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Sunday, May 29, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Pascha; Sunday of the Blind Man

Tone 5

Eothinon 8

Commemoration; Martyrs Theodosia of Tyre and Theodosia of Constantinople; Hieromartyr Olvian, bishop of Aneos, and those with him

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

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.

Sing the Apolytikion of the patron saint

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 everyone'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.

HOLY BREAD

Holy bread is offered for the health and welfare of Sarah Larson and all members of the Larson family and all parishioners of St. George Church.

In loving memory of Victor, Nora, Gary and Ruby Larson and all departed parishioners of St George Church.

Coffee hour today is hosted by Sarah Larson. Please join us for this period of fellowship!

WELCOMED 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. Please **turn off your cell phones and all electronic devices.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Don Klingelhoets, Vicie Duerr, Ashley Lehner, CDR. James G. Awada, USN Ret., Yasmine Kakish, Kh Eileen Simon, John N & John J Etoll, Mike & Jim Etoll, Camille Goll, Irulan Cronk, Eleanor & Peter Hafiz, George Saba, Norman Holmes, Jeff Toby, Don Scott, Gigi Daugherty, Joe Hodge, Denise Zakula; Helen Kennon, Abigail Lotfallah, Genevieve, Mikhail, Nikolai Lehnen, Kh. Vergin & Tony Khoury, Mary & Alan Poulsen, Natalie Mozey, Eva & Mike Etoll, Barb & Dawn Tilbury, Steve Salla, Tracy Langevin, Richard Lang.

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.

If you would like to have someone placed on the Prayer List, please contact Brigitte at (bgkstgeorge@gmail.com) to add a name.

BULLETIN & NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENT PROCEDURE

ANY announcement in the weekly bulletin and Newsletter is subject to approval by Fr. Mangels/and the 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 and if you

offer the Holy Bread in order to print the bulletin in a timely manner. **September Newsletter deadline is August 18th.** For Holy Bread scheduling contact Joan Alevizos 651-453-1894. If you would like to host **Coffee Hour**, please let Sanaa Jubran know at (sanajubran@gmail.com or 651-245-7173). *This is a "coffee hour" not a 4-course luncheon or buffet. The food is donated, please be thankful for whatever is served!*

It is completely proper to offer more than one memorial or to share the Holy Bread on the same Sunday.

| HOLY BREAD LIST | | COFFEE HOUR |
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| June 1, | Ascension | |
| June 5, Ladies | Graduates | |
| June 12, | Pentecost Sunday | Ordination Reception* |
| June 19, Ladies | Father's Day | Ladies |
| June 26, | | |
| June 28, | Sts. Peter & Paul | |

THIS WEEK AT ST. GEORGE

Tuesday, June 2, Feast of the Ascension, Divine Liturgy at 6:30pm

Saturday, June 4, Vespers at 5:00 pm <https://youtu.be/0-vDwqC5a7A>

Sunday, June 5, Matins & Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am <https://youtu.be/g9Wr5ySou4g>

THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord. We will celebrate the Feast with Evening Divine Liturgy on Wednesday, June 2 at 6:30pm. Our normal observance of Wednesday and Friday fasting begins on Friday, June 3. This is one of the Great Feasts of the Church year and we should all be present to mark this Feast.

*ORDINATION AT ST. GEORGE

Bishop Anthony will be with us on Pentecost Sunday (June 12) and will be ordaining Deacon Damian Oweis from Bismark North Dakota to the Holy Priesthood. His Grace has asked us to host this event and welcome the new priest and the people of his Mission of St. Basil to St. George. More information will follow.

DIOCESE OF TOLEDO PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE 2022

REMINDER: The PLC for our Diocese will be held in Grand Rapids Michigan from June 15-19 sponsored by St. George Church. From the Website you can register and find out more information. (www.toledopl.org). The Convention Hotel is the Embassy Suites with rooms from \$99.00-129.00 per night including complimentary daily Breakfast & Evening Reception. <https://group.embassy-suites.com/jhuvwp>

The convention this year celebrates the 10th Anniversary of the Consecration of Bishop Anthony.

Join us for fellowship, friendship and worship

LIVE-STREAM SERVICE BROADCAST

We are very grateful to Nicholas Windsor for taking care of the Live-stream Broadcast of our Services. It is a great blessing for all our shut-ins and others who cannot be with us for the Divine Services. However, **Nicholas needs help!** Is there anyone who would be willing to help him and give him a break when he cannot be with us? We will make sure you are trained and ready to go. Please let Nicholas or Father John know if this is something you would be interested in doing. Many thanks!

AOWNA/LADIES ACTIVITIES

- June 5th GRADUATION.....

- June 7th - LADIES POT LUCK SUPPER and short business meeting 6:30 pm. Please come and meet other ladies of our church
- June 11th - LADIES SPRING LUNCHEON - Carmines in Bloomington MN. 1:00 - \$16 and you will have 4 choices. Sign up sheet in hall.
- June 12th - There will be a lunch in honor of our Bishop and the newly ordained Priest. Please help where needed.
- June 19th - Fathers Day Luncheon-Vicky circle, cook; Pat B circle, set-up & serve; Pat P circle, clean-up with everyone's help.
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PRAYER INVITATION

"Christ is risen! We hope you have been able to use the Encounter app to deepen your prayer habits this Lenten season. It's never too late to start! If you haven't had a chance to download the app, simply search for "The Encounter" in the Google or App Store. If you have any questions, please contact Charles Carter at 404-594-9246 or heychuckcarter@gmail.com"

CONTRIBUTING STOCK OR MUTUAL FUNDS

St. George now has a brokerage account and can accept transfers of stocks and mutual funds. Parishioners have expressed interest in making offerings or contributions in this way for the potential tax savings (please consult your tax advisor). We have already received donations through the brokerage account and it has been a smooth process. If you are interested in donating in this way, please contact the parish council chairman or treasurer.

