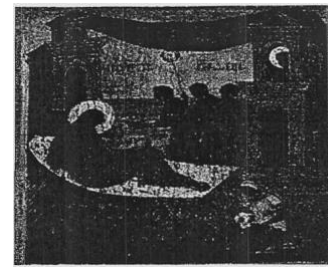


## John 9:1-38

### *Gospel*

At that time, Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?" Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he." Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight." Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself." His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was the Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner." He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see." Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered and said to them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?" Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from." The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking to you." Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.



### Schedule

#### Sunday, May 21, 2023

*Blind Man*

*Blessing of Motor Vehicles  
following Divine Liturgy*

#### Wednesday, May 24, 2023

6:00 P.M. Vesperal Divine  
Liturgy

#### Thursday, May 25, 2023

*Feast of Ascension of our Lord*

#### Friday, May 26, 2023

7:00 P.M. Vespers

#### Saturday, May 27, 2023

*St. John the Russian*

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

#### Sunday, May 28, 2023

*Fathers of the First Ecumenical  
Council*

9:30 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

#### Friday, June 2, 2023

7:00 P.M. Vespers

#### Saturday, June 3, 2023

*Soul Saturday*

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

#### Sunday, June 4, 2023

*Holy Pentecost*

9:00 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

*followed immediately by Vespers  
of Pentecost with Kneeling  
prayers*

## Nativity of the Virgin Mary

### Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

**Sunday, May 21, 2023**

*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha; The Healing of the Man  
Born Blind; Ss. Consantine & Helen*

[www.nativityofthevirgin.com](http://www.nativityofthevirgin.com)

*"To repent - means to feel in our hearts the falsehood,  
the madness, the guilt of our sins, it means - to  
acknowledge that we have offended, by them, our  
Creator, our Lord, our Father and Benefactor, Who is  
infinitely holy, and infinitely abhors sin, it means, to  
desire, with the whole soul, to amend and to expiate  
our sins." My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

### Troparion

*Resurrection*

**TONE 5**

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, Co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His Glorious Resurrection.

*Saints*

**TONE 8**

Having seen the figure of the Cross in the heavens, and like Paul not having received his call from men, O Lord, Thine apostle among rulers, the Emperor Constantine, has been set by Thy hand as ruler over the Imperial City that he preserved in peace for many years, through the prayers of the Theotokos, O only lover of mankind.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*

### Kontakia

*Saints*

**TONE 3**

Today Constantine and his mother Helen reveal the precious Cross, the weapon of the faithful against their enemies. For our sakes, it has been shown to be a great sign, and fearsome in battle.

## Prayer Requests

### Those in this earthly life

Matushka Jenna	Mikaela	Joseph
Priest Jacob	Zachary	Michael
Michael	Dymphna & CTBB	Barb
John	Justin	Barbara
Aaron	Hope	Mark
Reader George	Nicholas	Angela
Marie	Theodora	Elijah
Priest Joseph <i>Strzelecki</i>	John	Sophia
Presbyteria Irené	Cyndi	Matushka Tanya
Karen	Diana	Mary
Norma	Amy	Archpriest Moses
Peter	Michael	Archpriest John
Rebecca	Joseph	Matushka Margaret
Nicholas	Andrew	Matthew
Archpriest Christopher	Magdalene	Priest Joseph
Yulia	Barbara	Archpriest Michael
Patrick	Rebecca	Matushka Virginia
Shawn	Nancy	Paul
Gabriella	Maria	Mary
Catechumen Rebecca	Elaine	Nicholas
Marie	Victor	Andrew
Michael	Wilma	Anthony
Reader Michael	Michael	Christopher
Michelle	April	Jackie

### Those in the life to come

Richard  
Child of God Luke  
Jeff  
Archpriest Thomas  
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS  
Archpriest Vladimir  
Archbishop PAUL

*Now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen*

*Blind Man*

**TONE 4**

I come to Thee, O Christ, blind from birth in my spiritual eyes and I call to Thee in repentance: Thou art the most radiant light of those in darkness!

*Prokeimenon*

**TONE 8:** Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

**Vs.** In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.

**Another (Saints) TONE 8:** Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe!

### The Act of the Holy Apostles 16:16 – 34

*Epistle*

At that time: as we went to prayer, it happened that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, “These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation.” And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And he came out that very hour. But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities. And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, “These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble the city; and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe.” Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods. And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were loosed. And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, “Do yourself no harm, for we are all here.” Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.” Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

Alleluia

*Look upon me and have mercy on me.*

*v: Direct my steps according to Thy word.*

*v: I have exalted one chosen out of My people.*