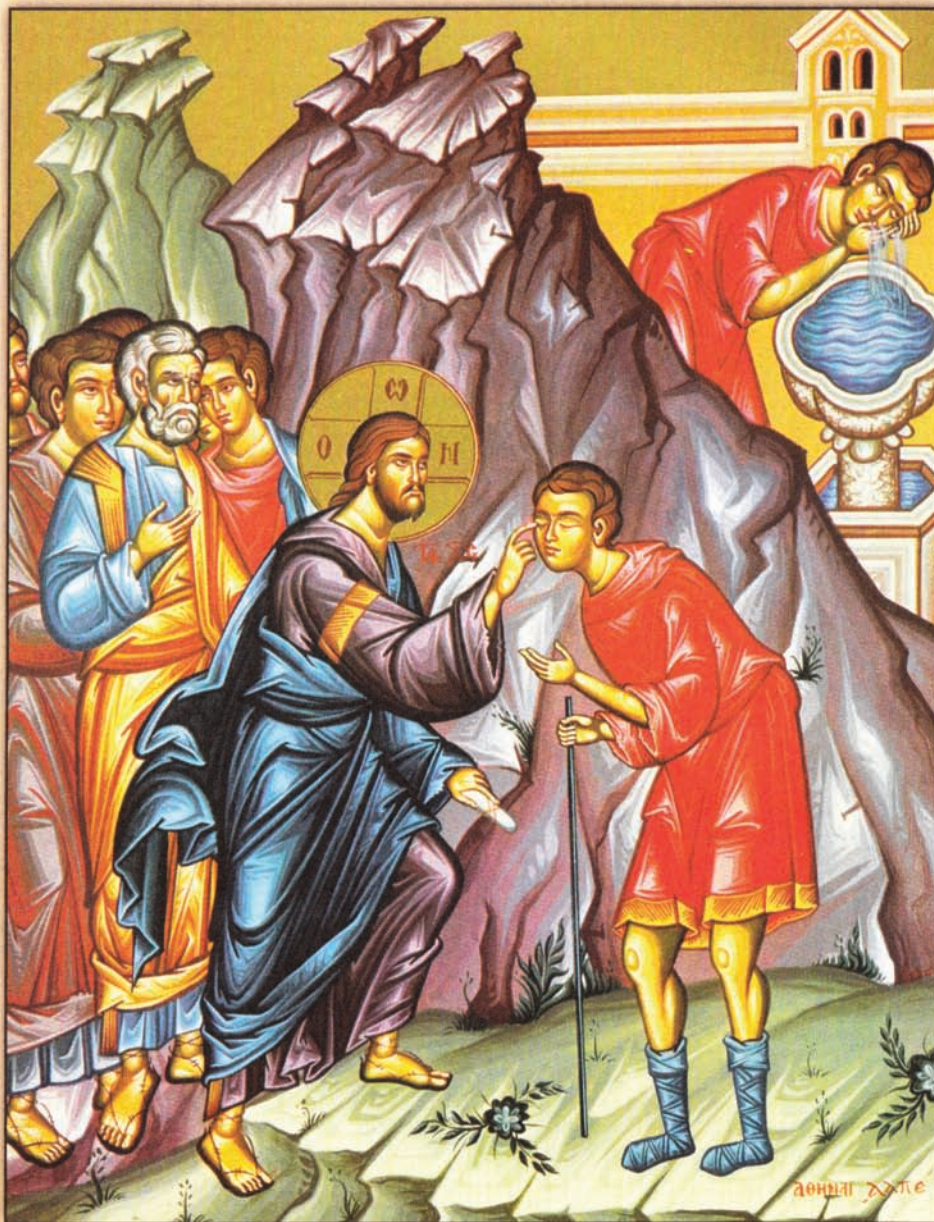


SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND



Icon of Christ Healing the Man Born Blind

May 13, 2012
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THE HOLY MARTYR GLYCERIA
Mothers Day
FESTAL TONE

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 14 – MAY 20

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy ✙ Joseph Bankston (25th anniversary)

6:00 PM – Great Vespers for Ascension (*fulfills Holy Day requirement*)

THURSDAY, MAY 17 – ASCENSION OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST (*HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION*)

9:30 AM – Paschal Matins / Divine Liturgy For All Parishioners

SATURDAY, MAY 19

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

SUNDAY, MAY 20 – *POST-FEAST OF ASCENSION; SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL; THE HOLY MARTYR THALALEUS AND HIS COMPANIONS*

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy For All Parishioners

Welcome!

