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BULLETIN – 6TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN

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Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!

Kristus vstal zmr'tvych! Skutoc ne vstal!

Ua ala hou `o Kristo! Ua ala `l `o no `oia!

DIVINE SERVICES ONLINE

To see the list of links for accessing online services, please go here:

<https://www.antiochian.org/dashboard?name=COVID-19>

NEEDS & SURPLUS

If you have a surplus of

- **bleach, household cleaners, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, water, canned and jarred food (especially vegetables), frozen foods, diapers, paper towels**

and want to share with others in our parish who need these items, please bring them to the parish hall **on Saturdays from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**. If you have a need, please call Marilyn Spurgeon at (831) 345-5448 or email her at mlspurgeon64@gmail.com. The Kindness Ministry Team will then work out a time/place for items to be distributed to those in need.

MORE ONLINE RESOURCES

The Department of Homeschooling and other Archdiocese ministries are offering learning opportunities, support, and curriculum resources for all ages. Go here for more info:

<https://www.antiochian.org/regulararticle/622>

ONLINE DONATING

To donate online, go to <https://ssppaoc.org/#>. When the home page comes up, at the top right, you will see “Support Our Parish”. Select “Donate Online” and that will take you to a page with a list of possible donations and a place to pay tithe.

AOCWNA TALKS

The Antiochian Women of our Diocese will be hosting “The Sowing Bee...Planting Seeds of Wisdom, Hope & Love” which will be an ongoing series of talks. The premiere talk will be by our own spiritual advisor, Fr. David Hovik, on Tuesday, May 26 from 7–8:15 pm. This talk will be on the Zoom platform. The link will be posted on the Diocese of Los Angeles and the West Facebook page that day, or interested attendees can email in advance to antiochianwomenla@gmail.com and will be sent the link the day before. The goal is for this to be an ongoing series of talks.

Many Years!

May 24

Gloria Gay Reed

This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul—May 25-31, 2020

5/30 Sat Great Vespers

**5/31 Sun Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy –
Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council**

Looking Ahead –

Services will be conducted similarly to what is listed above until further notice from the Antiochian Archdiocese and the County of Santa Cruz. Please remember to pray at home.

6th Sunday of Pascha

*O Light of Light most perfect, and Light-provider,
On the blind from birth, O Word, eyes
Thou bestowest.*

On this day, the sixth Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the miracle wrought by our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ upon the man who was blind from his birth.

The Savior met this man, born blind and incurable after every human effort, while leaving the Temple on the Sabbath. Saints John Chrysostom, Basil the Great and Irenaeus teach that the man was born without eye. Jesus spat into the dirt, made clay, rubbed it in his eye sockets and told him to wash in the pool of Siloam, a famous water spring in Jerusalem. The Savior did not send him there because his eye sockets were covered in clay, not did the pool have healing power, but instead to test his faith and obedience. The blind man proclaimed that Jesus healed him, but this confession caused him to be cast out by the enemies of the truth. Even his own parents would not defend him.

However, the blind man followed Jesus from that moment forward.

By Thine infinite mercy, O Christ our God, Giver of light, have mercy on us. Amen.

“Firmly believe that the Lord is at all times everything to you. During prayer He is the power and the fulfillment in the Holy Spirit of each of your words. During pious conversation He is your living water, the ardent flow of your words at all times. He is everything to you. Be free from care in the presence of your Lord, He has enclosed you with Himself upon all sides. He penetrates you wholly and knows all your thoughts, all your needs and inclinations, and if you live in Him with faith and love, then no evil shall befall you. ‘The Lord is at hand; be careful for nothing’ (Phil. 4:6).

St. John of Kronstadt

“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.” (Gal. 6:9-10)

–with love from Fr. George