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“One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church”

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Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest

Bishop ANTHONY

Blind Man Sunday, 29 May 2022

Tone 5 / Eothinon 8



MATINS/ORTHROS, 8:45 AM • DIVINE LITURGY, 10:00 AM

PASTOR: Father Mark Sahady

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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Melanie Thompson, *Chair*
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Blind Man Sunday Bulletin

BULLETIN PART ONE – ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFO

WORSHIP On Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVy__6R3xbIrx-UI8H63AUA

STUDIES & MEETINGS On Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5822049765>

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May 28, Saturday, **3 pm Baptism** Evangeline Panizzi, **6 pm Vespers**
 May 29, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy**, 11:15 am Fellowship
 May 30, Monday, **10 am Cemetery Memorial and 11 am Church Picnic**
 June 1, Wednesday, **6 pm Paschal Hours Leave-taking, 6:30 pm Vigil for Ascension**
 June 2, Thursday, **1:30 pm Bible Study – Revelation On Zoom**

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June 4, Saturday, **6 pm Vespers**
 June 5, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy**, 11:15 am Fellowship
 June 9, Thursday, **1:30 pm Bible Study – Revelation On Zoom**

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June 11, Saturday, **10 am Baptism** Lukas Schrader, **6 pm Vespers**
 June 12, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy**, 11:15 am Fellowship,
 11:45 am Antiochian Women Meeting

June 15-18, Wednesday-Saturday, **Diocese Parish Life Conference, Grand Rapids MI**

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June 19, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy**, 11:15 am Fellowship
 June 20-28, **Saints Peter and Paul Fasting for Missionary Outreach**
 June 23, Thursday, **1:30 pm Bible Study – Revelation On Zoom**

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June 25, Saturday, **6 pm Vespers**
 June 26, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy**, 11:15 am Fellowship
 June 28, Tuesday, **6 pm Vespers for Saints Peter and Paul**

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Offering Schedule	Holy Bread & Food	Epistle Reader
Sunday, May 29	Open	Open
Sunday, June 5	Open	Open
Sunday, June 12 Pentecost	John & Melanie Thompson	Open
Sunday, June 19 All Saints	Open	Open
Sunday, June 26, Fast	George & Patrice Nimee	George Nimee

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May 27 – Ruth Baum	June 19 – Nick & Andrea Schaefer (anniv)
June 1 – Ron and Dottie Malooley (anniv)	June 20 – Angela Forsa, Elijah Schaefer
June 3 – Mary Miller	June 23 – Melissa Leonard
June 4 – Jeremiah Schaefer	June 26 – Kenneth Wiltse
June 12 – Kim & Jeannie Leonard (anniv)	June 28 – Carole Ball
June 16 – Melanie Thompson	June 28 – Mark & Nicole Wiltse (anniv)

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April 2022 Income-Expense
 Total April Income: \$10,293.48
 Total April Expenses: \$16,093.93
 Net Income April: \$-5,800.45

January-April 2022 Totals
 Total Year Income: \$ 22,051.61
 Total Year Expense: \$34,155.55
 Total Year Net Income: \$-12,103.94

BULLETIN PART TWO – WORSHIP

- The “Glory” hymn at the end of Matins:

THE DOXASTICON OF THE BLIND MAN IN TONE EIGHT

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Who can tell of Thy mighty works, O Christ, or who can number the multitudes of Thy wonders? For even as Thou, in Thy goodness, didst appear on earth twofold of nature, so didst Thou grant twofold healings to the sick; for Thou didst open not only the bodily eyes of the man who was blind from the womb, but those of his soul also. Wherefore, he confessed Thee, the hidden God, Who grantest great mercy unto all.

THE DOXASTICON FOR PASCHA IN TONE FIVE

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

It is the day of Resurrection; let us be radiant for the festival, and let us embrace one another. Let us say, O brethren, even to those that hate us: Let us forgive all things on the Resurrection. And thus let us cry: Christ is risen from the dead; trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

THE GREAT DOXOLOGY AND TROPARION “Having risen from the tomb”

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- The Hymns of the Day during the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom:
- After “Blessed is the Kingdom” and “Amen.” Bearing the Paschal Candle, the Priest leads the singing of the Paschal Apolytikion and censes the Altar as follows:

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

All: Christ is risen from the dead, by death hath He trodden death, and upon those in the tombs, hath He bestowed life! (Twice)

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THE GREAT LITANY THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Verse: Shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing to His Name, give glory to His praises.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Verse: Say to God: How awesome are Thy works; let all the earth worship Thee and sing to Thee. Let it sing a song to Thy Name, O Most High.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Verse: Glory... Both now...

