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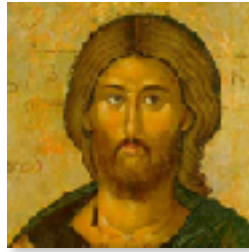
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Sunday, May 21, 2017-Sunday of the Blind Man

## **Schedule of Services and Events:**

Sunday, May 21; 10:00 AM-Divine Liturgy

Monday, May 22; 7:00 PM-Adult Catechism Class

Wednesday, May 24; 9:00 AM-Resurrection Matins; Last singing of *Christ is Risen!*

Wednesday, May 24; 7:00 PM-Vespers for Ascension

Thursday, May 25; 9:00 AM-Divine Liturgy for Ascension

Sunday, May 28; 10:00 AM-Divine Liturgy

## Upcoming Events

June 9-11-Camp Nazareth Family Camp

June 25-28-Diocesan Altar Boy Retreat

June 25-28-Young Women's Encounter

July 16-22-Camp Nazareth

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Our Diocese is pleased to announce its fifth annual Family Camp at Camp Nazareth this year in conjunction with Family Day. The event is exactly what it sounds like. Families “camping” together in the Camp cabins and participating in a weekend of services, games, discussions, activities and challenges that are all designed to help families deepen their relationship with God and with one another.

Family Camp is scheduled for Friday, June 9 – Sunday, June 11, 2017.

Don’t miss out on this opportunity for you and your family. Space is limited to the first 10 families, so register soon. Register online at [campnazareth.org](http://campnazareth.org). Registration closes after Friday, June 2. Visit [campnazareth.org](http://campnazareth.org) for more information.

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Registration for the Altar Boy Retreat and the Young Women’s Encounter is available online at our diocesan website: [www.acrod.org](http://www.acrod.org)

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Registration for Camp Nazareth is available online at [www.campnazareth.org](http://www.campnazareth.org)

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Camp Nazareth Family Day Raffle Tickets are now on sale. Tickets are \$20.00 each. Please see Fr. Nick to purchase tickets. Grand prize is \$10,000.00!



## Prayer List

### Living

Pani Donna (Smoley)	Thomas (Royko)	Kathryn (Royko)
Fr. James (Gleason)	Myra (Fabian)	Ethel (Rusyniak)
Fr. John (Zboyovski)	Angela (Hubiak)	Emerson (Sirilla)
Eileen (Bunevich)	Fr. George (Havrila)	Fr. George (Hutnyan)
Tiana (Hosta)	Virginia (Shymske)	Jakob (Hwang)
Matushka Katherine (Jula)	Jane	Pani Amy (George)

### Departed

Virgilia (Nicula)	Peter (Tatsis)	Infant Nazareth (Mihaly)
Fr. Paul (Herbert)	Marion (Fallon)	Pani Martha (Zeleniak)
George (Smisko)	Jack (Cochran)	Helen (Spanovich)
Brandy	Anthony	Thomas (Krafick)
Fr. William (George)	Fr. Ronald (Hazuda)	

*“Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects.” James 5:16*

If you have someone you would like to be added to the prayer list, please see Fr. Nick

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

May	
22	Logan & Doris Gatchell-Anniversary
24	Fr. David Smoley-Ordination Anniversary
25	James & Rosalie Strachan-Anniversary
27	Brian Royko



## *To Ponder*

Let's now turn to the word "spiritual blindness". We all had seen blind people, either from birth or accidents or as a result of other severe illnesses. Whenever we see a blind we sense sympathy, been sometimes moved to tears; that he cannot walk alone, nor that he is able to see the sky, or the sun, or the beauty of flowers (...)

However, much heavier and more worthy of tears is the blindness of man' mind and heart, of his will and of his consciousness. For the soul is more precious than the body. As our Savior had saith: *"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"* (Mark 8, 36-37).

**Spiritual blindness is one of the weightiest diseases of the soul – created by God for immortality – causing its death and eternal condemnation.** And so the healing of this illness is of a much grater difficulty and has more importance than the physical blindness. And, what do we understand by spiritual blindness? What else than the darkness and enslavement of man soul through all kinds of spiritual and bodily sins; the pride of the mind, the hardness of heart, the weakening of man will and conscience, the unbelief, the doubt in the faith, the sectarianism and despair, the pride and suicide, the killing of body and soul, the killing of the unborn, the hate and the anger among people, divorce, fornication, lies, desire for wealth, stinginess, greediness, drunkenness, laziness and many others.

All sins sicken and drag the soul into blindness and apathy, and the body into heavy disease with no cure. And if we don't renounce of those sins that enslave us, through repentance, confession and spiritual renewal, this spiritual blindness, as any disease, will lead to spiritual death and to condemnation of our soul to the torments of hell. **And so is the Christian man that renounces the faith and abandons the church founded by Christ and by His Holy Apostles and falls into all sorts of heresies – no other than a spiritually blinded man!** How about the Christian who does not come to the holy churches for years, does not pray nor read holy books and postpones repentance and confession until the hour of his death; is he someone other than a sick and a blinded man? And the man so called Christian who spends his time, his wealth and his health in earthly worries and deadly sins; what is he, if not a blind and an unfortunate soul? (...)

**Dear faithful,**

This earthly life is short, full of suffering and misleading, and the heavenly life is blessed and full of eternal bliss. Let us renounce the sins that blind and kill our soul and let us return to Christ. It is not enough to make the sign of the cross and say: *"Lord, Lord!"* For ***we need a spiritual and profound renewal of life.*** We are required

to free the eyes of our soul from passions and to wash them off into the water of Siloam, through the bath of confession, and to follow Christ and His church established on this earth. Let us pray, be humble and reconciled with one another so by regularly attending church, doing charity and raise our children in the true faith and love of God, we may become good Christians and true sons of the Orthodox Church and inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven. Amen.” —Elder Cleopa





Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind  
John 9

