



# SAINT IRENE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PASCHA SUNDAY OF THE BORN BLIND

### Schedule of Services May 9—May 16

**Sunday, May 9—Sunday of the Man Born Blind**  
9:45 a.m. Third Hour  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For Parishioners of St. Irene and for Our Living Mothers*

**Monday, May 10**  
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday, May 11**  
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday, May 12**  
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**Thursday, May 13—The Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ**  
7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy

**Friday, May 14**  
7:00 p.m. Moleben in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Saturday, May 15**  
No Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, May 16—Sunday of the Fathers of the First Nicean Council**  
9:45 a.m. Third Hour  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For parishioners, founders, donors, decorators of our church and for their relatives*



### WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS & GUESTS WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY

Whether you're searching for a new church home or just visiting, we're glad you're with us today. If you are looking for God, have a prayer request, looking for more information about the Eastern Catholic Church, would like to join our parish, or would like to speak with Fr. Vasyl, we invite you to fill out a visitor's card and drop it in the offering basket as your offering today. Please join us for our coffee hour in the Parish hall following the Divine Liturgy. We want to get to know you! God bless you!

"So this is how the Holy Eucharist is Christ the Lord Himself, He is our Passover. The word Pascha means passing over. The passing was through the Red Sea, from slavery to freedom. But now the transition is from death to life and from earth to heaven"

+ Daniel of Romania

### Please remember in your prayers:



**For health and salvation:** Fr. Chris Zugger, Tony and family, Michael Baron, Brenda Washicko, Ed, Denis, Max, Mary, Mary, Vasyl Zhabko

**For repose of the departed:** +Bishop Gerald N Dino, +Fr. Frank Knusel,  
*Please let me know if you would like to add new names to our prayer list.*

**Catholic Home Missions Appeal** Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we raised \$[AMOUNT] to help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

**Mayivka:** A Moleben in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be served every Friday at 7:00 p.m. starting Friday, May 14th. We encourage all the parishioners and guests to attend these services in honor of the Theotokos, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Come yourself and invite your friends to this service in honor of the Mother of God.

This Thursday is the feast of the **Ascension of Our Lord**. This is the one of most important feasts of the church year. 40 days after He rose from the dead, Christ, with His human body, ascended to the Father, and will send for a Comforter, the Holy Spirit in 9 days on the feast of Pentecost

Pride does not allow the soul to set out on the path of faith. Here is my advice to the unbeliever: let him say, "Lord, if you exist, then illumine me, and I will serve you with all my heart and soul." And for this humble thought and readiness to serve God, the Lord will immediately illumine him... And then your soul will sense the Lord; she will sense that the Lord has forgiven her, and loves her, and you will know this from experience, and the grace of the Holy Spirit will be a witness in your soul of your salvation, and you will want to cry out to the whole world: "The Lord loves us so much!"

*St. Silouan the Athonite*

**ANSWERING GOD'S CALL:** "One thing I do know: that though I was blind, now I see!" The healing love of Christ gave sight to the man born blind. Have you received the eyes to spiritually see your calling in life? Is he calling you to help the world see Him more clearly by a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, monastic or religious life? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)



**Eparchial Appeal 2021:** We are in a time of Annual collection "Eparchial Appeal 2021". Total Pledged To-Date is \$300.00 (3.94% of Goal). Our goal is \$7,607.33. Some can donate more, some less. Our goal is that everyone in our parish takes part in this collection. Kindly give what you can to help our Eparchy and our Church. There are few ways to donate: \*You can donate online. Please go to [ephx.org](http://ephx.org), then click "Home- Eparchy of Phoenix," then click "Giving". Make sure you note that you are from St. Irene Church, Portland OR \*You can ask Father for the 2021 Eparchial Appeal brochure, Pledge / Payment form. \* Mail the check to St. Irene. Please write a check to St. Irene and put in memo "The Eparchial Appeal". Thank you for your generosity.

### Happy Mothers Day:

*On the occasion of Mother's Day, best wishes go to all our mothers, godmothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers.*

*We wish you good health, long life and the Lord's choicest blessings. May the Holy Mother of God guard and protect you.*

*Many Happy and Blessed Years!*

### PRAYER FOR ALL MOTHERS

O almighty and eternal God, Lord of both the living and the dead, Your tender mercy embraces all men foreknown to be Yours by faith and a good life. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary our Mother, and of all the saints, grant Your merciful pardon to all mothers for whom we pray, whether they still are living in this world or have departed from this flesh into the world to come. Especially, dear Lord, grant the requests I now make of You for my own beloved mother.