We warmly welcome the students from St. Augustine High School and their families and all those who are visiting us today. It is good to have you all with us!

The discussion of “Come Follow Me”
continues this week after the Divine Liturgy.
Everyone is encouraged to participate.

Congratulations!

to all those celebrating the civil holiday of
“Mother’s Day” – mothers, grandmothers,
mothers-in-law, godmothers –

Многая і Благая Літа!

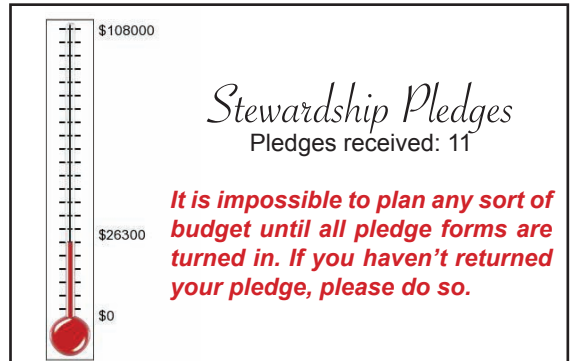
Many Blessed Years!

Mark your Calendars!

We will have our church picnic on Saturday, June 2, from 11 AM until 4 PM at Crown Point. Bring family and friends!

Вічна Пам’ять! Eternal Memory!

Stephanie Olinyk, former parishioner, fell asleep in the Lord on Friday. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced as soon as they are known. Let us remember her in our prayers.



Sunday offering for May 6

Amount	Number
\$10.00	3
\$15.00	1
\$20.00	2
\$25.00	2
\$31.00	1 (loose)
\$40.00	3
\$50.00	3
\$75.00	2
\$200.00	3
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\$555.00	

Parishioner Total: \$1551.00

Visitor Total: 0.00

Average / parish household (39): \$38.74

Weekly Stewardship Goal: \$2125.00

Shortfall: **(\$614.00)**

A QUESTION OF WEIGHT: A BIG SIN AND MANY SMALL SINS

At one time two women came to Confession to a certain elder.

The first of them was burdened by one terrible sin, for which her conscience troubled her continuously, and the other had no grave sin but only the “usual” little ones.



The elder, having listened to them, ordered that they go to the orchard and bring stones from it. To her who had the one serious sin, he said: “You take the heaviest stone that you can lift and bring it to me.” And to the other he said: “Here’s a bag for you. Gather small stones and bring them here.” When they both had fulfilled their tasks, the elder thanked them for their obedience and said: “And now, take back that which you have brought to me and put it in its previous place.” The first sinner did this without difficulty, but the other lost her head and returned with virtually a full bag because she couldn’t remember which stone she took from where and she was afraid to deceive the elder.

So then the elder said to her: “Look, your acquaintance has a heavy sin, but she remembers it and constantly mourns over it all the time, but the tears of repentance wash away any sin. You are unable to mourn over your sins because you don’t even remember them, but the weight of your bag is no less than the weight of a big stone.”

Indeed, we must all learn that our many “small” sins, the majority of which are forgotten, in their mass form a terrible weight, which pulls us toward the underworld if we do not free our souls from them by true repentance.



A Mother’s Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ our God Who came into this world not to be ministered to but to minister and to give Your life as a ransom for many. Help me, I beseech You in my ministry of caring for the children You have given me. Enable me to be patient in tribulations, to instruct with a meek and gentle spirit, to reprimand with inner tranquility and a sober mind, and to serve in humility of heart with love. May I thus live in You alone, by You alone and for You alone showing forth Your virtues and leading my family upon the path of Your saving commandments. That we may glorify You together with Your Father Who is without beginning and Your all-holy Spirit both in this world and that which is to come. Amen.

Upcoming Event:

Praise of the Mother of God in Eastern & Western Traditions

Saturday, May 19, 10 a.m - 12:30 pm. at our Parish. Sponsored by the Society of St. John Chrysostom - Western Region.

Speakers

Eastern: Mother Sarah Elizabet Oftedal of Martha & Mary House, Escondido.

Western: Joseph Cunningham B.A., S.T.M. of St. Mark Roman Catholic Church, San Marcos.

Contact person: Fr. George Morelli 760-920-6350 or president@lightoftheeast.org.

The Society of St. John Chrysostom-Western Region business meeting immediately follows the program. Those staying for the meeting should bring a box lunch.

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Jesus Completes His Work as Creator

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 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.

St. Irenaeus of Lyon