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

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THE LITTLE LITANY THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Verse: May God be gracious to us and bless us; and may He cause His face to shine upon us and have mercy upon us.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Verse: That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations; let the peoples give thanks to Thee, O God, let all the peoples give thanks to Thee.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Verse: May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear Him.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Verse: Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

THE LITTLE LITANY

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Verse: Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered, let those who hate Him flee from before His face. As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead, by death hath He trodden death, and upon those in the tombs, hath He bestowed life!

Verse: So the sinners will perish before the Face of God, but let the righteous be glad. This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad therein. (*Refrain*)

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THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF PASCHA

Priest: In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord, from the springs of Israel.

Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

All: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

- After the Little Entrance (Eisodos), sing these Apolytikia in the following order.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF SAINT GEORGE IN TONE FOUR

Since thou art a liberator and deliverer of the captives, a help and succour of the poor and needy, a healing physician of the sick, a contender and fighter for the kings, O great among martyrs, thou victory-clad George: Intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

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THE TRISAGION HYMN

- The Scripture of the day, following the Trisagion Hymn:

THE EPISTLE

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: Thou, O Lord, shalt keep us and preserve us.

Save me, O Lord, for the godly man is no more.

Clergy: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (16:16-34)

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: In those days, while we the apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination, who brought her masters much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, and cried out saying: "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." And she did this for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit: "I charge you in the Name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her masters saw that the hope of their gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the

magistrates, they said: "These men are disturbing our city, and they, being Jews, are setting forth customs which are not lawful for us to receive or observe, since we are Romans." The multitude then rose up together against them, and the magistrates tore their garments off them, and commanded to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received such a charge, he cast them into the inner prison, and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. And the jailer, being roused out of sleep and seeing the prison doors open, drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried out with a loud voice saying: "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and fell down before Paul and Silas trembling with fear, and brought them out and said: "Masters, what must I do to be saved?" And they said: "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him, and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes, and was baptized, he and his entire household. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, with his entire house, in that he had believed in God.

Clergy: Peace be to thee, who readest.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Choir: Look upon me and have mercy on me! Guide my steps according to Thy word!

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (9:1-38)

At that time, when Jesus was passing, he saw a man blind from his birth. And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam," which means "Sent." So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he;" others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is

not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, “What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore, his parents said, “He is of age, ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, “Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become His disciples?” And they reviled him, saying, “You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He comes from.” The man answered, “Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where He comes from, and yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, “Do you believe in the Son of God?” He answered, “And who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen Him, and it is He who speaks to you.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped Him.

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• **Instead of “It is truly meet” sing the Megalyrnarion for Pascha in Tone One:**

The Angel cried unto her that is full of grace: O pure Virgin, rejoice, and again I say, rejoice; for thy Son hath arisen from the grave on the third day.

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord hath arisen upon thee; dance now and be glad, O Zion, and do thou exult, O pure Theotokos, in the arising of Him Whom thou didst bear.

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• **After “One is Holy, One is Lord...” & “I Believe O Lord and I Confess...” sing THE KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT**

Receive ye the body of Christ; taste ye the Fountain of immortality.

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• *Instead of “We have seen the true light,” sing “Christ is Risen”.*

• *Instead of “Blessed be the Name of the Lord,” sing “Christ is Risen” THRICE.*

THE GREAT DISMISSAL

Priest: May He Who is risen...of the Martyrs Theodosia of Tyre and Theodosia of Constantinople; Hieromartyr Olvian, bishop of Aneos, & those with him...mankind.

Priest: Christ is risen! (THRICE)
People: Truly He is risen! (THRICE)

Priest: Glory to His Holy Third-day Resurrection!
People: We adore His Holy Third-day Resurrection!

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs...
People: ... hath He bestowed life!

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Greetings in Many Languages

English: Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Arabic: Al Maseeh Qam! Haqan Qam!

المسيح قام! حقاً قام!

Greek: Kristos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!

Albanian: Kristi Unjhal! Vertet Unjhal!

Христóсь воскрéсе!

Romanian: Kristos a Inviat! Adeverat a Inviat!

