

# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Tone 5 || Sunday of the Blind Man

**Epistle:** Acts 16:16-34 **GOSPEL:** JOHN 9:1-38

## Parish Contacts

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## THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

**Sunday, June 2nd: Sunday of the Blind Man** - 8:40am - Hours, 9:00am - Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship, Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday, June 5th:** Eve of Ascension; 6:00pm - Great Vespers

**Thursday, June 6th: Ascension;** 8:40am - Hours, 9:00am - Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, June 8th:** Great Vespers

**Sunday, June 9th: 1st Ecumenical Council-** 8:40am - Hours, 9:00am - Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship, Choir Rehearsal

**Welcome** to all our visitors and guests who participate in our celebration of the Divine Liturgy today. We are glad you are here. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Liturgy. We also hope you will join us for the Fellowship Hour.

### CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

Today is the Sunday of the Man born Blind. The miracle described in today's Gospel (John 9:1-38) is even more remarkable than it might seem at first. Saint Basil and other Fathers tell us that this was not just a case of giving sight to a blind man born with eyes that did not function, but to someone who had no eyes at all! The second Exapostilarion for this Sunday says, "Along the way, our Savior found a man who lacked both sight and eyes...".

The Gospel says, "Since the world began, it was not heard that any man opened the eyes of one who was born blind" (John 9:32). There are examples in the Old (Tobit 2:17) and New (Mark 8:22-26) Testaments of blind people receiving sight, but this is something completely unprecedented.

The Savior placed clay in the man's empty sockets and told him to wash in the pool of Siloam. When he obeyed these instructions, the eyes of clay became living eyes!

**Feast of Ascension:** We will celebrate the Great Feast of Ascension on Wednesday evening, June 5th, with Vespers and Litya at 6pm and the Divine Liturgy on Thursday, June 6th at 9am. The very existence of the Church is the fruit of the Ascension. It is in the Church that man's nature is truly ascended to the Divine heights. "And gave Him to be Head over all things" (Ephesians 1:22). We pray you will be with us.

## Prayer List

### +Memory Eternal:

All departed Faithful of Holy Trinity

### For the Health of:

Archpriest Jason	Elizabeth
Archpriest Herman	Kristen
Priest Joel, Mat. Margaret Brady & Child Isadora	
Rdr. David	Katherine
Rdr. Thomas	Ruth
Rdr. William	Helen
Nadezhda	Elizabeth
Kathleen	Anastasia
Child Hannah	Margarete
Leon	Mary Ann
Kate	Sierra
Antonina	Alexander
Gregory	Melissa
Sarah	Michael
Harriett	Carol
Kathryn & unborn Child	Maria

### Traveling:

Michael and Nancy Karney  
 Nadezhda Melnik - Wintering in SC  
 All those traveling in this Summer season.

### Special Intentions:

Bridget

### Parish Children:

Lucia	Natalie	Angelina	Nadia
Hannah	Emilia	John	Nathan
Jeremiah	Patrick	Thomas	Justus
Andrew	Dimitri	Nikolai	
Myra	Jonah	Melania	
Anthony	Gabriel	Alexei	
Anysia	Anna	Larissa	
Lydia	Katherine	Julianna	

**On the Leavetaking of Pascha:** On Wednesday of the sixth week of Pascha, (June 5th) we celebrate the Leavetaking of the Feast. While most Feasts have their Leavetaking on the eighth day, Pascha, the Feast of Feasts, has its Leavetaking on the thirty-ninth day. The fortieth day is the Feast of the Lord’s Ascension, which marks the end of the Lord’s physical presence on earth. He does not abandon us, however. He has promised to be with us always, even until the end of the age (MT 20:28).

After the Dismissal at Liturgy, the paschal hymns are no longer sung. The prayer “O Heavenly King” is not said or sung until Pentecost. The Winding Sheet (Plaschanitsa) is taken from the altar and is put in its proper place until next year.

We will not have a Liturgy this year at Holy Trinity for the Leavetaking of Pascha, so it is our joy to greet you one last time today with CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN! We pray that you had a beautiful Paschal season!

## Parish Feast Day - June 16th Holy Pentecost

Following the Festal Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Pentecost we invite everyone to enjoy a festive luncheon in celebration of our 103rd Parish Feast Day. A catered main entree will be provided and we ask everyone to bring a side dish to pass. Invite your Friends, Family and Neighbors to join us for this Festive occasion!

### Fellowship Schedule:

### Readers Schedule:

<b>June 9th:</b>	Karney Family	<b>June 8th &amp; 9th:</b>	Alexander Charlanow
<b>June 16th: Pentecost</b>	<b>Parish Feast Day Dinner</b>	<b>June 15th &amp; 16th:</b>	Sdcn. Shawn Michael
<b>June 23rd</b>	King/Lyon Family	<b>June 22nd &amp; 23rd:</b>	Carol Haluszczak
<b>June 30th</b>	Charlanow Family	<b>June 29th &amp; 30th:</b>	Steve Cheplick
<b>July 7th:</b>	Potluck - Dish to Pass	<b>July 6th &amp; 7th:</b>	Rdr. William