



## Ukrainian Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist

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### SUNDAY MAY 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA – OF THE MAN BORN BLIND – TONE 5

The Church presents a poor man who was born blind. The Jews believed that his blindness was God's punishment for some sin. Christ declared that his misfortune was not a punishment, but an act of divine providence "that the goodness and wisdom of God may become known in the world through the sufferings of men."

**EPISTLE READING: ACTS 16: 16 – 34 GOSPEL READING: JOHN 9: 1 - 38**

10:30 am (UKR/ENG)	High Divine <u>Combined</u> Liturgy for our Parishioners General Meeting follows in the church hall
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Today is the leave-taking of Pascha, and thus the last day on which we sing "Christ is Risen"

### THURSDAY JUNE 2, 2011 – THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

This feast is of great age. St. Augustine (354 – 430) attests that it is of apostolic origin. An ancient tradition relates that Christ's Ascension took place on the Mount of Olives. This feast commemorates the departure of Christ in His glorified body from this world to the right hand of God the Father in heaven. In the Eastern Church the feast is called "Voznesennia" or "Taking up." The glorious ascension of Jesus in the presence of His apostles and disciples took place forty days after His resurrection. Wherefore the Ascension is celebrated on the fortieth day after Easter to commemorate this event.

9:00 am (UKR)	Divine Liturgy for our Parishioners
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### FRIDAY JUNE 3, 2011

6:30 pm (ENG)	Divine Liturgy with Panakhyda for the repose of the soul of the servant of God +James N. Hume (40 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) (Offered by Edwin & Shirley Derkach Family)
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### SATURDAY JUNE 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011

8:30 am (ENG / UKR)	Divine Liturgy with Panakhyda for the repose of the soul of the servant of God +Luba Pich (Offered by Edwin & Shirley Derkach Family)
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### SUNDAY JUNE 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA – OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL OF NICEA (325 AD)

TONE 6

This Sunday reminds us of the first universal Council assembled at Nicaea in 325. The Council was convened by the first Christian Emperor Constantine the Great with the sanction of Pope Sylvester 1. Three hundred and eighteen Bishops, mostly Eastern, under the presidency of Hosius and two Roman priests, legates of the Holy See, took part in the council. The Council condemned the heresy of Arius, a priest from Alexandria. Arius denied that Christ was really and truly God. The Council proclaimed that Jesus is true God, consubstantial with the Father. It defined the true Catholic teaching in a formula which later was expanded into the "Nicene Creed." The Latin Church does not have a special feast in honor of the Fathers of

the Nicaean Council. The Holy Fathers of the Church are the eminent preachers, writers and defenders of the Faith distinguished by the following three characteristics: Personal sanctity, solidity ( Orthodoxy) of their teaching in all their writings, sermons and antiquity (up to the eighth century). The most prominent Fathers of the Eastern Church are: St. Irenaeus, St. Athanasius, St. Cyril of Alexandria, St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory the Theologian, St. John Chrysostom and St. Ephrem. The Church commemorates the remembrance of these valiant defenders of the faith to remind her faithful of their duty to defend the treasure of their faith against any possible attack and to live according to its maxims and principles.

**EPISTLE READING – ACTS 20: 16 – 18; 28 – 36**

**GOSPEL READING – JOHN 17: 1 - 13**

9:00 am (UKR)	High Divine Liturgy for our Parishioners followed by an U.C.W.L Meeting in the Church hall
10:30 am (ENG)	High Divine Liturgy for the Health & Salvation of Dr. Peter Wozniak in celebration of his birthday (Offered by Edwin & Shirley Derkach Family)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Condolences to the family of Luba Pich who passed away early Saturday morning . May her memory be eternal!**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ-

May The Holy Spirit guide you to make good choices for the election of the new committee.

Thanks to the last committee and its chairman Mr. Yaroslav Lagoszniak for an excellent job in keeping this church alive. The new committee has even a greater challenge in the work required to keep this parish floating as our parish is getting smaller and the tasks are getting greater.

The new chairperson must be a believer, church goer, active parish member and good organizer.

Best wishes today to the newly elected committee.

The last charity breakfast (before the summer) for the Knight's of Columbus will be held next Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

A reminder of The Sunflowers Senior's Club Meeting next Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 1 pm.

Next meeting for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jubilee celebration will be held on Monday June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 6:30 pm.