

# NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**21 May 2017**

*Sunday of the Blind Man (6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha)*

*Holy Equals-to-the-Apostles Emperor Constantine and Helen*

*St. Cassian the Greek, monk*

**Epistle:** Acts 16:16-34

**Reader:** Anita Anderson

**Gospel:** John 9:1-38

**Tone:** Pentecostarian/Tone 5

*Christ is Risen!*

*Indeed He is Risen!*

## UPCOMING FEASTS & SERVICES:

Wednesday, May 24 *Leave-Taking of Pascha*

Thursday, May 25 *Ascension of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*

Sunday, May 28 *Holy Fathers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ecumenical Council (7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha)*

*Afterfeast of the Ascension*

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy & Anointing of the Sick

Sunday, June 4 *Holy Pentecost*

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**PLEASE NOTE** that because of the joy of the Paschal Season, there is NO kneeling in church from Pascha until Pentecost Sunday. We will be singing "Chrystos Voskres!" / "Christ is Risen" for 40 days.

**READER'S LIST:** Mike Ratai (5/28), Andy Olear (6/4), Andrei Marinich (6/11)

**FOLLOWING TODAY'S DIVINE LITURGY** there will be a Memorial Litia for Metropolitan Constantine of Blessed Memory on the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his passing.

**PRAYER SERVICE FOR CHILDREN & PARENTS:** Every Monday at 7 pm at St. Andrew's Memorial Church.

**BOOK CLUB:** New club to meet and discuss Orthodox theological writings and topic based discussion. Will meet third Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at St. Sophia Library at the Consistory. Free will donation. Refreshments will be served. Next meeting: June 15 (Book: Meditations on the Divine Liturgy by N. Gogol)

**ALTAR SERVERS RETREAT:** 10-12 August 2017, hosted at Sts. Peter & Paul UOC in Palos Park, IL. Cost \$150. If interested, seek Fr. Vasyl for the registration form and for more info.

**SACRED MUSIC WORKSHOP:** 12-16 June 2017, held at St. Sophia Seminary (Somerset, NJ). Cost \$200 for full seminary experience of worship, instruction, and prayer, dynamic theological instruction, hands-on instruction on chanting and choral directing, classes on Ukrainian music and music appreciation. Daily evening lectures are free to the public (see flyer for daily lecture topics).

**THANK YOU** to Peg Kopchak for collecting Pascha flower donations. A total of \$175 was collected to help cover the \$228 bill for the flowers.

**ITEMS FOR THE PARISH:** paper plates and cups.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** Please utilize the Help or Building Fund envelopes to make a one-time donation to cover the cost of a new replacement window in the parish home next door.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** will take place after Divine Liturgy on the last Sunday of each month.

**COFFEE HOUR:** Please join us after Divine Liturgy for coffee hour and fellowship in the parish hall. Please sign up in the parish hall to host a Sunday coffee hour.

**PRAYERS:** Please keep in your prayers this week Fr. Bazyl, Fr. Vasyl, Fr. Victor, Fr. Ivan, Fr. Stephen, Dobrodijka Ivanka, Lyudmila, Steffie Tybor, Nettie Sherby, Anita Anderson, Olga Almind, Maryanne Quartuccio, Kathie Thomas, Bill Shluze, Natalia, Taissa, Andy Olear, Joyce Pein, Flo Ratai, Jacob, David, Yana, Serhij, Angelina and Patricio. *If you or your loved ones are sick or in the hospital, please let Fr. Vasyl know.*

*Out of respect for God's House, please keep all communication to a minimum.  
Please join us in the church hall after Liturgy for food and fellowship.  
Attend Church as a Family!*