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May 09, 2021 – *Sixth Sunday of Pascha (Man Born Blind)*

Schedule for the Coming Week

<i>Monday</i>	<i>May 10</i>	<i>Divine Liturgy</i> In memory of +Anna Czepak, by Stephanie Pastore.	<u>10 A.M.</u>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>May 12</i>	<i>Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ</i>	<u>7 P.M.</u>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>May 14</i>	<i>Divine Liturgy</i> In memory of +Andrew Czepak, by Stephanie Pastore.	<u>10 A.M.</u>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>May 15</i>	<i>Vigil Divine Liturgy</i>	<u>4 P.M.</u>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>May 16</i>	<i>Divine Liturgy</i> <i>Seventh Sunday of Pascha (Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council)</i>	<u>10 A.M.</u>

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Eternal light candle is burning this week:

Health & Blessings of the Byers Family

Last Week's Attendance: 63

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Christ is Risen!

On May 9th, 2021 we continue our Easter celebration with the Sunday of the Man Born Blind. What makes this healing miracle unique from the other healing miracles Jesus performed, is that this man was born blind and not due to an accident or sickness. Jesus used clay from the Earth to restore his eyes; just as the first man, Adam, was formed from "the dust of the ground" (Gen 2:7). This was more about a new creation miracle rather than a healing miracle.

The Jewish leaders were a clear witness to this miracle in their presence and had the opportunity to believe in Jesus and show their allegiance to Him. With Jesus' other miracles they had simply written most off as magician tricks at best, but with this one, one involving creation, they were cornered to either accept His divine nature or cast the miracle as a well-planned hoax inditing even the man cured by Jesus as a guilty party involved in the hoax as never really being blind. An obvious opportunity for the Jewish leadership squandered once again.

We have witnessed the greatest of all miracles in the resurrection of Jesus. We have all the evidence of His glorious divinity in scripture and history. We have the witness of miracles in our lives and in the lives of the thousands of Saints before us. May we not go about our lives another day living as if we don't know Jesus' divinity. But instead, may we surrender all things to His control and His plan for us as He has called us to do. He loves us enough to desire nothing but good in our lives. The feast days, and our yearly reminder in the major feasts, such as Easter, are a gift of the church to remind us that today is another new opportunity to accept Jesus completely.

- Stephen Byers

