



“... THOUGH I WAS BLIND, NOW I SEE.”

1 John 9:25

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JUNE 2nd – 6th Sunday Of PASCHA – Sunday Of The Blind Man – Tone5
(Remembering the Venerable Stephen Of The Monastery Piperi in Serbia)

Today's Epistle Reading:

EPISTLE: ACTS 16: 16-34

Today's Gospel Readings:

MATINS: John 20: 11-18/**LITURGY:** John 9: 1-38

Troparion: "Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit; born for our sakes from a 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!"

Kontakion: "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!'"

Spiritual Food: Too often, we Orthodox Christians make the mistake of 'taking our Faith for granted' – that is, we live life as if all we have to do is the 'minimum' in living out our Faith (and we determine what that is) to bring us salvation. NOTHING could be farther from the Truth – and that is why we need to be active in the ONCD Program we **are currently doing – including our Focus Groups and our Support Groups!**

Here are the Dates and Times for the Upcoming Focus Groups:

- Thursday, June 6th – 1 PM – Denise Englert's Home (
 - Tuesday, June 4th – 7 PM – Mike Vranesevic's Home
 - Friday, June 14th – 7 PM – Lyle Washowich's Home
- (If interested, Contact Michael Vranesevic to re**

You are invited, welcomed, accepted, and loved at the St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church regardless of your present or past status in the Orthodox Church; your current family or marital situation; your past or present religious affiliation; or your personal history, age, background, race, or color...

Sign up NOW for our Support Groups for our Men and Women, beginning this month!

Today's Special Announcements and Upcoming Events For Our Parish:

- (1) **TODAY: Please pick up some apples to peel** – there are (4) FOUR boxes that need to be peeled, and if everyone can take a handful, we can get it done fast! They need to be peeled to make strudel **for THIS Wednesday at 9 AM** – and then we'll do the same thing next Sunday (the 9th) to have apples peeled for **that Wednesday the 12th** – so please, **DO YOUR PART** for the Church for International Village!
(PS: The strudel in the freezer needs **BOXED UP** from the trays – **HELP US!**)
- (2) **Taking our Monthly Collection TODAY for our needy families!**
- (3) **ALSO TODAY:** Parastos For Departed Members of Vranesevic/Cheran Families!
- (4) **THIS WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY:** Ascension of our Lord – 6PM Wednesday Vespers/9:30AM Thursday Liturgy!
- (5) **Please pray for the health and well-being of our following loved ones within our parish:**
Helen Trkula Gary Popovich Katie Repasky Danijela Belo Margaret Ivkovich
Rick Crnkovich Ann Vunovic-NH Beverly Stipanovich Keith Bedell
Melva Buzzelli-NH Protta Adam Yonitch Protta Paul Lazor Protta Joseph Cervo
Helen Mochan Vlade Baskot Melva Dandrea Matthew Schaffer John Ratesic
- (6) **Also pray for the souls of those fallen asleep in the Lord:**
+ Donna Moss + Anna Pacura +Mark Vojnovich +Nick Trbovic +Ann Suzich
+Lucy Pcholinski +Protas Dr. Filipovic,, Den Pavichevich, St Stepanov,
+Rastko Trbuhovich,+Vaso Sokolovic/Zvonko Kotorcevic +Carl Magdic
+Ray Moss +Ann Cervo +Helen Lia +Alex Stipanovich +Dan Ikach
+Sophie Vranesevic +Louise Zivkovich +Mimi Pavlovich +Nick Pilipovich
+Kh. Stefanie Yazge +Mika Rocknage +Sharon Young +Amy Pacura
+Betty Perich +Dorothy Shumkaroff +George Medich +Arlene Crnkovich +Helen Medic
- (7) **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**
- **St. Cyril of White Lake Food Drive:** bring in donated goods – basket in foyer of Entrance!
- **NEXT Saturday the 15th:** Parish Parastos at 9 AM – Blessing graves at McKeesport!
Great Vespers of Pentecost – 6 PM!
- **Sunday, the 16th:** **PENTECOST** – HT Kolo Slava Today – Palachinke brunch!
- **Monday the 17th:** Pentecost Matins at 9:30AM!
- (8) **Have you signed up for our SUPPORT GROUPS yet** – we hope to begin them again in June, at Twin Oaks – so sign-up NOW!

A POWER OVER BLINDNESS

The big question in today's Gospel story is this: Who is blind? Is it the man born with **PHYSICAL** blindness or the Pharisees with their **SPIRITUAL** impairment? Let us examine what St. Ambrose of Milan had to say about this miracle:

“There is a blindness resulting from sickness which obscures the vision and is remedied by the passage of time. There is a blindness which is caused by some fluids and this, also, when the trouble is removed, is generally cured by the skill of medicine. From this you may know that when one is cured who has been blind from birth it is not a case of skill but of POWER. The Lord gave health, and He used no medicine, for the Lord Jesus healed those whom no one else had cured . . .

He spit and made clay and spread the clay over the eyes of the blind man and said to him: “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam.” So he went away and washed and began to see. What is the reason for this? FOR HE WHOM JESUS TOUCHES SEES MORE.

Notice at the same time His divinity and His sanctity. As the Light, He touched and shed light; as a Priest, He fulfilled in the figure of baptism the mysteries of spiritual grace. May you realize that the things within Christ are light. One who is cleansed by the means which Christ uses truly sees.”