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SERVICES May 21, 2017 – May 28, 2017

Sunday, May 21, 2017.....9:00 am – Hours; 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy; Sunday School; Coffee Hour
Wednesday, May 24, 2017.....6:00 – Great Vespers
Thursday, May 25, 2017.....9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – Ascension of our Lord
Saturday, May 27, 2017.....Graduation @ St. Tikhon’s
5:00 pm – Vespers
Sunday, May 28, 2017.....9:00 am – Hours; 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy; Sunday School; Coffee Hour

MAY 21, 2017

EPISTLE: ACTS 16:16-34

Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling.

This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, “These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation.” And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And he came out that very hour. But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities.

And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, “These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe.” Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods. And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were loosed. And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, “Do yourself no harm, for we are all here.” Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.” Then 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 immediately he and all his family were baptized. Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

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." Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." 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.

ALSO: ACTS 26:1-5,12-20 JOHN 10:1-9

NEXT WEEK: MAY 28, 2017 ACTS 18:22-28 JOHN 12:36-47

YESTERDAY, TODAY & TOMORROW

I may never see tomorrow, there's no written guarantee, And things that happened yesterday belongs to history. I cannot predict the future, I cannot change the past, I have just the present moment, I must treat it as my last. I must use the moment wisely for it soon may pass away, And be lost to me forever as part of yesterday. I must exercise compassion, help the fallen to their feet, Be a friend to the friendless, make an empty life complete. The unkind things I do today may never be undone, And friendships I fail to win may never more be won. I may not have another chance on bended knee to pray,

And I thank God with humble heart for giving me the day.

May 21 , 2017

PRAYER LIST : We offer our prayers for all of our shut-ins who are unable to attend church services, especially: *Anna Rugala, Pauline Russell, Vera Tatusko and William Tellep Jr.*

Also offer your prayers for those in need especially *Helen Baburchak, Lawrence Barlow, Matushka Joanna Bohush, Laura Chapin, David Davies, Nadine Dranchak, Thanos Fotiou, Marge Herciga, Natalie Kostyshak, Ann Kotasek, Logan Kulikowski, Nancy Kulikowski, Robert Kushner, Linda Main; George Murphy, Tanya Pylypciw, Janeel Rahman, Sheila Ransom, Joni Mitchell, Millie Sviatyla, Dorothy Tarasevich, Arlene Tatusko, Rachelle Vitale, Carl Wall* & all our parishioners who are ill.

* To add or remove names from the prayer list in the bulletin, please let Fr. Alexey or Fr. Timm know. Thank you! **



COFFEE HOUR: Come downstairs and socialize with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Today : Tamara Sytnik, Ludmila Boychenko, Natalia Nikulin, Vera Yaremko, Marina Pomukchynsky

May 28th: NO COFFEE HOUR

June 4: Stella Holowatch, Rose Gorey, Deb Darling, Kim Gorey

June 11: Paula Norton, Nicole Ewing, Cara and Nancy Kulikowski, Patty Warski

THANK YOU! Special thanks to ALL of the workers who dedicated their time at the baking and cooking workshops for our 2017 Easter Bake Sale and Ethnic Food Sales, and to all the people who participated in any way to make this a another successful fundraiser. Thank you and God Bless you all!!! **THE PROFIT WAS OVER \$15,000.00**

Nettie Lukovich, Chairperson & Dick Sura, Co-Chairman

PARISH BUS TRIP TO MYRRH-GUSHING MIRACLE ICON OF THE VIRGIN MARY IN TAYLOR, PA.

Due to multiple requests of our parishioners and friends, we have scheduled a parish bus trip to venerate the Myrrh-Gushing Icon of the Virgin Mary on Wednesday, May 31st. Because of multiple parishioners' interest, we have decided to hire the bus to provide transportation for everyone. The bus will be leaving the Church parking lot at 4:00 pm and we will return by approx. 9:00 pm. Service of the Akafist is scheduled to start at 6:00 pm with anointing all present with the holy oil from the icon. Cost of bus will be approx. \$25/person and a light luncheon will be provided for everyone on the bus. Space is limited to 45 people so we ask everyone to reserve their seat on the bus as soon as possible. We are looking forward to this spiritually-enriching parish pilgrimage. **Please contact Paul Farbanish @ 607-754-0249.**

INVITATION TO WEDDING AND RECEPTION ON SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2017 @ 4:00 PM. – Alexandra Baluyan and Stephan Karlgut *together* with Fr. Alexey & Matushka Anastasia invite all of our parishioners & friends to their Wedding service and the Reception immediately following in the church hall. We are looking forward to sharing the joy and the blessing of your presence at this special time.

MAY GOD GRANT STEPHAN AND ALEXANDRA MANY BLESSED AND HEALTHY YEARS!

Graduation: We will be honoring the High School & College Graduates on June 18th. If your daughter or son will be graduating from high school or college in May or June, or if you know of a student in our parish who will soon be graduating, please complete the form available in the church office just as soon as possible and return to the office by June 11th.

CAPITAL RENOVATION PROJECT – Dear Parishioners & Friends: At the Special Parish meeting held on Sunday, February 26, 2017, our parish unanimously approved an urgently needed replacement of our Sewer Ejection System that is over 50 years old and has failed several times in the past 1 ½ years, creating a real possibility of major damage to the church. The Parish Council has presented and the special parish meeting has approved to award the contract for the replacement of the existing system and battery-operated backup pump to Evans Plumbing at a cost of \$8,900.00, with the work to begin immediately. We ask all of our parishioners and friends to be as generous as possible in their contributions dedicated to this project and clearly earmark their donations for it, or use our LEGACY / CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT envelopes provided in your box of envelopes. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**



to all our visitors and guests who participate in our celebration of the Divine Liturgy! While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross & receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. We invite all of our guests to join us for our Fellowship Hour & to visit our Bookstore.

For bulletin inputs, contact Fr. Alexey, Fr. Timm or Stella Holowatch (205-1507) – email Stellah@stny.rr.com



It is the VETERAN, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion.
It is the VETERAN, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.
It is the VETERAN, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.
It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble.
It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.
It is the VETERAN, not the politician, Who has given us the right to vote.
It is the VETERAN who salutes the Flag, *Anonymous*

Memorial Day

Edgar A. Guest

Blow gently, winds of May,
And softly stir the trees,
Whispering today
The love we bear to these
Who sleep that silent sleep,
At rest forevermore.
Blow gently, winds of May ...
Their warfare now is o'er.

Blow gently, winds of May,
Bearing the perfume rare
Of blossoms o'er the way;
Rose petals scatter there;
The starry flag we place
In glory on each grave,
Catches in a fond embrace
For us and proudly waves.

Blow gently, winds of May,
Shine softly, summer sun;
Our heroes sleep today,
Their duty nobly done.
And with the flag they loved,
And flowers, we come today
To honor those who sleep . . .
Blow gently, winds of May