

## Motherhood: a vocation (part 2 of 3)

**Motherhood is a most beautiful vocation** - It can be compared with that of the martyrs, monastics, and teachers of the Faith. In motherhood, aspects of all three of these vocations are required if one is to fulfill the awesome responsibility of bringing a new life into the world, nurturing it and guiding it towards the Kingdom of God. This kind of motherhood is a means to salvation: it is hard work, and offers endless opportunities to practice the Christian virtues of selflessness, patience, perseverance and love.

**Motherhood is about sacrifice** - When a child is conceived, the mother sacrifices her body to bear the child as it grows and develops. She eats what is most healthy, what will benefit the child in her womb, and leaves the things that could harm the development of her child behind.

**Motherhood is a drastic change of lifestyle** - It requires a major adjustment. It makes it easier to understand what “denying oneself” means. Monastics place a high degree of importance on obedience in their ascetic life. Mothers are also called to be obedient their duties: taking care of the needs of their children, always placing the needs of their family above their own. “My life is not my own” – a mother is always living and working for her children, and in this way she is like the martyrs, who willingly gave up their lives as a sweet-smelling sacrifice to God.

**Motherhood can be of great spiritual benefit** - There is no higher calling on this earth than martyrdom, no greater proof of love than one should give up one’s life for his friends (John 15:13). A mother gives up her life at every turn and so fulfills the calling of the martyrs through these words of Christ.

**Motherhood is to instruct their children in the Faith** - A mother helps form their souls in a way that will incline them towards love of God and the Church. A good mother will read to her children from the lives of the Saints, she will teach them about God’s love and the gift of repentance. But it is not only by her words that she will teach the young souls entrusted to her. Through her everyday actions and deeds she models the Faith to her children. When she stays up late or gets up early in order to prepare food for her children or to clean up after them, she provides a lasting image of sacrificial love.

**Motherhood is a blessed vocation** - It is a beautiful opportunity to live the martyric life of unconditional love for others. May we all honor our mothers, as is their due, and may those of us who practice this vocation do so with increasing peace and joy, knowing that we have been given the opportunity to live a blessed life inspired by the examples of the martyrs, monastics, and teachers of the Faith.

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# Our Weekly Bulletin

Week of  
May 9 to May 16, 2021

## Welcome to our Parish

Christ is Risen!  
Indeed, He is Risen!

### Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

<b>Sunday, May 9</b>	Sunday of the Man Born Blind	Millie Deskevich
<b>May 10</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>May 11</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>May 12</b>	Vigil Liturgy 6:00PM	✠ Emma Vargo
<b>May 13</b>	Ascension Day	
<b>May 14</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>May 15</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Sunday, May 16</b>	Sunday of the Man Born Blind	Steve & Millie Deskevich

*If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ  
and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part  
of our family in Christ. You have found your way home.*

## 6th Sunday of Pascha - The Man Born Blind

Acts 16:16-34

John 9:1-38

*Troparion (Tone 5)*

Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

*Kondakion (Tone 4)*

Glory be ... Blinded in the eyes of my soul, I come to You, O Christ, like the man who was blind from birth, and I cry in repentance: You are the brilliant light of those in darkness.

*Kondakion (Tone 8)*

Now and forever... Though You descended into a tomb, O Immortal One, yet You destroyed the power of Hades; and You rose as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh bearing women: Rejoice! And giving peace to Your Apostles: You, who grant Resurrection to the fallen.

*Prokeimen (Tone 8)*

Pray and give praise to the Lord our God. Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.  
*verse:* In Judea, God is known; His name is great in Israel.

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*Alleluia*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Verse* Look upon me and have mercy.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Verse* Direct my steps according to Your word.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Communion Verse*

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality.

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia. (3)

Happy 10th Anniversary to Fr. Andriy and Sarah  
May God grant them good health, long life and many happy years!  
Многая і благая літа!

## PARISH NEWS

**Weekly Collection** - May 2, 2021 - \$930.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**Confessions** - Father will hear confessions following Sunday Liturgies.

**Safety Precautions** - With the increase in cases of the virus and to keep our church open, remember to social distance and wear a mask

**Saturdays with Jesus** - The next meeting will be:

Saturday, May 22, 2021- 2:00PM. - Children from 5 to 11

Saturday, May 15, 2021 - 1:00PM - adults

**Mother's Day Treat** - A lite luncheon will be served to **everyone** to honor all mothers: those who have passed, those who are and those who will be.

**Ascension Day** - There will Divine liturgy for the Ascension of our Lord May 12 at 6:00PM.

**Blessing of Graves** - May 30th is the tentative date for the blessing of graves at Holy Name Cemetery following the Sunday Liturgy. A Panakhyda will be prayer for all of the deceased families of the parishioners then the graves will be blessed for those buried at the cemetery.

### Prayer List

**Parishioners:** Michael Lutak, Kathy Ott, Michael Yendzik, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, Michael Lutak Jeremiah Hunt

**Friends of the Parish:** Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Mark Prewitt, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Fr. Wolodymyr Woloszczuk, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Sherman family, the Williams family.

*To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.*

### Joke of the Day

Two children ordered their mother to stay in bed one Mother's Day morning. As she lay there looking forward to breakfast in bed, the smell of bacon floated up from the kitchen. But after a good long wait she finally went downstairs to investigate. She found them both sitting at the table eating bacon and eggs. "As a surprise for Mother's Day," one explained, "We decided to cook our own breakfast."

