

ST. MARY'S HELPERS

May 28

Prospora Draga

Reader

Greeter

Coffee hour Ani P.

June 5

Anne & Hanne

Michelle & Psa. L.



Thank you to all the church helpers. Your service is appreciated. **Please make note of the schedule and of your commitment.** If you are not able to fulfill your commitment, please find a replacement and let the organizer know.



My soul, seek the Only One . . . My soul, you have no part with the earth; for you are from heaven. You are the image of God: seek your First Image. For like strives after like. Each object finds its rest in its center and element — fish in water, fire in its upward movement everything strives to its center. My soul, you are an immaterial spirit, immortal. . . In Him alone you will find your rest.

St Tikhon of Zadonsk

TO OUR VISITORS: WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S

Welcome to all guests to St. Mary's on this holy day. If you are new to our church, please make yourself known to Father Michael. Please join us for coffee. We look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Please note that only Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves with prayer, fasting and Confession may approach to receive Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome to receive the blessing and partake of the blessed bread (Antidor) at the dismissal.

As a sign of respect please remain standing during Holy Communion, even if you are not partaking. Please turn off all

Mark your calendar- Archbishop Nathaniel will visit St. Mary's July 9 & 10. Make plans to attend and meet our Hierarch!!



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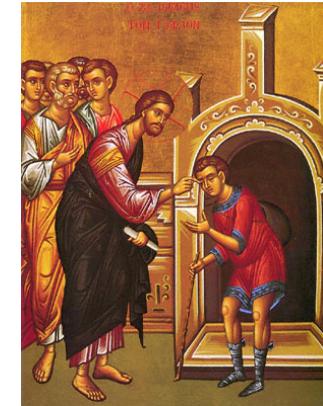
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**Sunday of the Blind Man
Vindecarea orbului din naștere**

June 5, 2016

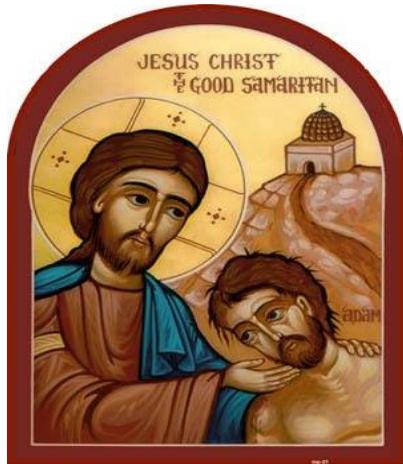
Divine Liturgy Sunday 10 am

Vespers Saturday 6 pm

Confessions by Appointment

Other services as announced

- **Sunday June 19- Pentecost & Fathers' Day- Lunch will be served. Donations accepted**
- **Children's sleep over on June 24 - applications now available. Deadline is June 19 - don't wait! See Giani, Violeta, Ana Maria or Psa for information.**
- **July 9 & 10- Archbishop Nathaniel's visit to St. Mary's. Don't miss this event!! Tickets are \$25.00 for adults and will be available next week.**



It is the time of generosity, of the good deeds, and if we do not have money for those around us, if we do not have anything material to offer them, then we can do it with a good word, a prayer for the sick and lonely, a visit to the bed of the sick one, either old or helpless, with a helping hand to the one who moves hard. There are lots of

ways of being merciful even if we do not have money or material things to offer. So, the kindness of the soul always finds ways of helping the fellow beings in need". (Patriarch Daniel, 21st Century Romanian hierarch) [Almsgiving; Works of Mercy]

ORTHODOX TEACHING

Reading - Sunday of the Blind Man

The Lord Jesus was coming from the Temple on the Sabbath, when, while walking in the way, 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 (see Saint John Chrysostom, Homily LVI on Matthew; Saint Irenaeus, Against Heresies, Book V:15; and the second Exorcism of Saint Basil the Great). When the disciples saw this, they asked their Teacher, "Who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" They asked this because when the Lord had healed the paralytic at the Sheep's Pool, He had told him, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee" (John 5:14); so they wondered, if sickness was caused by sin, what sin could have been the cause of his being born without eyes. But the Lord answered that this was for the glory of God. Then the God-man spat on the ground and made clay with the spittle. He anointed the eyes of the blind man and said to him, "Go, wash in the Pool of Siloam." Siloam (which means "sent") was a well-known spring in Jerusalem used by the inhabitants for its waters, which flowed to the eastern side of the city and collected in a large pool called "the Pool of Siloam."

Therefore, the Saviour sent the blind man to this pool that he might wash his eyes, which had been anointed with the clay-not that the pool's water had such power, but that the faith and obedience of the one sent might be made manifest, and that the miracle might become more remarkable and known to all, and leave no room for doubt. Thus, the blind man believed in Jesus' words, obeyed His command, went and washed himself, and returned, no longer blind, but having eyes and seeing. This was the greatest miracle that our Lord had yet worked; as the man healed of his blindness himself testified, "Since time began, never was it heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind," although the Lord had already healed the blind eyes of many. Because he now had eyes, some even doubted that he was the same person (John 9:8-9); and it was still lively in their remembrance when Christ came to the tomb of Lazarus, for they said, "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have caused that even this man should not have died?" Saint John Chrysostom gives a thorough and brilliant exposition of our Lord's meeting with the woman of Samaria, the healing of the paralytic, and the miracle of the blind man in his commentaries on the Gospel of Saint John. . Reading © Holy Transfiguration Monastery - Brookline, MA

6th Sunday after Pascha (Healing of man blind from birth). Epis. Acts 16:16-34. Gos. John 9: 1-38. Tone 5.

Duminica a 6-a după Paști (Vindecarea orbului din naștere). Ap.Fapte 16,16-34. Ev. Ioan 9,1-38. Glas 5,

Tone 5 Tropar

Let us faithful praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, who was born of the virgin for our salvation. He willed to be lifted up onto the cross to endure death, and to raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.

Tropar for the church

Your Nativity O Birthgiver of God has proclaimed joy to all the Universe. For the Son of Righteousness, Christ our God has risen from you, By abolishing the curse, He gave a blessing, By destroying death, He bestowed eternal life.

Tropar for Sunday of the Blindman

I come to You, O Christ, blind from birth in my spiritual eyes, and call to You in repentance: "You are the most radiant Light of those in darkness."

St. Mary's Girls' and Boys' Sleep over 2016

When: Friday June 24 @ 6:00 p.m. to Saturday June 25 7:00 pm

What: A sleepover of fun, prayer & activities

Who: Girls and Boys between 7-13 years of age

Where: St. Mary's Church Hall (boys will sleep outside)

Applications are available from Giani and Psa. Lillian