

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, May 24, 2020

Sixth Sunday of Pascha

Sunday of the Blind Mind

Tone 5

Eothinon 8

*Commemoration: Venerable Stylites Simeon the Younger of the Mountain of Wonders and Nikitas of
Pereyasavl-Zalesski; Martyr Meletios the General of Galatia; Venerable Vincent of Lerins*

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

EISODIKON

In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Now sing the apolytikion of St. George our patron

KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

EPISTLE:

You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.
Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (16:16-34)

In those days, as we Apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the Name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

GOSPEL:

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (9:1-38)

At that time when Jesus was passing, He saw a man blind from his birth. And His Disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. I must work the works of Him Who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As He said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" [which means Sent]. So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was

born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become His disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where He comes from, and yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered, "And Who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen Him, and it is He who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped Him.

MEGALYNARION FOR PASCHA IN TONE ONE

The Angel cried unto her that is full of grace: O pure Virgin, rejoice, and again I say, rejoice; for thy Son hath arisen from the grave on the third day.

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord hath arisen upon thee; dance now and be glad, O Zion, and do thou exult, O pure Theotokos, in the arising of Him Whom thou didst bear.

HOLY BREAD

Holy Bread is offered for the health and welfare of Mervat, Abigail, Samira, all the health care workers, those who are ill from the COVID-19 and all parishioners of St. George.

In loving memory of all the departed of the Shehata family, all the people who died from complications of COVID-19 and all departed parishioners of St. George.

WELCOME to all our guests and visitors. We are delighted to have you visiting and worshipping with us this morning and hope that you return soon. We invite you to participate in the Divine Liturgy, but, sadly, due to the divisions in Christianity, **only baptized/christened members of the Orthodox Church who have made their Confession before an Orthodox priest and prepared themselves by fasting may receive Holy Communion.** Please come forward after Liturgy to venerate the Cross and partake of the *Antidoron*-Holy Bread. Join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour after the Liturgy. Please **turn off your cell phones and all electronic devices.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Anna Simon, Raed Kakish, Ranya Phelps, Mary Rudquist, Robert Wyllie, Ellie Hafiz, Laretta Villareal, Genevieve Lehnen, Jim Etoll, Mike Etoll, Deanna Scharf, Dwight Johnson, George & Ellie Saba, Anna Windsor, Peter Hafiz, Nicholas Peter Andrews, Fr. Duane, John and John Etoll, Wally & Maria, Allen, Nick, Jackson & Hunter Golden, Yasmin Kakish, Carol Haddad, Camille Goll, Kh. Vergin Khoury, Margaret Boalbey, Norm Holmes, Phyllis Hodge, Joe

Etoll, Lamese McDowell, Edgard Siouffy, Berhane Haliemichael, Fr. Dan & Eileen Simon, Joseph Kammeyer, Deb Korluka, Alexander Emmanoulakis, Marilyn Perry, Nancy Maker, Mike & Sandy Brown, Natalie Mozey, Alan, Mary Poulsen, Mervat and Abigail Lotfalla & Samira Shehata.

If you are ill or having surgery and wish to be remembered in the Liturgy and daily prayers of the priest, please contact Fr. Mangels.

BULLETIN & NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENT PROCEDURE

ANY announcement in the weekly bulletin and Newsletter is subject to approval by Fr. Mangels/and Council. **It is important to notify Brigitte by e-mail (bgkstgeorge@gmail.com) or phone with all your bulletin information by NOON Wednesday of the week before your coffee hour, in order to print the bulletin in a timely manner.**

HOLY BREAD LIST

May 28, Jubran

May 31, Percy

June 07, Ladies

June 14, Lehnen Family

COFFEE HOUR LIST

The Ascension

Pentecost

To schedule Holy Bread and/or a memorial, contact Joannie Alevizos. It is completely proper to have more than one memorial or Holy Bread on a Sunday. *When signing up for Holy Bread, please indicate "yes" or "no" if you will also be providing coffee hour. Coffee hour does not need to be an elaborate meal.* If you have any questions, contact Sanaa Jubran.

THIS WEEK

- Evening Divine Liturgy for Ascension, Wednesday, May 27 at 6:30pm
- Saturday morning Divine Liturgy, Saturday, May 30 at 10:00am
- Vespers, Saturday, May 30 at 5:00pm

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BISHOP ANTHONY'S ADDRESS TO OUR GRADUATES

His Grace Bishop ANTHONY has recorded a message to our graduates. Please take a moment and see it! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OGdraH_rVgY&feature=youtu.be

GRADUATES FROM ST. GEORGE 2020 CONGRATULATIONS!!

We are proud to present this year's Graduates list and we wish them good luck with their future plans and God's many blessings to each of them.

High School

Elias Dahma, Sophia Haddad, Faith Hodge, Joseph Karos, Nickollas Windsor

College

Fadi Bchara, Elias Hodge, Peter Karos, Rebecca Michaels, Anna Mikhail, Kelly Price, Christina Zaine
Congratulations to them all!

ATTENTION

Anyone needing mint plants contact for Tom Perry at 651-905-0123. Thank you, Tom

WEEKLY FASTING RESUMES Our normal Wednesday and Friday fasting will resume this Friday, May 29—the day after the Feast of the Ascension.

Patristic Wisdom: If one practices a thousand works of righteousness, crushes the body with extreme fasting and demanding vigils, is entrusted with various gifts, revelations and mysteries of the Spirit, this person will remain modest if they have a devout and pure soul. In fact, one will feel as if he/she has not even begun the spiritual path, nor acquired any of the virtues. The devout and pure soul craves insatiably for divine love. *St. Makarios the Great* (+392)

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING CHURCH SERVICES, ETC.

