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✠ SUNDAY, MAY 25 2025 ✠ SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN ✠

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34 In those days, as we apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did 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 owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put 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. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

Gospel According to John 9:1-38 At that time, as Jesus passed by, 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. We 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." (cont.) →

Memorials: †Iohan Traum 40 days
†Ion Epuran 40 days



Coffee Hour is sponsored by the
Pfansteil and Heddaeus families.

Altar flowers are sponsored in loving memory of Jason Kalakos by his mother Fotaine.
Communion wine is sponsored in loving memory of Jason Kalakos by his mother Fotaine.
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THIS WEEK:

Monday, May 26

Memorial Day ~ Office Closed

9-11am Jefferson Cemetery
12:30-2:30pm Mt. Lebanon Cemetery

Tuesday, May 27

7pm Sts. Mary & Martha @ Dickos home

Wednesday, May 28

Leave taking of Pascha 8:15am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy
7PM BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, May 29

Ascension 8:15am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy
6pm Luke Kallaur's Graduation Party
7PM CATECHISM CLASS

Friday, May 30

Saturday, May 31 5pm Great Vespers

NEXT Sunday, June 1 **Graduate Recognition Sunday**



Recognizing and
honoring our
Presbyteras today.

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 man?" 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.

Graduate Recognition NEXT Sunday, June 1

Graduating High School & College Seniors (post graduate degree earners as well) will be recognized by the Parish. Please send information to the Church Office: holycrosspittsburgh@gmail.com



Information to submit ~Name of Graduate and their parents.

- ~Name of school graduating from - High School or College.
- ~What he/she intends to study or degree earned.
- ~Where he/she plans to further their education or future employment plans.



Parishioners are invited to join the Landscaping Committee on an outing to the Mt. Lebanon Library Garden Tour on Sunday, June 22 after Divine Liturgy. We will meet at Coffee Hour at 12 noon and share rides.

Everyone should purchase their own ticket through the Mt. Lebanon Library website: <https://mtlebanonlibrary.org/658/Annual-Garden-Tour>

Tickets are \$20 ahead/\$25 at door if any tickets are left.



The Landscaping Committee has been busy working on maintaining our beautiful property this spring. Specifically, we are working on weed control, mulching, cutting back and overseeding the meadow, and caring for our new plantings at the church entry to ensure our one year guarantee. Please be aware that we have a dumping problem on our property which creates additional maintenance and expense for the church. The most recent issue is a large area of cement toward the back of the property in the mowed area and landscape debris at the end of our property next to the paved road into Upper Saint Clair. If you have any information pertaining to the dumping issue please email us at hclasuggestions@gmail.com or talk to Rebekah Krakora as we are working on ways to better manage this issue.

DID YOU KNOW? It takes \$3,300 per DAY to keep our church up and running. To all those who have donated against their pledge card—thank YOU. It truly takes a village to keep the lights on. Approximately 150 families or individuals have not filled out their pledge cards. Please remember to contribute towards your stewardship. ♥

2025 Vacation Church School

Monday, June 23 thru Friday, June 27 from 9am~Noon

High School students, parents, interested adults are needed to volunteer.

Nominal registration fee of \$20 per student; children age 3 years through entering 6th grade

Please register early so we can prepare nametags, snacks & crafts!

Use the QR code or form in May Crossroads.



Note date change to JUNE

This year's theme is:



HOLY CROSS GREEK FESTIVAL

2025 Cooking Schedule *

Finikia	2,274 pieces	Dipping Thu May 29 th and Fri May 30 th
Shank sauce		Fri May 23 rd 10 M Tue May 27 th 10 AM

THE FESTIVAL IS ONLY TWO WEEKS AWAY

With the newly added day to the festival, we need all hands on deck to keep everything running smoothly.

I truly appreciate those of you who show up ready to help and ask, "Where do you need me?" That spirit means a lot. However, to keep things organized and efficient, it's much more helpful if you schedule yourself for a specific station in advance. One shift or 5 shifts, every bit helps. Think of it like running a business: it's hard to operate effectively if you don't know if team members are coming in or when they'll arrive.

Please text or email one of the chairs and thanks in advance OPA!

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FOOD LINE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Monday, June 9 - Friday, June 13!
10:45am-8pm Please contact Elaine Sofis, cell 412 327-7017 or esofis@comcast.net
Lunch 10:45-4pm, Dinner 4-8pm
Choose your days and hours!
Info in the May Crossroads!
Any time is appreciated!

Help is needed cutting & cupping pastries during Food Fair! Please call/text Jan Titonis 412.965.4536 to volunteer for a shift. Any of your time is greatly appreciated!