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May 17, 2026 – 6th Sunday of Pascha
The Healing of the Blind Man

Schedule

Sat May 16, 4pm – Great Vespers & confessions
Sun May 17, 9am – Divine Liturgy *(Sunday of the Blind Man)* Inquirer's Fellowship following Coffee Hour.

> *Thursday May 21 is the Great Feast of the **Ascension** (the 40th Day of Pascha). But this year, the feast of **Ss. Constantine & Helen** also falls on this same day. Since that is the patronal feast of Ss. C&H Parish, we have been invited to celebrate with them.*
> Wed May 20, 6:00pm – (SsC&H) Festal Great Vespers & Litya
> Thurs May 21, 8:30am – (SsC&H) Matins & Divine Liturgy
> *(Liturgy might begin approx. 9:45)*

Sat May 23, 4pm – Great Vespers & confessions
Sun May 24, 9am – Divine Liturgy *(Sunday After Ascension)*

Fri-Mon, May 22-25 – Memorial Day Pilgrimage at St Tikhon's Monastery
(See next page for schedule information)

GREAT AND HOLY PENTECOST: THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Sat May 30, 4pm – Festal "Small Vigil"
Sun May 31, 9am – Festal Divine Liturgy, *followed immediately by the Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost*

Hymns of the Day

For the Resurrection (Tone 5)

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.

Glory ... Kontakion for the Healing of the Blind (Tone 4)

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."

Now & ever ... Kontakion for Pascha (Tone 8)

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, / Thou didst destroy the power of death. / In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, / proclaiming, "Rejoice!" to the Myrrhbearing Women, // granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

Instead of "It is truly meet"

The angel cried to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again I say: Rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb; with himself He has raised all the dead. Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem! The glory of the Lord has shone on you. Exult now and be glad, O Zion. Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the resurrection of your Son.

Today's Scripture

These scriptures are given in the bulletin for anyone who has difficulty hearing during the service (and so we can read them again at home).

If you are able to hear in church, it is better to set the bulletin down and "hear with the ears" instead, so that the Scriptures may penetrate more deeply into our hearts.

Epistle: Acts 16:16-34

In those days, As the disciples went to prayer, a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour.

But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities. And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe." Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods. And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep

them securely. Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

Gospel: John 9:1-38

At that time, as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?" Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he." Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight." Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received

his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered them and said, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself.” His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, “Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner.” He answered and said, “Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see.” Then they said to him again, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?” He answered them, “I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?” Then they reviled him and said, “You are His disciple, but we are Moses’ disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from.” The man answered and said to them, “Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing.” They answered and said to him, “You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?” And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, “Do you believe in the Son of God?” He answered and said, “Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?” And Jesus said to him, “You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you.” Then he said, “Lord, I believe!” And he worshiped Him.

Prayers

The newly-departed: Fr Joseph Gallick (4/4). Stephanie Hojnicki (4/15). Vera Eckert (4/25).

For health of: Abp. Nathaniel, Abp. Alexander, Abp. Benjamin, Pani Anna Marie Slovesko, Mat. Elizabeth Meyer, Bernard Kusior, Nina Fatula, Gloria Spitko, Jessica (Philothea) Sullivan & infant Lucas, Richard Kawood.

For our Catechumens: Bradley Bosch, Brian Craig, Zaden Mershon.

For our diocese’s seminarians and families: Subdeacon Jacob & Mariana Kurtz, Reader Alexander Koropsak, Nicholas & Abigail Sheridan.

And for all who are seeking the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fullness of the Orthodox Faith.

Announcements

When writing checks for donations or other purposes, the check must be written to "Orthodox Church of St Herman", not "St Herman's Orthodox Church". This is causing some checks to be rejected by the bank. We're sorry for this inconvenience, but we are limited by the bank's policies.

This summer, free lunches are available to all children and teens 18 and under in the Shillington area, through the Governor Mifflin School District's Food Service department. The program runs from Tues 5/26 through Fri 8/14 (except for Friday July 3), from 11:30-1:00, at Mifflin Park Elementary (598 Governor Drive, Shillington). Children do not need to be Governor Mifflin students, but meals must be consumed on-site.

