



THE PROTOMARTYR



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**CHRIST IS RISEN!
SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN**

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6th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 5. Blind Man. Virgin Martyr Theodosia of Tyre (307-308).
Repose of Bl. John of Ustiug, Fool-for-Christ (1494). Commemoration of the First Ecumenical
Council (325). Virgin Martyr Theodosia, Nun, of Constantinople (726-730).

EPISTLE: Acts 16:16-34

GOSPEL: John 9:1-38

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Monday, May 30	<i>Memorial Day Pilgrimage to St. Tikhon's Monastery</i> Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at St. Tikhon's 10:00 AM
Wednesday, June 1	<i>Eve of Ascension</i> Great Vespers w. Lytia 7:00 PM
Thursday, June 2	Ascension of the Lord Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM Vespers 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:30 PM
Saturday, June 4	Great Vespers 5 PM Confessions
Sunday, June 5	<i>Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council</i> Divine Liturgy (Slavonic) 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 10 AM <i>Pancake Breakfast by Jr. OCF following the service</i>

Graduate Recognition Sunday: Next Sunday, June 5 is our Graduate Recognition Sunday. On this day we will recognize our parishioners that are graduating from High School and other educational institutions. We will also recognize all the children who participated this year in our Sunday School program. We are still collecting the names of our parishioners that are graduating this year. If you know of anyone who will be completing their education (High School, College or University), please give the names and institution information to Fr. Victor.

MEMORIAL DAY PILGRIMAGE: For over 100 years now the faithful of this part of the country would annually gather for Memorial Day pilgrimage to St. Tikhon's Monastery and Seminary to participate in the Divine Liturgy and other services as a sign of support of monasticism of our Orthodox Church in this country. It is our duty to continue this tradition since the monastic life is the stronghold of the Orthodox Faith. We hope that many of our parishioners will be able to dedicate their Memorial Day to the pilgrimage to America's oldest monastery. For those who made their reservations for a van trip to St. Tikhon's, we will be leaving from St. Stephen's parking lot tomorrow at 6:45 AM.

Sisterhood meeting: will take place next Sunday after Liturgy to discuss the activities for the rest of the year. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend!

Blessing of the Graves: In these days following Pascha it is a custom in the Orthodox Church to bless the graves of our departed loved ones. If you would like to schedule a grave blessing please call Fr. Victor to make an appointment.

Relics of St. Nectarios of Egina: will be available for veneration on Tuesday afternoon May 31, 2011 at HOLY TRINITY ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH in Philadelphia (located at 230 Brown Street, Phila. PA 19123). Recognized for their healing powers, the relics of St. Nectarios of Egina, which are preserved at the Radu Vodă Monastery in Bucharest, will arrive at HOLY TRINITY CHURCH Tuesday afternoon around 4 pm with Akathist to St. Nectarios at 6 PM.