

The Way Of The CROSS

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE MISSION OF THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CANADA
SERVING SOUTH WINNIPEG

6th Sunday after Pascha, Sunday of the Blind Man

Hieromartyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea (c. 322). Righteous Virgin Glaphyra of Nicomedia (ca. 322). St. Ioannicius of Serbia (1430). St. Richarius, abbot in Picardy (645).

ORDER OF SERVICE:

At the beginning of the Liturgy, the Priest sings "Christ is risen" 2 ½ times, and the Choir finishes the last half.

Troparion and Kontakion

Tone 5: Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, / co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, / born for our salvation of the Virgin. / For in His Good Will He was lifted up on the Cross / in the flesh to suffer death // and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 1: O Lord, save Your People, / and bless Your inheritance! / Grant victory to Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries, // and by Your Cross preserve Your Commonwealth.

Glory...

Tone 4: I come to You, my Christ, / blind from birth in my spiritual eyes, / and call to You in repentance: / You are the most radiant light // for those in darkness.

Both now...

Tone 8: You did descend into the tomb, O Immortal One, / and destroyed the power of Hades. / You did arise as victor, O Christ God, / proclaiming to the Myrrh-Bearing Women: "Rejoice"! / You granted peace to Your Apostles // and bestowed resurrection upon the fallen.

The Epistle

Reader: The Prokimenon in the 8th Tone: Pray and give glory to the Lord our God.

Choir: Pray and give glory to the Lord our God.

Reader: In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.

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Reader: The Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles: [Acts 16:16-34]

Reader: Alleluia in the 8th Tone: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: Look upon me and have mercy on me.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: Direct my steps according to Your Word.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel: [John 9:1-38]

Communion Verse: Receive the Body of Christ; taste the Fountain of Immortality
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Acts 16:16-34 (Sunday Epistle)

16. Once, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of fortune-telling and who had brought her owners a great deal of money by predicting the future.

17. She would follow Paul and us and shout, "These men are servants of the Most High God and are proclaiming to you a way of salvation!"

18. She kept doing this for many days until Paul became annoyed, turned to the spirit, and said, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her!" And it came out that very moment.

19. When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they grabbed

Paul and Silas and dragged them before the authorities in the public square.

20. They brought them before the magistrates and said, "These men are stirring up a lot of trouble in our city.

They are Jews

21. and are advocating customs that we are not allowed to accept or practice as Romans."

22. The crowd joined in the attack against them. Then the magistrates had them stripped of their clothes and ordered them beaten with sticks.

23. After giving them a severe beating, they threw them in jail and ordered the jailer to keep them under tight security.

24. Having received these orders, he put them into the inner cell and fastened their feet in leg irons.

25. Around midnight, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.

26. Suddenly, there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken. All the doors immediately flew open, and everyone's chains were unfastened.

27. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, for he thought the prisoners had escaped.

28. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Don't hurt yourself, for we are all here!"

29. The jailer asked for torches and rushed inside. He was trembling as he knelt in front of Paul and Silas.

30. Then he took them outside and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

31. They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you and your family will be saved."

32. Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and everyone in his home.

33. At that hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds. Then he and his entire family were baptized immediately.

34. He brought them upstairs into his house and set food before them, and he and everyone in his house were thrilled to be believers in God.

John 9:1-32 (Sunday Gospel)

1. As he was walking along, he observed a man who had been blind from birth.

2. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that caused him to be born blind?"

Continued on back...

Instead of "It is truly meet..." we chant the Irmos of the 9th Ode of the Canon of the feast, first Tone:

Refrain: The angel cried unto her that is full of grace: Rejoice, O pure Virgin! And again I say, rejoice! For thy Son is risen from the grave on the third day, and hath raised the dead, O ye people, be joyful!

Irmos: Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee; dance now and be glad, O Zion, and do thou exult, O pure Theotokos, in the arising of Him Whom thou didst bear.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

VESPERS: Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

DIVINE LITURGY:

May 2: Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
May 9: Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
May 16: Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
May 23: Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
May 30: Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Financial Report Mar. 10

Income 3265.50
Expenses 3621.67
Net -\$356.17

Building Fund
Goal — \$25,000
Collected —
\$9692.76

Fund Raising

512 dozen perogies sold: \$2066.50 raised.

Prayer for Needs: Pamela, and Jeff, Lisa, Dustin, Lucinda, Sophia, Oksana, Patra, Ed, Richard

Prayer for Sick: Georgina, , Dustin, Chuck, Frank, Elsie,

Prayer for the souls of those who have fallen asleep in the Lord:

GOD GRANT MANY YEARS: May

Birthdays: Dave (3), Georgina (6) Luke (8), Noah (15), Yuri (31)

Anniversaries: Fr. Bohdan and Tania (20)

OUR PARISH REQUIRES YOUR REGULAR DONATIONS FOR ITS ONGOING SUPPORT. ANY DONATION YOU CAN GIVE EITHER FOR THE OPERATION OR FOR THE BUILDING FUND WILL BE GRATEFULLY APPRECIATED.

