

Fr. Michel Hill (Serving)

Mark Howanetz, Choir Director

6th Sunday of Pascha

Blind Man

Holy Equals-to-the-Apostles

Emperor Constantine and his mother, Helen

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Epistle

Acts 16:16-34

Troparion Tone 5 (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit born for our salvation from the Virgin for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh to endure death, and to raise the dead//by His glorious Resurrection.

Gospel

John 9:1-38

Troparion Tone 8

(Sts. Constantine and Helen)

Thy servant Constantine, O Lord and only Lover of man, beheld the figure of the Cross in the heavens. Like Paul, not having received his call from men but as an apostle among rulers set by Thy hand over the royal city// he preserved lasting peace through the prayers of the Theotokos.

Kontakion Tone 4 (Pentecostarion)

I come to Thee, O Christ, blind from birth in my spiritual eyes, and call to Thee in repentance::
“Thou art the most radiant Light of those in darkness.”

Prayers for the Sick



Archpriest Vladimir

Priest James

Matushka Gloria

Matushka Myra

Matushka Nancy

Marie

Thom

Julie

Joan

Vera

Helen

For all who are sick or suffering with afflictions in our parish, our community and throughout the world!

For the Newly Departed

Handmaiden of God Barbara Evanina

May Her Memory be eternal!

St. Nicholas Financial Report for April 2023

Income \$8,689.82

Expenses \$8,976.11

Thank you to each and every one of you our parishioners who give so faithfully each month to support the ministry of St. Nicholas. Without your giving our parish would not be able to be there for our families, our community and for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our financial support is an expression of our love for Christ. In this way God will be glorified and the light of Christ will continue to shine in St. Nicholas Orthodox Church.

\$200 was collected in our Lenten outreach “jar” for the Breadbasket of NEPA. Thank you for your donations!

Our next donation will be for St. Francis of Assisi kitchen. Our goal is to collect \$100 to sponsor a meal for the day.

WEDDING BANNIS

Christopher Henderson wishes to be united by the Sacrament of Matrimony to Michaela Wall. If anyone knows of any reason why this Sacrament should not be performed their should contact Father.

Announcements

Coffee Hour in the fellowship hall after Divine Liturgy. Please join us!
We will be making Peroghi on Saturday’s June 10th & 17th at 10:30 AM
The price of our Peroghi is now \$10 per dozen. A bargain at any price!

Services for the Week

Wednesday May 24th, Vespers (Ascension) 5:00 PM

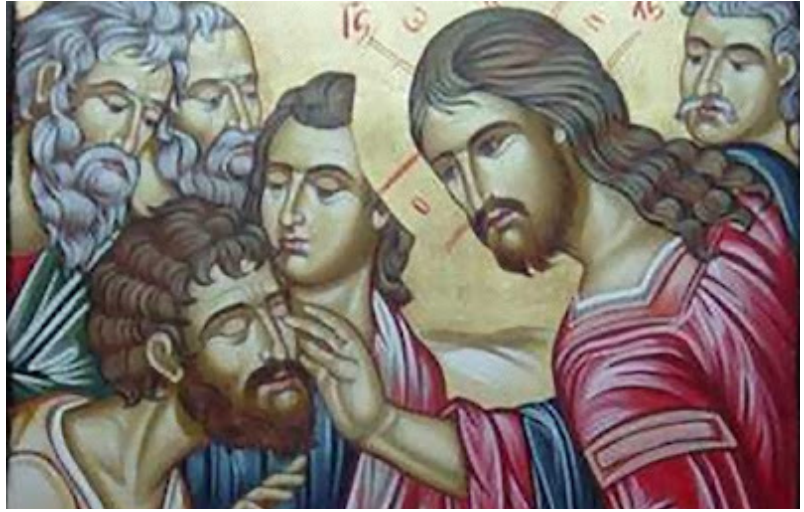
Thursday May 25th, The Ascension of our Lord, (ProLiturgy), 9:00 AM

Sunday May 28st, (Holy Fathers) Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit! Christ is Risen!

Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him (John 9:3).

Dear brothers and sisters, we have heard these words today during the Gospel Reading. It would seem that a great misfortune had afflicted this man: he was born blind, and he had never seen the beauty of God's world. When people saw this man blind from birth, they immediately thought that God had sent him this misfortune as a severe punishment



for his great sins, or those of his parents, because children are often punished for their parents' sins.

And thus the Apostles thought when they saw the blind man, and they asked the Savior: Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind (John 9:2)? They heard this unexpected reply from His lips:

Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him (John 9:3).

At first glance this is hard to understand: why should an innocent man be afflicted with such a misfortune? We are used to seeing God's glory and mercy in beneficences that He sends us, not in misfortunes, sorrow; and afflictions; we thank the Lord when we receive His beneficence and generosity, not when He sends us afflictions. When we meet with even the slightest reverse we cry out: "O Lord, why have You punished us!"