Our Diocesan Seminarians

We are blessed to have 3 seminarians from our sister parishes living and studying at our seminaries. It is a difficult life; spiritually, logistically, and financially. Seminarians usually do not have outside employment due to the intensity of their studies and other responsibilities, and many seminarian families struggle to make ends meet. We can help them with monetary gifts or gift cards sent directly to them. Even if you are unable, please add them to your daily prayers. *May God grant them good strength and many blessed years!*

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Attendance

Mon Apr 6 Bridegroom Matins: 9
Tue Apr 7 Bridegroom Matins: 5
Wed Apr 8 Unction: 11
Thu Apr 9 Holy Thursday Liturgy: 4
Thu Apr 9 Passion Gospels: 13
Fri Apr 10 Royal Hours: 5
Fri Apr 10 Burial Vespers: 13
Fri Apr 10 Holy Sat Matins: 23
Sat Apr 11 Holy Sat Liturgy: 16
Sat Apr 11 PASCHA: 26
Sun Apr 12 Paschal Vespers: 6
Tue Apr 14 Bright Tuesday Liturgy: 7

Sun Apr 19 : 28 adults, 2 children (Communion: 18 adults, 2 children)
Sun Apr 26 Liturgy: 25 adults, 0 children (Communion: 16 adults, 0 children)

2026 Memorial Day Pilgrimage at St Tikhon's Monastery

Friday May 22

- 4:00pm Opening of Pilgrimage; Vespers & Matins –Monastery Church
  All pilgrims are invited to dinner in the monastery dining hall.
- 7:00pm Commencement Speaker at the Seminary Convocation Center

Saturday May 23

- 9:00am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy – Monastery Church. *A meal for all pilgrims in the monastery dining hall to follow.*
- 1:00pm 84th Commencement of St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary
- 4:00pm Resurrection Vigil – Monastery Church. *Dinner for all pilgrims in the monastery dining hall to follow.*

Sunday May 24

- 9:00am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy –Monastery Church. *A meal for all pilgrims in the monastery dining hall to follow.*
- 4:30pm Vespers and Matins – Monastery Church

Monday May 25 – Memorial Day

- 7:30am Hours & early Divine Liturgy – All Saints Church
- 10:00am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy – Monastery Church
- 2:30pm Healing service to the Mother of God – All Saints Church
- 4:30pm Vespers, Matins, & closing of pilgrimage – Monastery Church
- *Food vendors will be onsite all day Monday in the Bookstore parking lot.*

CHRIST IS RISEN!

English:	Christ is risen!	*Indeed He is risen!*
Slavonic:	(C)hristos voskres(e)!	*Voistinu(i) voskres(e)!*
Greek:	Christos anesti!	*Alithos anesti!*
Arabic:	El Messieh q'ahm!	*Hakken q'ahm!*
Albanian:	Krishti U Ngjall!	*Vertet U Ngjall!*
German:	Christus ist auferstanden!	*Wahrlich, Er ist auferstanden!*
Spanish:	Cristo ha resucitado!	*En verdad ha resucitado!*
Latin:	Christus resurrexit!	*Vere resurrexit!*
French:	Le Christ est réssuscité!	*En verite il est réssuscité!*
Japanese:	Harisutos Fukkatsu!	*Jitsu ni Fukkatsu!*
Romanian:	Hristos a inviat!	*Adevărat a înviat!*
Georgian:	Kriste aghsdga!	*Cheshmaritad aghsdga!*
Irish Gaelic:	Tah Kreest asháyreeha!	*Ta shay asháyreeha guhdjévin!*

Social Hour & Church Cleanup Schedule

	Social Hour	**Church Clean-up**
May 3	Peggy Hay & Traci Weinstein	Marie Drosdak & John Waselus
May 10	Mat. Alexandra & Haven Black	Tina Gurnavage & Stephanie Drosdak
May 17	Kathy Wanenchak & Stephanie Selis	John Lorchak & Phyllis Kawood
May 24	Elaine Dougherty & Karin Holm	Marie Drosdak & Traci Weinstein
May 31	Tina Gurnavage & Marcia Lutz	Russ & Peggy Hay
June 7	Vicky McDonnell & Phyllis Kawood	Kyle & Daria Teter
	June 8 - 29: Apostles' Fast	
June 14	Marie Drosdak & Stephanie Drosdak	Eugene & Kathy Wanenchak
June 21	Karen Sichak & Becky Kauffman	Marie Drosdak & John Waselus
June 28	Daria Teter & Marina Long	Brad & Becky Kauffman

Welcome to all visitors who have prayed and celebrated the Divine Liturgy with us this morning! We invite all of you downstairs for fellowship after the conclusion of the Liturgy. If you have any questions, please reach out to Fr. John at any time. *We love you and hope to see you again!*

Please note: In the Orthodox Church, the receiving of Holy Communion is the sign of one's ***full participation in the mystery of the Faith****, and all Orthodox Christians should receive it frequently.*

For this reason, Communion is offered only to Orthodox Christians who are ***prepared*** *to receive it (through* ***prayer***, ***fasting***, *and a recent* ***confession****) and are* ***at peace with each other****. Those who partake of the Eucharist normally fast from food and drink in the morning before the Divine Liturgy, as they are able.*