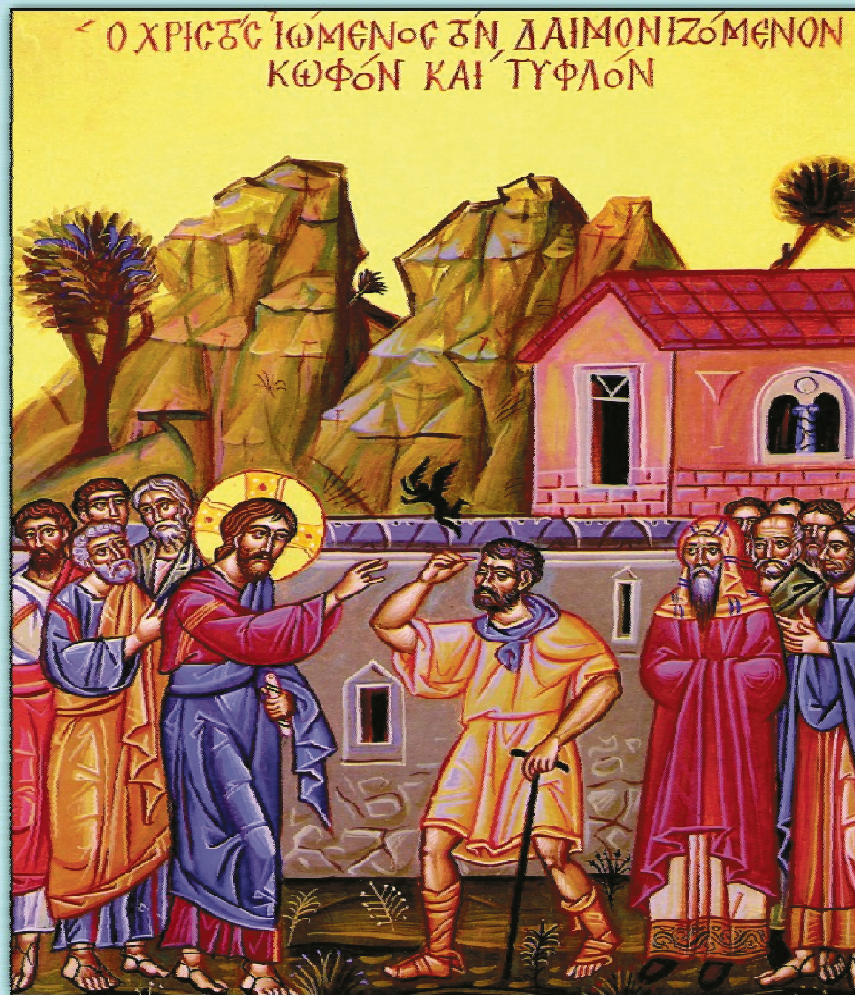


THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Healing the Blind Beggar — (Luke 18:35–43)

Healing the Blind

As Jesus is approaching Jericho with his followers, a blind beggar (named Bartimeus in St. Mark) calls out: ‘Son of David, have mercy on me!’ and persists even though the crowd tries to silence him. Jesus has them bring the man to him and asks what he wants; he asks to be able to see again. Jesus tells him that his faith has cured him; he immediately regains his sight and follows Jesus.

Apart from telling a miracle story that shows the power of Jesus, the author of the Gospel uses this story to advance a clearly theological purpose. It shows a character who understands who Jesus is and the proper way to respond to him - with faith. The use of the title, ‘Son of David’ serves to identify Jesus as the Messiah. It was also a reference to Jesus’ kingly authority, which the Jews would have seen as placing him

at odds with Caesar. The emperor was the perceived proper referent of the call of *kyrie eleison*, as he would have been referred to as *kyrios* in Greek (‘lord’ in English).

The Gospel of Matthew has two unnamed blind men, sitting by the roadside; Jesus is ‘moved by compassion’ and touches their eyes. 20:29–34 A version of the same story is told earlier in the narrative, when Jesus is preaching in Galilee. On this occasion, he asks the blind men if they believe he can cure them, and when they assure them they do, he commends their faith and touches their eyes, restoring their sight. He warns them to tell nobody of this, but they go and spread the news throughout the district. (Matthew 9:27–31)

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BAPTISM:

HOW DOES IT IMPACT OUR LIFE?



When Jesus was about 30 years old, he left his home in Nazareth. He left the security of his family and the trade that he had been practicing for several years.

He traveled about 90 miles to the desert area near Jerusalem, where for some time a famous prophet-like person had been preaching. Great crowds were coming from all directions to hear him.

This person was John. He preached repentance and reform. He performed a ritual in which people came into the river, were immersed and, thus, manifested their repentance and their decision to reform.

Jesus found his way to John and was perhaps there for weeks or months, listening, among the people.

Then one day, Jesus stepped forward and went into the water and was baptized by John in this ritual.

It was the turning point in the short life of Jesus. He began leading the life of an itinerant preacher, a miracle worker, a healer.

We, too, have been baptized.

Has it been a turning point in our life?

