



The start of this encounter is in public. There are crowds around Jesus, and the blind men are caught up in the general emotion. They shout at Jesus using a formal title, 'Son of David,' as though he was a powerful messianic figure dispensing health to crowds. Jesus waits until he is in the house, where he can meet the blind men in person, and question their faith. Lord, you do not meet me as one of a multitude, but face to face, on my own, where you can test the truth of my words, free from the illusions of mass emotion. In matters of faith, we are all blind in some way. But, if I allow Jesus to touch my heart, he will help me see more clearly the path I should follow. The blind men had faith in Jesus' power of healing.

Do I ever experience the inner healing power of God?
The blind men remind me of the need to be persistent in my prayer. Is what I ask God for now in my mind during the day? Do I look with expectation and hope to see how God is answering me? If I don't, what might my lack of perseverance say? I give thanks to God for those times when my eyes have been opened and ask God to lead me to appreciate the truth.

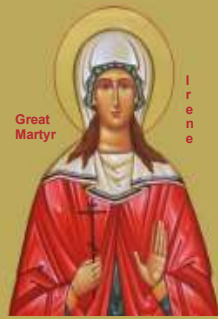
PASTORAL MINISTRY AND SACRAMENTS:

SACRAMENT of CONFESSIONS: on Sundays and Holy Days: 30 min. before Divine Liturgy and other days, by appointment.
HOLY COMMUNION: for the sick, by appointment, anytime.
BAPTISMS - by appointment.
MARRIAGES - by appointment, at least 6 months in advance.
FUNERALS - by appointment.
ANOINTING of the sick, hospital visits - by appointment, anytime

SAFE ENVIRONMENT:

The Eparchy, within all its parishes, institutions, and programs, is committed to assuring a Safe Environment in ministry for its children and vulnerable adults that conforms to the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. For additional information regarding the eparchial Safe Environment Program or to report any concerns, **please contact:**

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Schedule of Services JULY 24—JULY 31, 2022

Sunday, July 24—Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:25 a.m. Matins

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For parishioners, founders, donors, decorators of our church and for their relatives*

Monday, July 25

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Tuesday, July 26

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Wednesday, July 27—The Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon

7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy

After Divine Liturgy Moleben and blessing of oil
Special prayers for healing of the sick and anointing of the sick

Thursday, July 28

No Divine Liturgy

Friday, July 29

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Saturday, July 30

No Divine Liturgy

Sunday, July 31—Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9:25 a.m. Matins

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For parishioners, founders, donors, decorators of our church and for their relatives*

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Confidential Parish Survey on Synodality

Our Eparchy is inviting you to share your thoughts on ways to cultivate a more Synodal Byzantine Catholic Church. Please take 10 minutes to complete this confidential online survey!

**Your thoughts and opinions matter!
Please complete by Sunday, July 31**

Eparchial Committee on Synodality



Point your camera phone here to open!

Please remember in your prayers:



For health and salvation: Fr. Christopher Andrews, Fr. Chris Zuger, Tony and family, Michael Baron, Ed, Dennis, Max, Pani Mary, Mary, Vasyl Zhabko, Faye, Jessica, Sophia, Diane Pierce, Vincent Carich, Tusita Docie & Scott Docie, Sarah Docie, Emily Docie, Mia Docie, Martin,

For the repose of the departed: +Bishop Gerald N Dino, +Fr. Frank Knusel, +Brenda Washicko, +Frank Sliwinski, Jr., +Lawrence & Lucille Carich, +Ivan & Matilda Carich, +Josip & Amanda Grabovac, +George Pavlakovich, +Carol Pavlakovich, +Bud & Virginia Arnold, +Israel Castillo Lara, +Jesse Gonzalez, +John, +Lucy Ortiz, +Martha Williams, +Martin Brandenfels.

Please let Father know if you would like to add new names to our prayer list.

ANSWERING GOD’S CALL: “According to your faith let it be done to you!” Jesus met the blind men who cried to him for mercy, and he brought them healing. The Church continues this ministry of healing. Are you being called to take part in this ministry in a special way? Discerning a life of healing in monasticism or holy orders could be your calling. To learn more, contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org

The Dormition Fast. The traditional rule for the Dormition Fast is a strict abstinence from August 1 to 14, with the usual mitigations (wine and oil) for Saturday and Sunday and the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6). It is, therefore, observed as the Great Fast. However, the Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season (Canon 880, § 2). According to the Pastoral Handbook simple fast or abstinence forbids the use of meat and meat products, but does not forbid the use of eggs and dairy products. Simple fast or abstinence is required on all Fridays. It is also highly recommended on Wednesdays.



Eparchial Appeal 2022: We are in a time of the Annual collection "Eparchial Appeal 2022". Total Pledged To-Date is **\$1315.00 (43.51% of Goal)**. Our goal is **\$3,022.03**. 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, 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 2022 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.



Blessing of cars: Today, July 24, on the occasion of the Feast of the Great Prophet Elijah (July 20) Fr Vasyl will bless our cars right after the Divine Liturgy. Let us pray to God and ask God’s blessing on us and on all those who travel with us.



Thank you for your donation!

God save you!



Feast of the Holy Healer Panteleimon: On Wednesday, July 27, our church celebrates the feast of the Holy Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon. On the feast day, we will have the Divine Liturgy at 7:00 p.m.

After the Divine Liturgy, there will be the Moleben to the Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon and the blessing of the oil. After that, will be an anointing with blessed oil. Also, a special prayer for the healing of the sick will be read over all those who want it.

Procession of the Holy Cross. On August 1 the Church celebrates the power of the Life-Giving Cross to bring health and healing to all. In ancient Constantinople, the Cross was carried in procession throughout the capital city in early August, a time of the year when sickness was always quite bad. The Cross brought spiritual and physical relief to those who suffered.

It is tradition to bless water on this day. Water was formerly blessed frequently, usually on the first day of the month. The blessing for August 1 is the only one retained in the Typikon. The water, blessed on these occasions, was not kept, unlike the Theophany water.

Also, August 1 is kept as one of several summer harvest feast days. And for this reason it is also tradition to bless honey on this day. After the Divine Liturgy we will have a procession of the Holy Cross and also we will bless water and honey.