



May 21, 2017
SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

Liturgical Schedule

- May 20 (Sat) Divine Liturgy** **5:00pm**
+Catherine Stein req by Charles & Marilyn Stein
- May 21 (Sun) Sunday of the Man Born Blind**
Divine Liturgy **10:30am**
+Clarence Badar req by Ray & Ruth Seech
- May 22 (Mon) Divine Liturgy** **8:30am**
+Denis Rinkacs req by Family & Friends
- May 23 (Tue) Parish Bus Trip** **7:00am**
- May 24 (Wed) Divine Liturgy** **8:30am**
+Marie Klotz req by the Vance Family
- May 25 (Thu) FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**
Divine Liturgy **7:00pm**
- May 27 (Sat) Divine Liturgy** **5:00pm**
Health & Blessings for Marina Gabriella Novotnak
Req by her Family
- May 28 (Sun) Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council**
Divine Liturgy **10:30am**
+Mary Ondrey req by John & Mary Hresko



The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week of May 21 thru May 27 for + William Timko.

Our Tithe to our Parish

May 14 , 2017 — S 1,875.00

Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers.



James Abraham, Tillie Abraham, Diana Abraham, Rosella Busko, Mickey Dzura, Marian Campbell, Ted Druga, John Fekete, Carl Magdic, Fran Mogush, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi, Joseph Rusinko, Maria Rusinko, Ed Suzina, Mary Soltis, Terry Soltis, Cecelia Stephen, Margaret Weber, John Voron Sr.



May 23, 2017
 St. Stephen Parking Lot
 Departing: 7:00am

There will be no breakfast stop; at about noon, lunch will be at Der Dutchman's. Please eat a light breakfast at home or bring a breakfast bar along. Plans are for a stop on our return trip for supper.

SLAVJANE FOLK ENSEMBLE CONCERT



It is time again to mark your calendars for the 41st annual Slavjane Folk Ensemble Concert on Saturday, 10 June 2017. This year's concert will be held at St Elias Social Hall, 4200 Homestead-Duquesne Munhall PA. Doors open at 5:00 pm and the concert begins at 6:00 pm.

Slavjane consists of 25 students ranging from ages 4 to 18 from all over the Pittsburgh area. Immediately after the concert, the dancing and singing will continue with a reception. Delicious homemade ethnic food and pastries will be available for purchase. Entertainment will be provided by the popular Orkestar Zabava.

Adult tickets are \$5.00, students under the age of 16 no charge.

THANK YOU!!!



To all those who lent their hands (and backs!) to the effort to empty the attic and basement of all the unwanted stuff that has collected over the years ... a huge *Thank You!* Both areas were cleared ... the dumpster was filled to capacity ... and everything was completed in short order.

A special thanks to Chris Fekete who coordinated this effort (and who did a lot of the extra work himself!). Our parish is blessed to have such generous and hard-working people who assist throughout the year with all our projects. It is another sign of the vitality of our parish family.

HELPING HANDS DAY -- 2017

Okay, so we've done a great job of helping out in our parish projects, now we need to reach out beyond our parish borders and help others.



Helping Hands Day is a special project of partnering with the youth and adults to assist in a day dedicated to beautifying the grounds at Mount St Macrina in Uniontown PA.

This will take place on **Saturday, 3 June 2017**, beginning at 9:30 am.

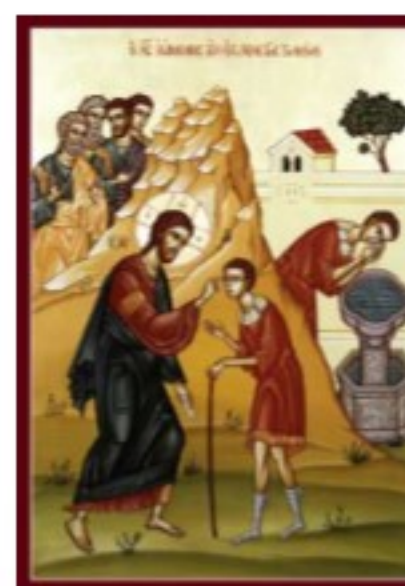
Please consider offering some time and energy to help in this effort. If you have any questions about this, please be free to contact Fr John. He will be happy to tell you how important and how rewarding a task this is!

THE MAN BORN BLIND

Rabbi, was it his sin or that of his parents that caused him to be born blind?

This was the question the disciples asked Jesus when they encountered the man who had been born blind. After all, if he had been born blind, they had to find *some* reason to explain this. We can all understand this question. It seems perfectly normal.

Why did it happen???



Actually, there was some basis for their thinking. In the Old Testament, there was a notion of the sins of parents being passed on to their children, even to the third and fourth generation.

There was even the idea among some that a child could sin while still in the womb. For example, if a pregnant woman were to enter a pagan temple, the child in her womb also committed the sin of idolatry. But these ideas were not really all that wide-spread.

Actually ... most of us have probably also asked some similar questions. For example, when something bad happens to our children or our loved ones ... the thought often passes through our minds: *What did I do that may have caused this to happen???*

Jesus answers this question clearly and definitively for his disciples (and us). He replies that it was neither the sin of this man nor of his parents that caused him to be born blind. Our God is not a vengeful God who just sits there and waits for us to do something wrong ... so that we can be punished. God is a God of life and love ... and wishes the best for each of us.

Jesus answers that this man was born blind ... so that his healing might be an occasion for God's power and glory to be revealed in him.

The real *sin* is the *refusal to see* God at work in Jesus ... and in the Body of Christ today.