

In the Christian East, the Church's day begins at evening, and its services run from sunset to sunset: "Thus evening came, and morning followed - the first day." (Genesis 1:5, NAB). Since early times, it was customary for Christians to gather in church to pray. The offices of Vespers (at sunset) and Matins (at sunrise) are extremely ancient, and make use of the natural symbols of light and darkness to evoke thanksgiving and praise. The service of Vespers is particularly memorable in the Byzantine Rite. Led by a priest, the faithful chant psalms praising God's creation and asking for his help, along with special hymns called stichera that vary from one day to the next. On Saturday night (in preparation for Sunday) and the eves of feasts, there is a procession with lights and incense into the sanctuary. As the candles and lamps of the church are lit, the faithful welcome Christ with the hymn, "O Joyful Light", which according to Saint Basil the Great is so ancient "no one knows who wrote it." These are followed by litanies and additional hymns, and the singing of the troparion of the day. Vespers on the evening before a feast is especially solemn, with additional hymns and readings from Scripture, and may be extended with a special service called Litya, consisting of a procession through the church, prayers for the world, and the blessing of bread, wheat, wine and oil (representing all God's gifts to us).



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Our Weekly Bulletin

Welcome to our Parish

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Sunday, May 5	Sunday of the Man Born Blind	✠ Alan Zajdel
May 6	No Liturgy	
May 7	No Liturgy	
May 8	Liturgy for the Ascension of our Lord	6:00PM Millie Deskevich
May 9	No Liturgy	
May 10	No Liturgy	
May 11	No Liturgy	
Sunday, May 12	Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 1st Council	✠ Emma Vargo

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 kid friendly 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)

Notice about the Child Protection

It is important to remind the people of our parish from time to time that if anyone has been the victim of sexual abuse by the clergy, or by an employee or a volunteer, he or she should come forward and make that known to his or her pastor or to the bishop, who can be reached at his chancery by dialing (440) 888-1522, or by writing to him at PO Box 347180, Parma, OH 44134-7180. You may also report it to the Assistance Coordinator, Marika Zaliszczuk at (412) 215-5372. For more information on St. Josaphat Eparchy's safe environment policy and procedures and other pertinent info, please, log onto: <http://stjosaphateparchy.com/safe-environment/>.

Weekly Collection - April 28, 2024 - \$1063.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday - \$850.00 Fuel - \$20.00 Diocesan - \$10.00 Misc.- \$183.00

Relief for Ukraine - Amount collected to date \$6,483.00.

PARISH NEWS

Saturdays with Jesus - Catechism classes will be May 11th

Adults class from 10 to 12 and Children 1:30 to 3:00PM

Bus Trip to Sight & Sound - Payments are due: first half by today and remainder by June 2nd
Vacation Bible School - July 29 through August 2 for all school age children. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help, please see Fr. Deacon Chris or Edna.

Ascension Thursday - There will be Liturgy at 6:00PM on Wednesday for the Ascension of our Lord and Savior

Prayer List

Parishioners: Millie & Steve Deskevich, Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, the Lutak family, Jeremiah Hunt, Margaret Reighard.

Friends of the Parish: Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Sonya Kohan, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Kevin Blem, Linda Kusmierski. *To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.*

Joke of the Day

It was the day after Christmas at a church in San Francisco. The pastor of the church was looking over the cradle when he noticed that the baby Jesus was missing from among the figures. Immediately he turned and went outside to look and saw a little boy with a red wagon, and in the wagon was the figure of the little infant, Jesus. He walked up to the boy and said, "Well, where did you get Him, my fine friend?" The little boy replied, "I got him from the church." "And why did you take him?" The boy said, "Well, about a week before Christmas I prayed to the little Lord Jesus and I told him if he would bring me a red wagon for Christmas I would give him a ride around the block in it.

