

<p>CHURCH BULLETIN</p>	<p>V. Rev. Fr. George Veselinovic, Parish Priest Monroeville, Pennsylvania 15146 412.622.4714 (cell) 412.856.8166 (office) dj.veselinovic@yahoo.com www.stnicholasmonroeville.org stnicholasmonroeville@gmail.com</p>	<p>SUNDAY May 13, 2018 Happy Mother's Day!</p>
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA – THE BLIND MAN

Epistle: Acts (16:16-34) Gospel: John (9:1-38)

Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam," (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?" Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he." Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight." They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself." His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner." He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see." Then they said to him again,

"What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?" Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from." The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

TROPARION TONE V

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling on death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life.

KONTAKION TONE V

You did descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as almighty; resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man, and we all cry to You: "O Lord, save us!"

TROPARION TONE V

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: Parastos for Mildred & Milosh Tarbuck, Walter (Vladimir), Charles (Stanko), and Mildred (Milica) Mrdjenovich, and the Gojkovich family. Vjecnaja Pamjat! May their memory be eternal!

Mother's Day Luncheon Today after Liturgy!

Important Dates:

Thursday, May 17th – Ascension – Liturgy will be served at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 19th – The Tamburitzan concert will be held at East Allegheny High School at 3:00 p.m. with a reception following the concert at our hall. Please support our kids!

Sunday, May 20, 2018 – Celebration of our Slava ó Transfer of the Relics of Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker ó **RSVP NO LATER THAN TODAY!** Call Lori

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Thursday, May 24th – St. Cyril and Methodius – Liturgy will be served at 10 a.m.

Saturday, May 26th ó Parastos/memorial service will be held at 9:30 a.m. - meet at the monument (Grandview cemetery) and 4:00 p.m. at Export on Memorial

Saturday/Zadusnice for blessing of the graves: The Holy Orthodox Church has designated the Saturday before Holy Trinity/Pentecost for blessing of the graves.

Sunday, May 27th – Holy Trinity Sunday/Pentecost

Sunday, July 15th – Annual Church Picnic – All are welcome!

Donations ó *Those who wish to donate items for our church, please approach Father George. Thank you!*

REMINDERS

Family Nights and Adult Bible Study - Will resume after house blessings. Father George will announce when both will reconvene.

Vespers ó Saturday evening 6:00 p.m. Confession 6:30 p.m.

Blessing of Homes - V. Rev. Fr. George continues to bless homes. Please call him at 412.622.4714 to schedule a visit.

A Very Special Thanks to the Maintenance Committee for all your on-going hard work and efforts! It is much appreciated.

Thank you ó I would like to thank all parishioners for their generous FOCUS donations that helped feed the poor and homeless. Also, thank you for all of the donations that benefitted the DiMatteo family who lost their husband/father in a fire. Donations are still being accepted especially during this time of great need.

Did you know?

During the time when the Serbs were enslaved, *Slava* was the only day of the year when they were able to gather freely and converse!

Happy Mother's Day!

In old Serbian folk ballads, the mother had to put to practice the Christian values the father had laid down in daily life. She made sure the home was clean, that there were meals, and that everything was orderly. An expression was coined that said, "The house does not stand on the ground but on the woman." And, "The Father is head of the family, but the mother keeps the home together." This shows how important she was in the family!

In Serbia, Mother's Day is called *Materice* and is celebrated on the second Sunday before Christmas. Children sneak into their mother's bedroom and gently tie her feet

with ribbon or string. To negotiate her release, the mother gives her children small gifts. (Not much in it for Mom, but she does get to lie down for a bit!). Serbians are extraordinarily enthusiastic about celebrating the effort of a mother. Today, Mother's Day is celebrated much in the same way that Americans honor mom: cards, gifts, cooking meals, and plenty of relaxation for her!