The new directives from Metropolitan Joseph were released on Wednesday, May 6 and are on the Website. Please look at them. The Services are available via **Livestreaming** on YouTube thanks to the efforts of Heath Nelson, Mike Varian and James Baker! This week the Governor lifts the “stay at home order” and we will be allowing a **total of 10 people** including Clergy and Chanters to attend the Liturgy. We sent an email out on Thursday with the guidelines and methods for signing up for Liturgical Services and Holy Communion for the remainder of May. **All other meetings and events are cancelled** for this period. Try to do everything from home, by phone or email. If you have any questions, concerns, or needs, please contact Father John Mangels at 303-520-0981 or ajammn@aol.com.

VIRTUAL CHOIR CONCERT FROM ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, May 24

The choir of St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral, here, will present a “virtual concert” of Paschal music on Sunday, May 24, 2020 at 12 noon CDT. The concert will be presented via social media on the Cathedral's official YouTube channel: YouTube channel: <https://bit.ly/stmarys-youtube> and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/stmarysoca>

Choral selections will be sung by an octet led by Mark Wesche, interim choir director, featuring a variety of hymns drawn from the Cathedral Choir's diverse repertoire for the Paschal divine services, including settings in English, Russian, Greek, Romanian, Spanish, and other languages. The concert is intended to offer hymns of praise and thanksgiving to God for the blessings received, and as prayerful inspiration for the countless health care and frontline workers, including many within the Cathedral's membership, who are doing everything possible to care for the sick and discover a cure for the COVID-19 virus.

CHURCH SUPPORT DURING THIS TIME

Thank you so much for your continued support of your parish during this time! We are very much aware of what a hardship this crisis is putting on people throughout the country. If you are able, please continue to financially support your Church during this time. Your weekly/monthly contribution can be mailed to the Church so that we can keep up with our commitments. Many, many thanks!

The Parish Council has approved numerous ways to donate to St. George.

1. Venmo is a free secure app that can be downloaded and installed on a mobile phone. Donors that install the Venmo app can directly transfer money from their bank account to St. George's Old National Bank account with no fees incurred. However, if a credit card transaction is used by the donor, the donor will incur a 3% fee. **Venmo** your donation to [@stgeorgeaoc](https://www.venmo.com/@stgeorgeaoc) The church is automatically emailed a notification of your donation.
2. From your online bank account, do an External Transfer directly to the church's Old National Bank account. Info you will need: Routing Number **086300012** Account Number **322042** **Please send an email to stewardshipstgeorge@gmail.com so that our Financial Secretary can properly record your donation.**
3. From your online bank account, schedule Bill Pay and a paper check will be written to the church.
4. A paper check can be written and mailed to the church.

FOCUS MN

Check out the **FOCUS website** focusmn.weebly.com or contact either Vera(651-324-2705) or Judy(612-490-8611) to see what their needs are.

Planning continues for our 10th anniversary celebration! God willing this will go forward on August 20th! Stay tuned for updates on this. A million thanks to each of you for your prayers and help in getting the word out about FOCUS. You are essential to our work to help the poor.

Think about it: Every sin brings more injury to him who does than to him who suffers it. *St. Augustine of Hippo*

NEIGHBORS, INC

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in” Matthew 25:35 Due to the Coronavirus only MONEY donations are accepted. Please give your donation to George Droubie or Michelle Apman for Neighbors. **The smallest thing you do can make the biggest difference!**

HELP FOR THOSE IN NEED

If anyone, particularly our older or shut-in parishioners needs help with anything, please call either Fr. John or the Church. We have a number of parishioners who are willing to help with bringing food or supplies to you. It is important that we follow the guidelines that have been given us and stay in but in an emergency or time of need, don't hesitate to call!

AW WOMEN

The NAB Project is Build a Cathedral at the Antiochian Village. If you are able and would like to contribute to the NAB Project, also known as the “Coffee Cup Project”, please let Katie Price know/send her a check. The collection will go till the end of May. Thank you, Sue Perry

The Ladies Society continue to make Face Masks and give to those in need. Thank you for your continual support to help make more Face Masks.

The Ladies Society continue to make meals for those who are elderly and would like to receive meals. If you would like to make a few extra meals when you cook for your family and give to the elderly, we will deliver for you. Our parishioners truly appreciate you! Thank you.

THE CHURCH FATHERS SPEAK—There does not exist a greater salutary work than the brave lifting of the burdens that others lay upon us. We must struggle with all our strength to maintain peace of heart when others badmouth us. And if we are disturbed by it, we must not show it in order to uproot the passions within. *Elder Efstراتيجος of Glinsk*

PRAYER IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

Lord, our God, Who are rich in mercy, and with your wise providence govern our life, hear our prayer, receive our repentance for our sins, stop the new epidemic, as You once ceased the punishment of Your people in the time of King David.

You, Who are the Physician of our souls and bodies, grant recovery to the sick, raising them hastily from the bed of suffering so that they may glorify You, our Merciful Saviour, and protect the healthy ones from any disease.

Bless, O Lord, strengthen and protect with Your grace all those who with philanthropy and sacrifice take care of the sick at their homes or in hospitals.

Remove all disease and suffering from among the people and teach us to value life and health as Your gifts.

Give us, o God, Your peace and fill our hearts with steadfast faith in Your protection, with hope in Your support and with love for You and our neighbour.

For it is Yours to have mercy on us and save us, our God, and to You we give glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! Al Maseeh Ram! Haqan Ram!