REMEMBER THAT YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS AS WELL AS ANY FINANCIAL GIFT AND VOLUNTEER TIME YOU CAN GIVE. **THE COLLECTION BASKET FOR DONATIONS IS LOCATED ON THE BACK CORNER TABLE.**

MEETINGS and STUFF

Holy Cross Parish Council: Kitzul Residence:

May 20 , 7:00 p.m.

Adult Ed. Class: Postponed

3rd Sunday of Month: Bring a canned good donation to Church.

WELCOME to all our guests who came to worship with us today IN THE FAITH OF THE APOSTLES THAT HAS BEEN PRESERVED UNCHANGED AND IS ETERNAL. May God save you for your prayers.

- Check out our Lending Library: **New Kid's album of Icon Cards are now available.**
- Let's not forget about our Food Bank Donations and 'Pennies from Heaven'.
- If you are working at your computer, turn on Ancient Faith Radio at: <http://ancientfaith.com>
- Parish is selling Prayer Ropes and Beeswax Candles as a fundraiser. Great for your devotional needs. See Sandy

Hand your prayer request to Subdeacon Dennis or to one of the Acolytes before the service and he will bring it to the priest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **GRAPE JELLY for sale.** Only \$3.00 a jar. Please see Sylvia Kitzul if you are interested.
2. **Church Calendars: \$3.00 each. They will be available at the back of the chapel.** Please pay Dave. **DIVINE LITURGY SERVICE BOOKS** for \$10.00. Please see Sandy or Fr. Evan.
3. **HOLY CROSS WEB SITE.** Holy Cross has revamped it's website. The web address is still the same, but the site has been transformed into a really cool looking blog site.
4. **Mother's Day Collection Holy Cross will be collecting layettes for babies for mothers in need for the Thelma Wynne Project.** Holy Cross will be collecting these items for the month of May. Please bring the items to Divine Liturgy and if you can not make please contact Fr. Evan or Sylvia Kitzul at 256-8370 and we will more than willing to come and pick it up.

Gospel lesson continued...

3. Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned. This happened so that the works of God might be revealed in him.
4. I must work the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming, when no one can work.
5. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."
6. After saying this, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he spread the mud on the man's eyes
7. and told him, "Go and wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated "Sent One"). So he went off and washed and came back seeing.
8. Then the neighbors and those who had previously seen him as a beggar said, "This is the man who used to sit and beg, isn't it?"

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9. Some were saying, "It is he," while others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He himself kept saying, "It is I!"

10. So they said to him, "How, then, were your eyes opened?"

11. He said, "The man named Jesus made some mud, spread it on my eyes, and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So off I went and washed, and I received my sight."

12. They said to him, "Where is that man?" He said, "I don't know!"

13. So they brought to the Pharisees the man who had once been blind.

14. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes.

15. So the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He told them, "He put mud on my eyes, then I washed, and now I can see."

16. Some of the Pharisees began to remark, "This man is not from God because he does not keep the Sabbath." But others were saying, "How can a sinful man perform such signs?" And there was a division among them.

17. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, for it was your eyes he opened?" He said, "He is a prophet."

18. The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had been given sight until they summoned his parents

19. and asked them, "Is this your son, the one you say was born blind? How does he now see?"

20. His parents replied, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind.

21. But we don't know how it is that he now sees, and we don't know who opened his eyes. Ask him. He is of age and can speak for himself."

22. His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews. For the Jews had already agreed that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Christ would be thrown out of the synagogue.

23. That's why his parents said, "He is of age. Ask him."

24. So for a second time they summoned the man who had been blind and told him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner."

25. But he responded, "I don't know whether he is a sinner or not. The one thing I do know is that I used to be blind and now I can see!"

26. Then they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

27. He answered them, "I've already told you, but you didn't listen. Why do you want to hear it again? You don't want to become his disciples, too, do you?"

28. At this, they turned on him furiously and said, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses!"

29. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but we do not know where this fellow comes from."

30. The man answered them, "This is an amazing thing! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes.

31. We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but he does listen to anyone who worships him and does his will.

32. Never since creation has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man who was born blind.

33. If this man were not from God, he couldn't do anything like that."

34. They said to him, "You were born entirely in sins, and you are trying to instruct us?" And they threw him out.

35. Jesus heard that they had thrown him out. So when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

36. He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him."

37. Jesus said to him, "You have seen him. He is the person who is talking with you."

38. He said, "Lord, I do believe," and worshiped him.

The true Orthodox way of thought has always been historical, has always included the past, but has never been enslaved by it. The strength of the Church is not in the past, present, or future, but in Christ.