THE CHURCH FATHERS SPEAK—Do you think that compassion is not an obligation upon you, but a matter of choice? Not rule but recommendation? This is what I myself would like to think but I stand in terror of His left hand; and the goats and the rebukes leveled against them by the One Who has summoned them. They are condemned—not because they stole, or committed sacrilege or fornicated or violated any other taboo; but because they did not serve Christ by helping the poor. *St. Gregory the Theologian*

AN EASY WAY TO MAKE YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Venmo your contribution to [@stgeorgeaoc](https://www.stgeorgeaoc.org) or see Financial Secretary Jamie Zaine to set up automatic withdrawals from your bank account.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Schedule for Upcoming Baking

Thursday, June 2: Baklawa--10:00 a.m.--Denise Ferraro

Tuesday, June 7: Apricot Fingers--9:00 a.m.--Pat Percy and Doreen Skaff

Thursday, June 9: Macaroun--9:00 a.m.--Ellie Hafiz

Please come when you can! Leave when you must!

Christ is Risen!!!

Mary Rudquist

Patristic Wisdom: 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 Efstratios of Glinsk*

FOCUS NEEDS

Thank you for your continued support of our mission. "He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward him for what he has done." Proverbs 19:17 To stay involved, sign up to volunteer at <https://www.focusmn.org/get-involved> God bless all of you – Vera

We are in need of volunteers for all of these programs. Can you or do you know of anyone who would be willing to make a 6-8 week commitment to our programs for the summer?

- **Clothes Closet**

Personal shoppers needed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. As a personal shopper, you will work one-on-one with our clients as they shop for clothing, personal hygiene items, and linens. Shifts are 2-4 hours long.

- **Lunch Bag Program**

Come help make sandwiches, stuff lunch bags and/or distribute outside FOCUS House from 10:30-12:30 on Mondays, Wednesdays or Thursdays. We are short staffed on Wednesdays.

- **Sunday Dinner**

Beginning in June, we plan to reinstate congregate dining. This means we will be in need of more volunteers to help with setting up and clean up and serving the meal. Stay tuned for further information.

- **Shopper**

Do you enjoy shopping? We need someone willing to be our shopper for food items needed weekly for the bag lunch program. This generally entails a trip to Aldi or Target or Restaurant Depot with a list of needed items (bread, lunchmeat, cheese, condiments, chips, napkins, to go trays, etc.). This could be a weekly commitment or every other week commitment and generally takes 1-2 hours.

- **Monthly Food Shelf**

Our food shelf is open on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Volunteers are needed from 9:30-11:45am. You will be helping to set up and take down as well as working one-on-one with the clients as they choose their groceries.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR **SEPTEMBER 23-25** FOR THIS YEAR'S MEN'S RETREAT!

We are excited to once again plan for our 2022 St. George Men's retreat.

All men over 18 are welcome to attend. This is a wonderful time of fellowship, enjoying nature, and growing in our Orthodox Christian faith.

It will be first come, first serve. Your check made out to St. George Church (memo-Men's retreat) will confirm your spot at the retreat. The cost will be \$30. Please give all checks and reservations to George Khoury.

The retreat will be held at the Karos cabin in Merrifield, MN.

May the Lord and the Mother of God watch over all of us.

THE CHURCH FATHERS SPEAK—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)

Sixth Sunday of Pascha

ON THE SIXTH SUNDAY of Pascha, our Church celebrates the story of the blind man. From the Gospel of John, we learn about a man who was blind since birth. He encounters Christ, who heals his eyes, and he is able to see.

The story starts with Jesus, who walks from the **Temple*** and sees the blind man. Before performing any miracle, he first encounters his disciples who ask Him is this person blind because of his sins or because of the sins of his parents. Jesus answered: “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.” (John 9:3). After, Christ did heal the blind man, but He did not perform a miracle similar to others, where He just said a word, and the person was healed. Instead, Christ spat on the ground and made clay with which He anointed the eyes of the blind man. Then He told the blind man to go to the **Pool of Siloam*** and to wash. The blind man listened to Christ’s command, went to the mentioned pool, and the miracle happened. He was able to see.

Furthermore, as we listen to the story, we see that the **Pharisees*** questioned the blind man about the miracle that had occurred. They tried to cast doubt that Christ comes from God because He healed the blind man on the Sabbath* (In the Jewish tradition, **Sabbath** or Saturday is the day on which you should not work at all, even performing miracles). However, this story was not only about their belief. It was primarily about the faith and obedience of the blind man. It was not that the Pool of Siloam had the power to heal his eyes; it was his obedience when Christ told him to go to the particular pool. He did not question Christ’s instructions but instead chose to believe that the miracle will happen if he listens to the Lord. Hence, he shows his faith and obedience to Christ through the words he said in front of the Pharisees: “Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshipper of God and does His will, He hears him. Since the world began, it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing.” (John 9:31).

The Temple – the center of worship in ancient Israel.

The Pool of Siloam - a rock-cut pool on the southern slope of the City of David, the original site of Jerusalem.

Pharisees – a social movement and a school of thought in the Holy Land (Israel).

Sabbath - a day of religious observance and abstinence from work, kept by Jews from Friday evening to Saturday evening.



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