

Sunday of the Blind Man

The miracle described in today's Gospel (John 9:1-38) is even more remarkable than it might seem at first. Saint Basil and other Fathers tell us that this was not just a case of giving sight to a blind man born with eyes that did not function, but to someone who had no eyes at all! The second Exapostilarion for this Sunday says, "Along the way, our Savior found a man who lacked both sight and eyes..."

The Gospel says, "Since the world began, it was not heard that any man opened the eyes of one who was born blind" (John 9:32). There are examples in the Old (Tobit 2:17) and New (Mark 8:22-26) Testaments of blind people receiving sight, but this is something completely unprecedented.

The Savior placed clay in the man's empty sockets and told him to wash in the pool of Siloam. When he obeyed these instructions, the eyes of clay became living eyes!

In his MENAION, Saint Demetrius of Rostov calls the blind man Saint Celidonius

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Readings

Epistle Acts 16:16-34

Gospel John 9:1-38

Tone 5 Troparion (Resurrection)

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.

Tone 4 Kontakion (Pentecostarion)

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

Tone 8 Kontakion (Pascha)

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming, "Rejoice!" to the Myrrhbearing Women,// granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.



This Week at St. Herman's

Sunday, June 6th– *Sunday of Blind Man*

- 9:30 AM—Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, June 8th– *St. John of Kronstadt*

Fr Daniel and Dn Christopher in Kirkland for WOCA meeting

- 6:30 PM—Paschal Vespers

Wednesday, June 9th– *Leavetaking of Pascha*

Fish Wine & Oil

- 6:30 AM—Paschal Liturgy
- 6:30 PM—Vigil

Thursday, June 10th– *Ascension of Our Lord*

- 8:00 AM—Divine Liturgy

Saturday, June 12th - *Venerable Onuphrius the Great*

- 6:30 PM—Great Vespers + Confessions