Slavonic: Kristos Voskresseh! Vo Istinu Voskresseh!

Во́истину воскрéсе!

French: Le Christ ést Ressucité! In Verité, il est Ressucité!

Spanish: Cristo ha Resucitado! En verdad, ha Resucitado!

German: Christus ist Auferstanden! Wirklich, er ist Auferstanden!

Georgian: Kristé ardsqa! Tchechmaritad ardsqa!

Cherokee: Tsesa dolehisanihi! Oodoyuhi Tsesa dolehisanihi!

Japanese: Christos Fukkatsu! Jitsu Ni Fukkatsu!

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Need a Chairperson for each Event planned below. Please, contact Fr Mark.

June 20-29 – Ss Peter & Paul Fast & Feast for Missions

August 1 – Procession of Cross begins Fast for Dormition

August 15 – Dormition of Theotokos Feast

August 29 – St John Baptizer Panel Discussion – Stress, Meditation & Prayer

September 26 – St John Evangelist Panel Discussion – Iconography & Wholeness

October 31 – Ss Cosmas & Damian Panel Discussion – Death: Before & After

November 4-6 – St George Home-Coming Weekend

Need a Chairman for the Membership Committee and one for the Stewardship Committee

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Congratulations to Lukas Schrader, Graduate from Rock Falls High School

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Our Diocese **Parish Life Conference, June 15-19** in Grand Rapids, MI, is in just a few weeks! One of the highlight's this year will be celebrating Bishop Anthony's 10 year anniversary in the Midwest Diocese. Early Bird ticket book pricing ends May 31!

More Information at: www.toledopl.org

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The Lord Jesus was coming from the Temple on the Sabbath, when He saw the blind man mentioned in today's Gospel. This man had been born thus from his mother's womb, that is, he had been born without eyes. Then the God-man spat on the ground and made eyes with clay and spittle. O Lord, create new eyes for our blind souls to see Your light.

Statement of Metropolitan Joseph on the Tragedy in Uvalde, Texas - May 26, 2022
Christ is risen! Truly, He is risen!

Like the rest of our nation, I was deeply grieved to hear the horrible news of the mass shooting in Uvalde, Texas, in which 21 innocent people—mostly children—lost their lives senselessly. This compounds our shared grief from the murders of many other innocent people in shootings in Buffalo and New York City; Laguna Woods, California; and elsewhere just this month, as well as the ongoing gun violence that plagues many of our inner cities.

I can imagine no greater pain than to lose a loved one to violence, and this is so much more shocking when it occurs in a church, a shopping center, a subway, or a school, where we should expect nothing less than to congregate safely. We pray for the repose of these innocents and that our good God will provide comfort to their survivors, who agonize and must now bury them.

Now more than ever, we all must do our parts to stop the hatred and devaluation of human life that produce such horrific crimes. Everyone—governments, churches, communities, families, and individuals—must do everything they can to ensure that guns and other lethal weapons stay out of the hands of those who will harm others or themselves. No one can sit idly by.

We must also strive to be examples of love and peace to those around us, in obedience to Him who exhorted us, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in the heavens" (Matthew 5:16). For, despite the tragedies we witness over and over again, we are convinced that human nature can be redeemed through Christ, who strengthens us to "not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of the mind" (Romans 12:2).

May the Holy Trinity preserve all of you from harm and send healing grace upon those now suffering in our nation and around the world.

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May 26 - **Metropolitan Alexios of Atlanta** reminds us that "after each event of terrible loss, it is only human to feel tired, distressed and hopeless. On the Cross, when Jesus cried out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" He was quoting the 22nd Psalm, in which the Psalmist calls on God to save him. After describing his ill health, and how the world surrounds him, the Psalmist ends his prayer by saying, "For he did not despise nor abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him" (Psalm 22:24). In this season of the Resurrection, we recall not only the joy that our Lord has brought to us by trampling down on Death, but we can also find comfort that from the Cross, He understands our pain, our struggles, our doubts, and our fears. So now, let us each pray that our Lord give rest to the souls of those innocent children, that He comfort their grieving families, and that He bring renewed hope to the survivors. Though they may have been unknown to us, all those affected are made in the image and likeness of God, and so we are called to remember them in our personal prayers. Truly, as we continue to experience events of this magnitude and sobering character, it is both good and proper to turn to God." Lord, have mercy on us.