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ST. JOSAPHAT UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Бюлетень – Bulletin

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May 5, 2024

**Sixth Sunday of Pascha – Sunday of the Man Born Blind.
Holy & Glorious Martyr Irene (321-23). Our Venerable
Father Nicephoras, Hegumen of the Monastery at Medicius.**

Schedule of Sunday Services

5.5.2024 – Неділя Сліпородженого

9:30 a.m. - Вервиця і сповідь
10:00 a.m. - Служба Божа

5.5.2024 – Sunday of the Man Born Blind

9:30 a.m. - Rosary and Reconciliation
10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

5.9.2024 – Вознесіння Господнє

5.12.2024 – Неділя Св. Отців I Вселенського
Собору, День Матері

9:30 a.m. - Вервиця і сповідь
10:00 a.m. - Служба Божа

5.9.2024 – Ascension of our Lord, Jesus Christ

5.12.2024 – Sunday of the Fathers of the
First Ecumenical Council, Mother's Day

9:30 a.m. - Rosary and Reconciliation
10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

**Христос Воскрес!
Воистину Воскрес!**

*Khrystos Voskres!
Voistyno Voskres!*

**Christ is risen!
Truly, He is Risen!**



Парафіяльні Оголошення



1. В неділю 12-та травня на День Матері будемо молитись за всіх матерів, як живих, так і померлих. При вході до церкви є конверти, де можна подати імена ваших матерів.
2. Запрошуємо долучатись усіх бажуючих для приготування вареників. Просимо приходити у четвер вранці для підготовки продуктів і у п'ятницю для ліплення.
3. Ласкаво запрошуємо всіх відвідувачів загостити до нас на каву, канапки і солодке у церковному залі після Святої Літургії.
4. Ми закликаємо всіх наших парафіян молитися за мир у світі, особливо про закінчення війни та мир в Україні.

Parish Announcements



1. On Sunday, May 12, on Mother's Day, we will pray for all mothers, both living and dead. At the entrance to the church there are envelopes where you can give the names of your mothers.
2. We are in need of additional volunteers for our pyrohy ministry, especially in the food preparation area (Thursday morning) and in the cooking area (Friday).
3. A warm welcome to all our visitors today. We invite you to join us for coffee, sandwiches and sweets following our Liturgy.
4. Please pray to God for peace in the world, especially for the end of the war and peace in Ukraine.

Sunday Collections for Sunday, April 28, 2024:

Envelopes: \$415.00

Loose Cash and Check: \$161.00

Candles: \$64.00

Donation from Art Event (4/27/24): \$300.00

Total: \$940.00

Donation from Catholic Slovak Ladies Association: \$500.00

Aid to Ukraine: \$196.00

Please mail your donations to: St. Josaphat, 8624 White Oak Ave, Munster IN 46321. THANK YOU!

Prayer list of the sick or aged parishioners & friends of the parish



Teodozia Shyika Lucyk, Stephanie Babij, Olga Wasylowsky, Charlotte Scheuer, Georgia Sosnowski, Myroslava Iwachiw, Irene Karpinec, and young Samuel Rocha.

Remember those who have suffered or died due to Covid 19.

Please pray for those who have been killed, injured or displaced due to war in Ukraine.

If you know of someone who should be on this list, please let me know the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and aged is truly helpful and comforting. Father Volodymyr would like to visit our sick and elderly parishioners, especially those who cannot be with us for liturgies. Please call him at 773-979-4737 to let him know who would like a visit. О. Володимир бажає відвідати хворих та старших парафіян, які не можуть приходити до церкви. Просимо повідомити його за номером 773-979-4737.

PLEASE DONATE TO SHARE 2024

Просимо вас розглянути можливість підтримки **Share 2024**. Свої внески Ви можете надсилати на адресу Єпархії, кинути їх у кошики для пожертв протягом найближчих тижнів заклику або зробити онлайн пожертву на нашому веб-сайті www.chicagougcc.org (натисніть на банер Share-2024).

Please consider supporting **Share 2024**. You can either mail your contributions to the Eparchy address, place it in the collection basket during the coming weeks of the appeal or make an online donation on the website www.chicagougcc.org (click on “Share-2024” banner).

Who was Holy & Glorious Martyr Irene (321-23)?

Saint Irene was born in the city of Magedon in Persia the daughter of a pagan princelet called Licinius and his wife Licinia and was named Penelope by her parents. She was very beautiful so from the age of six her father kept her in a high tower to keep her from Christian influence. However her tutor Apellian was Christian and he told the girl about Christ and the Faith. Through a divine revelation she was brought to faith in Christ and at Baptism was renamed Irene. In her zeal for piety she broke in pieces all the idols of her father, who commanded that she be trampled underfoot by horses. But while she remained unharmed, one of the horses rose up and cast down her father, killing him. By her prayer she raised him to life again, and he believed and was baptized as well as her mother. Afterwards, in many journeyings, Saint Irene suffered torments and punishments for her faith, but was preserved by the power of God, while working dread miracles and converting many thousands of souls.

At last she came to Ephesus, where she fell asleep in peace, in the first half of the fourth century. Two days after her death, her gravestone was found lifted off, and her grave empty. At least two churches were dedicated to Saint Irene in Constantinople, and she is also the patroness of the Aegean island of Thera, which is commonly called Santorin (or Santorini), a corruption of "Saint Irene." She is invoked by those wishing to effect a swift and happy marriage. In Greece, she is also the patron saint of policemen. Fragments of Saint Irene's Holy Relics are located at Kykkos Monastery on Cyprus, and in the Greek church of Saint George in Venice. *Adorned with the beauty of virginity, / you became most beautiful in your brave contest, O Irene; / you were reddened by the blood which you shed, / and you overthrew ungodly error; / therefore, you received the prize of victory from the hand of your Creator.*



A Link to Baptism

The cure of the blind man also symbolizes mankind's means for its recovery from its blindness. It symbolizes the Sacrament of Baptism. Baptism is called holy enlightenment. Those who have been recently baptized are called the newly enlightened. This gospel from Saint John was read in the ancient Church on Holy Saturday when Catechumens were baptized. As this man is cured of his blindness when he washes in the waters of the pool of Siloam, as Jesus tells him to do, so are we brought out of darkness into a new life when we are baptized as Christ instructed us to be. Jesus restores His creation, mankind, with the potential to become what it was meant to be before the fall of Adam.

We also hear in the reading that after this man was cured many of those who knew him before did not recognize him. He is still the same man but something has significantly changed about

him. He is no longer blind. So when we are illuminated we are also new persons, though our outward appearance might be the same. To symbolize this newness a white garment is put on us to show the purity with which we start this new existence. We must, however, become different and unrecognizable in our inward and outward actions also. We must manifest our new existence to those around us through these actions. We must radiate this new found light to others by the way we live our lives. We must say to the world, "I am he who was blind but now my eyes are opened." Credit must be given to Him who has cured us of our darkness by living our lives according to the lessons of the illumination we have received and the continued guidance we get with the reception of the Holy Spirit.

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SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND



Icon of the Gospel of the Man Born Blind