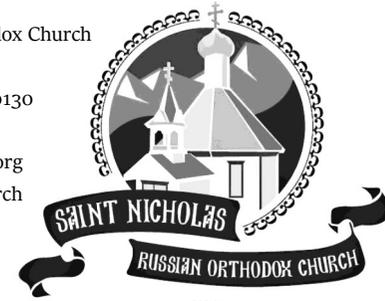




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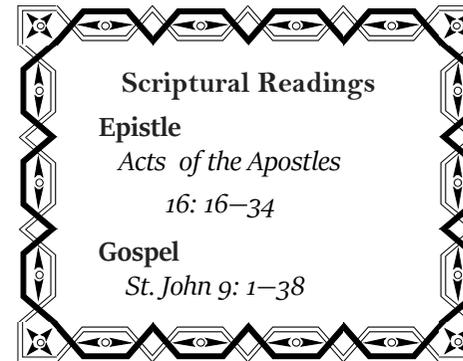


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## Announcements

- **New Icon** — while at the Clergy Retreat last week our parish was presented with a gift of a replica of the Hawaiian “Iveron” Icon. It was a gift from the parish in Hawaii to our parish.
- **Happy Mother’s Day** — may our mothers, both living and deceased be wrapped in the mantle of the Theotokos, Model and Example for all Mothers. Many Years! and Memory Eternal!
- **Feast of the Ascension of the Lord**— (also referred to as The Leave-taking of Pascha”) will be celebrated with Festal Vespers this Wednesday evening at 6:00PM. Divine Liturgy for the Ascension will take place Thursday morning at 10:00AM.
- **Service of Holy Unction** — as a tangible expression of the new life given to the Church through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, our parish will celebrate the Mystery of Holy Unction on **Wednesday, May 30**. This service is primarily for those who are ill in body and soul. In preparation for this the Church states: “This Mystery is bestowed on those who have confessed and are at peace with God. One cannot expect to receive healing without repentance; confession precedes the healing.”
- **Flowers for the Season of Pascha** — while the DAY of Pascha has come and gone, the SEASON of Pascha continues through Pentecost (the “Feast of the Holy Trinity”). In light of this fact it would be wonderful if, just as parishioners brought flowers to decorate our church for Pascha, flowers continued to be brought throughout the Season of Pascha. In this way the church will continue to reflect the joy of Our Lord’s resurrection!



A warm welcome to those who are  
visiting an worshipping with us today!  
We invite you to join us following  
Divine Liturgy for Coffee Hour in the  
Parish House.

### Schedule of Services For Week of May 14

Wednesday, May 16

6:00 PM: Festal Vespers

Thursday, May 17

10:00 AM Ascension Divine Liturgy

Saturday, May 19

5:00 PM: Choir Practice

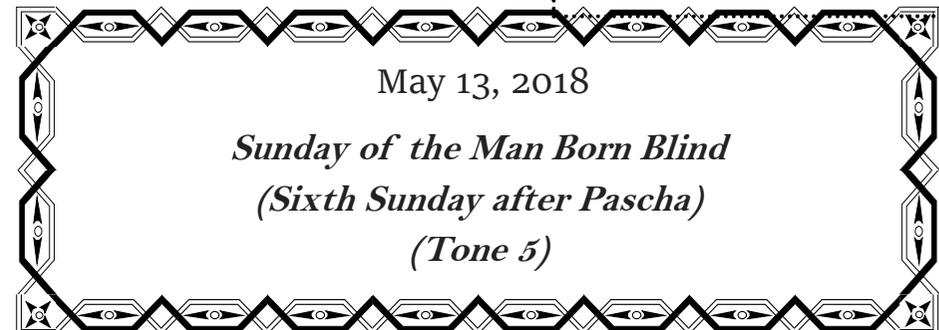
6:00 PM: Great Vespers

Sunday, May 20

9:35 AM: Third and Sixth Hours

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy

Confession is offered weekly following the  
Thursday Akathist, and after Saturday Great  
Vespers, or any time by appointment.



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**Troparia and Kontakia for May 13**  
**(Sunday of the Man Born Blind)**

**Tone 5 Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,  
Co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,  
born for our salvation from the Virgin;  
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,  
to endure death,  
and to raise the dead//  
by His glorious Resurrection.

**Glory to the Father...**

**Tone 4 Kontakion**      *(from the Pentecostarion)*

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.”

**Now and ever...**

**Tone 8 Kontakion**      *(Pascha)*

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal,  
Thou didst destroy the power of death.  
In victory Thou didst arise, O Christ God,  
proclaiming, “Rejoice!” to the Myrrhbearing Women//  
granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing  
Resurrection on the fallen.

## **The Man Born Blind**

Today’s gospel is about blindness and sight; seeing and not seeing. A blind man’s sight is restored and he is able to see Jesus as the “Son of God”. Conversely, the Jewish authorities are shown as assuming their own righteousness: they claim to have sight (and insight) yet Jesus pronounces them “blind”. Jesus came for judgement. The judgement He renders however, is based on how we respond to Him. Seeing Jesus correctly leads to restored vision—in the case of the blind man, responding to Who Jesus is lead to the healing of his physical blindness and ultimately, to his capacity to “see” Jesus as God and as such, to believe in Him and worship Him.

But what about those who refuse to see what God is doing through Jesus, and who opt instead for loyalty to systems and ideas that do not ultimately express God’s restoration of us in His own image? In a sense, the Jewish leaders were running around saying, “WE will be the judge of who is healed, who is from God and who is a sinner.” To this mentality Jesus’ words at the end of today’s gospel passage “push back” more or less saying: “No! That’s NOT why I am here! **I** do the judging and **I** do the healing—and if you want to be healed and to truly see things the way they really are, then believing in Me IS seeing!!”

*The Rev. Steven F. McGuigan*

