ

**Saturday, June 4, Great Vespers 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, June 5, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.**

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**St. Tikhon's Monastery 117 Memorial Day Pilgrimage continues**, with the out-side Divine Liturgy beginning at 10:00 a.m. The service of Healing will take place at 2:00 p.m. with the presence of the Hawaiian Icon of the Mother of God and the anointing with the Holy Myrrh. **Please show support to all the events of the Memorial Day Pilgrimage.**

**The Memorial Day Liturgy Collection** will be taken by the members of our Church. Please see Vladimir Kitchura and David Krenitsky this morning if you would like to help.

**The Luncheon for the Bishops and Clergy following the Memorial Day Liturgy** will once again be hosted by our Parish at the Seminary Dining Refectory. Please see Fr. John this morning if you would like to help and or contribute to this special offering from our Church.

**Organizational Parish Festival Meeting** has been rescheduled to Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Center. Please mark this important date on your calendar and make every effort to attend!

**Pentecost Parastas** will be held at our St. Michael's Church Cemetery on Sunday, June 12 at 1:00 p.m. (Weather Permitting) Please submit the names of your departed loved ones to be commemorated at the Divine Liturgy on Pentecost and Parastas. to Fr. John no later than Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. **Please use the special form enclosed with this bulletin.**

**In order to meet our growing financial obligations**, we are asking all our parishioners, when not in Church to send in their weekly offering envelopes. **We thank you in advance!**

**If your Church Dues are in arrears**, please make an effort to send them to the Church as we began the New Year. The Annual dues are **\$160.00** per year. Please call Gloria Shaw at 570-954-3905 to get your balance. **May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless you for many years!**

**Please remember in your prayers; Alexander Wanas** who is recuperating at home; 604 Scranton-Carbondale Highway, Childs, Pa. 18433. Please send him a get-well card. **Irene Leschak** who is home receiving rehab;.229 Lackawanna Ave, Jermyn, Pa. 18433. **Peter Senio is a guest at The Gardens of Green Ridge**, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa. **Please remember in your prayers; John Drutarosky**, who is a patient at the Carbondale Nursing & Rehabilitation Center 10 Heart Place, Carbondale, Pa. 18407 **Please send him a get-well card!**

**Coffee Hour for Sunday: May 29**, Vicky Kravetsky & Charette Radionoff, **June 5**, Maryann Dubee & Susan Schlasta, **June 12**, Millie Telep & Dorthey Allen, **June 19**, Matushka Kathy & Matushka Dolores, **June 26**, Ruth Lasichak Charette Radionoff

**The Sixth Sunday of Pascha the Church commemorates the healing of the man blind from birth (Jn 9)**. We are identified with that man who came to see and to believe in Jesus as the Son of God. The Lord has anointed our eyes with his own divine hands and washed them with the waters of our baptism (Jn 9.6–11).

Jesus used clay of spittle and told the man to wash in the waters of Siloam. He did so because it was the Sabbath day on which spitting, clay-making and washing were strictly forbidden. By breaking these ritual laws of the Jews, Jesus showed that He is indeed the Lord of the Sabbath, and, as such, that He is equal to God the Father Who alone, according to Jewish tradition, works on the Sabbath day in running His world.

There is scandal over the healing of the blind man on the Sabbath day. He is separated from the synagogue because of his faith in Christ. The entire Church follows this man in his fate, knowing that it is those who do not see Jesus as the Lord who are really blind and still in their sins (Jn 9.41). The others have the light of life and can see and know the Son of God, for “you have seen Him, and it is He who speaks to you” (Jn 9.37).

*“I come to Thee, O Christ, blind from birth in my spiritual eyes, and call to Thee in repentance: Thou art the most radiant Light of those in darkness!” (Kontakion).”*