

## Metropolitan Anthony Bloom on Blindness of Spirit

If only we could realize how blind we are. If only we could realize that our knowledge of life, not only eternal, divine life, but earthly life, depends almost entirely on hearsay, that the life around us is dim and ghostly because we are blind, or (like the other blind man in the Gospel, not immediately cured by Christ) see things in a mist. If only we could remember what the Savior tells us about the beauty and the glory of both eternal and earthly life and not be satisfied with our blindness, how earnestly would we try to detain Christ, so that He might pierce us with His gaze and speak His sovereign, healing, life-giving word to us. Then indeed we might see the astonishing beauty of Christ's face, the fathomless beauty of the divine gaze resting upon us with mercy and compassion and tenderness. We use our eyes so easily, but we see little, and that superficially. Let us seek the vision that can be ours only, when our hearts become bright and pure. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God; and in the brilliance of God's presence we might see each other, each one either illuminated by God's love, shining with the glory of eternal life, or else wounded, darkened, expecting from us not just alms but the surrender of our whole life through love in order that he might receive sight, that to him also the Kingdom of Heaven might already be revealed on earth.

*“Let us Attend!”*



**“Go and Wash in the Pool of Siloam...”**

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## Sunday of the Blind Man

### Bulletin, Sunday, 17 May 2026

**6th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 5. Blind Man. Icon of the Mother of God “of the Passion”.** Apostle Andronicus of the Seventy and his fellow-laborer, Junia (1st c.). Saint Euphrosynē, Great Princess of Moscow (1407). Martyrs Solochon, Pamphamer, and Pamphalon, at Chalcedon (284-305). St. Stephen, Archbishop of Constantinople (893).

**Epistle:** Acts 16:16-34

**Gospel:** John 9:1-38

*Our souls and minds are strengthened and fortified by the regular reading of the Holy Scriptures. Daily readings can be found on the parish's wall calendar, or online by visiting the OCA's daily reading page <https://www.oca.org/readings>.*

### Weekly Schedule

- **Wednesday, 20 May 2026, 6:30PM Leavetaking of Pascha and Great Vespers with Lityia for the Feast of the Ascension.**
- **Thursday, 21 May 2026. Feast of Ascension. 9:30AM Festal Divine Liturgy. Following Liturgy all are**

**invited by Father Paul to Alexander's Restaurant for Lunch in honor of his 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood,**

- **Saturday, 23 May 2026. 1:30PM St Tikhon's Seminary Commencement, Seminary Convocation Center; 5:30PM Panikhida for +Dorothy Mayday at All Saints; 6PM Great Vespers.**
- **Sunday, 24 May 2026. Sunday of the Holy Fathers.. 9:30AM Divine Liturgy followed by Agape Coffee Hour.**
- **Monday, 25 May 2026. 122nd Annual Memorial Day Pilgrimage St. Tikhon's Monastery. 7:30 AM Early Liturgy. 10AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy; 2Pm Healing Service.**

~ Our parish will be holding an Ethnic Food Sale on Friday, 5 June 2026 from 11AM-4PM. Please tell your family and friends, and come and help with food sale preparation. For particulars of food preparation, please see Ann Schlasta.

~ The Annual Memorial Day Pilgrimage will take next weekend at St. Tikhon's monastery. All faithful are encouraged to attend and be refreshed by partaking of the services of Memorial Day, walking the grounds, and partaking in the fellowship that has taken place for generations. At 1:30PM on Saturday Frs. John Stiff,

Pedro Sarasama, and Seraphim Cross will receive their M.Div. Degrees at the commencement exercises in the Seminary's Convocation Center.

~ Our Parish community will honor all high school and college graduates on Sunday, 14 June 2026. All graduate information should be provided to Fr. Paul by 7 June so we can properly honor our graduates.