January 16, 2022

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Liturgy Schedule

Monday	January 17	8:00 a.m.	†Peter Knapik Family by Joseph Klinkovsky
Tuesday	January 18	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Choma by Linda/Eric Primuth
Wednesday	January 19	8:00 a.m.	Intention of John Macik by Macik Family
Thursday	January 20	8:00 a.m.	†Marie Wegas by Deacon Bill/Nancy Fredrick
Friday	January 21	8:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving by Dr. Bogomir Kuhar
Saturday	January 22	4:00 p.m.	†Jeremy Gans by John/Nancy Gans
Sunday	January 23	10:30 a.m.	Intention of the Parishioners

		Altar Servers	Lectors	Greeters
January 22	4:00 p.m.	D. Kattler & J. Mosgo	D. Doane	C. Kattler & Judy Weitzel
January 23	10:30 a.m.	J. & W. Hallis	S. Jaroscak	K. Lambourne & J. Klinovsky

Pray hardest when it is hardest to pray.

Faith

Faith is the very foundation of our lives as Byzantine Christians. Without faith, God cannot fully reveal Himself to us through Jesus Christ.

A Trusting Faith...

Faith involves **trust** in God.

By **faith** Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain...By **faith** Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, took heed and constructed an ark...By **faith** Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son...By **faith** Moses left Egypt...By **faith** he kept the Passover...By **faith** the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land...What more shall I say?

(Hebrews 11:4, 7, 17, 27-30, 32)

A Believing Faith...

Christian faith involves more than trust. If God is to reveal Himself to us, we must first **believe** in Him.

Without faith it is impossible to please Him. For whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him. (Hebrews 11:6)

A Living Faith...

Trust and belief are not just mental exercises. Faith must **actively affect our lives**.

It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)

Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father in me; or else believe me for the sake of the words themselves. Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do. (John 14:11-12)

Moleben for Unborn

In conjunction with the infamous Roe V. Wade decision (January 22, 1973) when the Supreme Court legalized abortion in the U.S., **Deacon Bill** is offering a **“Moleben Service for the Unborn”** on **Friday** starting at **7:00** with the rosary. You are encouraged to attend.

ByzanTEEN Gathering

Area **ByzanTEENS** will meet in our Education Center **tonight** at **5:00**. **Fr. Lukas Mitro** and **Fr. Cyril Pinchak SJ** are conducting the sessions. All high school students are encouraged to attend!



The **Knights of Columbus of Garfield Hts.** was able to donate \$1,300.00 to the **“Coats for Kids Campaign.”** The money came from a number of local parishes. The Council thanks members of our parish who contributed.

Holy Water Always Available

The Holy Water Blessed on the Feast of Our Lord's Baptism is available in the font located and appropriately marked in the vestibule. (Bring your own container.) It's there for your convenience all year round!



The new name for our Party Center will be announced soon! There were over forty suggestions submitted.

Please Tune In!

St. Joseph will be featured on **“Where We Worship”** on AM 1260 The Rock on **Sunday, January 16** at **11:00 a.m.** and also on **Saturday, January 22** at **4:30**. Hope you tune in!



Your Weekly Offering

January 9, 2022

Sunday:	\$6,514.00
e-giving:	315.00
Student Envelopes:	7.00
Cash:	142.00
Candles:	206.00
Holy Days:	478.00
Horizons:	135.00
Initial Envelope Offering:	99.00
Flowers:	25.00
Building Fund:	20.00
Christmas:	643.00
Total:	\$8,584.00

Have you remembered St. Joseph Church in your Will and/or Trust?

Mirovanije \$\$

Last weekend's mirovanije collection of \$221.00 was sent to the Lyceum School (**Luke Macik** Headmaster) as part of their annual appeal.

2021 Donations/Financial Report

We have officially closed the books on donations for 2021. Anything received from this point onward will be marked for this year. We are hoping to have your individual donations along with the parish financial report in your hands by the last weekend of this month. (If you need numbers earlier than that, contact **Michele Wiltshire** at **440-526-0016**.)

Community News

- The **9th Annual Women's Retreat** sponsored by **St. Mary Church (Marblehead)** is set for **March 18-20** at Our Lady of the Pines in Fremont. Registration brochures can be found on the desk in the vestibule. Deadline is March 1. (Fr. Cyril Pinchak SJ will be the presenter.)
- The **First Men's Retreat** sponsored by **St. Mary Church (Marblehead)** is scheduled for **March 11-13** at Our Lady of the Pines in Fremont. Registration brochures can be found on the desk in the vestibule. The deadline is February 22. (Fr. Ivan Chirovsky will be the presenter.)

Photo Highlights From
The Feast of Our Lord's Baptism
and
The Solemn Blessing of Water



Both priests sprinkling members of the congregation with the newly blessed water



Father Bruce immersing the three-branched candle (trojca) into "The Jordan" with the accompanying prayer (book held by Fr. VasyI)

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LADIES' AUXILIARY: 2nd Sunday of the month after liturgy

MEN'S CLUB: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

A-OK CLUB: 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

FOREVER YOUNG CLUB: 3rd Wednesday of the month (12-2)

COFFEE SOCIAL: Every Sunday after liturgy

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Sundays 9:00 a.m.–10:20 a.m.

BULLETIN INFORMATION DEADLINE: Tuesday noon

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