But then a joyful day came for the blind man, for the sun rose in the heavens for him, and he saw the sky and earth. What a great joy for him, who so thirsted to see God's world! For since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind (John 9:32), the blind man said after he was healed.

But, brothers and sisters, he saw not only simple, physical light, but his spiritual eyes were opened, and with the eyes of faith he saw the Light of Truth, the Sun of Righteousness..the Savior. Through God's mercy he who had been blind, both physically and spiritually, apprehended the Fountain of Goodness..Christ. Moreover, this Eternal Light was revealed and became accessible to all. The longsuffering of one blind man served to open the eyes of many to God's glory. *AMD*

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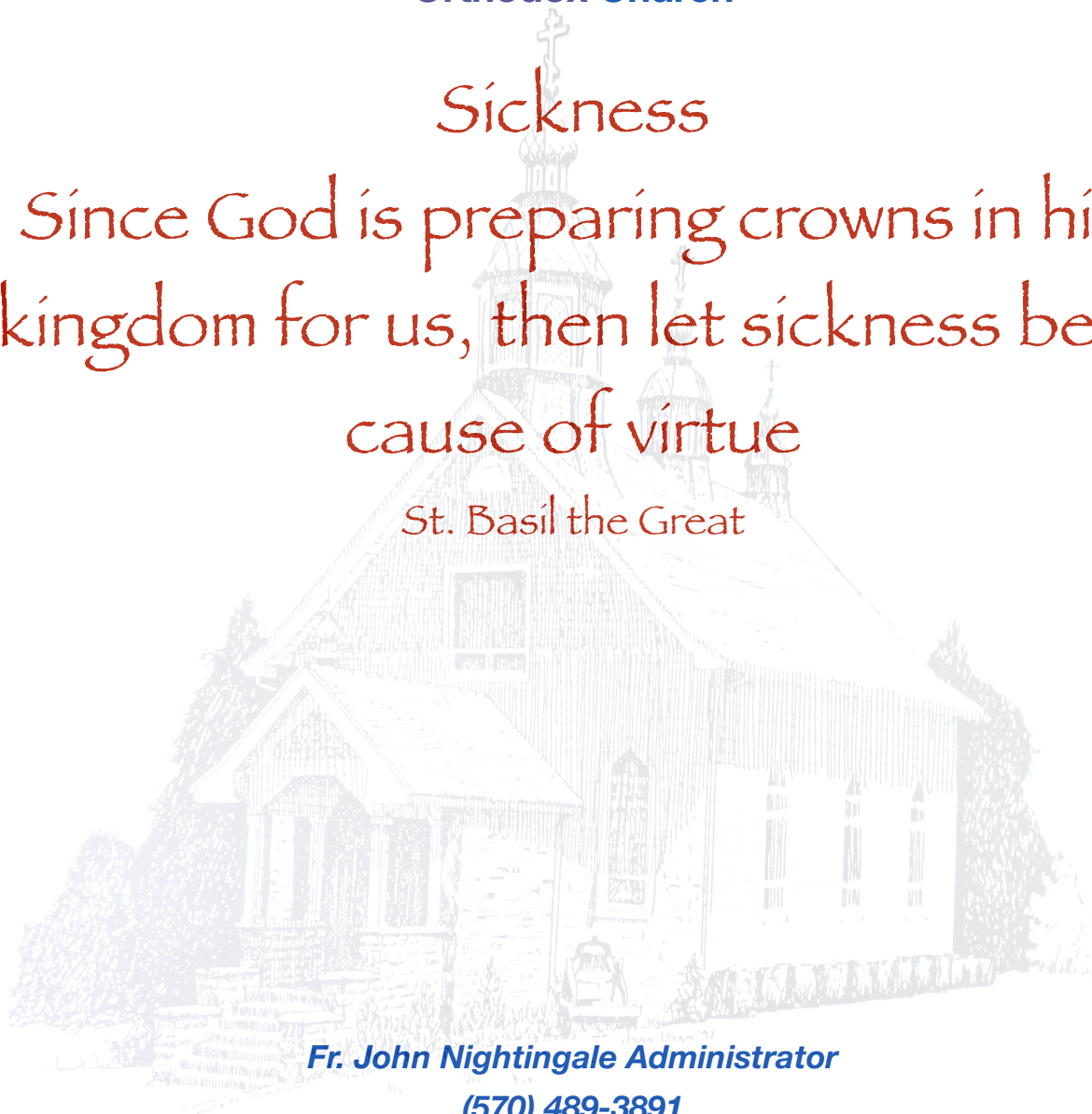
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May 21st 2023

Sickness

Since God is preparing crowns in his
kingdom for us, then let sickness be a
cause of virtue

St. Basil the Great



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