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Saturday Vespers, 7pm • Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am

6th Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of the Man Born Blind



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Entrance Hymn for Pascha: In the gathering places bless God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. O Son of God who art risen from the dead, save us who sing unto Thee: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Troparion for the Resurrection (Tone 5): 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.

Troparion for Sts. Constantine and Helen (Tone 8): Having seen the image of Thy cross in heaven, and like Paul, having received the call not from men: Thine apostle among kings, Constantine, entrusted the commonwealth to Thy hand, O Lord. Keep us always in peace by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O only Lover of mankind.

Kontakion for Pascha (Tone 8): Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal; Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming 'Rejoice' to the myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Thine apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

Troparion of All Saints (Tone 4): Adorned in the blood of Thy martyrs, throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassion upon Thy people; grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

THE EPISTLE

For Sts. Constantine and Helen

Their voice has gone out into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God.

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (26:1, 12-20)

In those days, King Agrippa said to Paul, "You have permission to speak for yourself." Then Paul stretched out his hand and made his defense: "I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining round me and those who journeyed with me. And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.'

And I said, ‘Who art Thou, Lord?’

And the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus Whom you are persecuting. But rise and stand upon your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and bear witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, delivering you from the people and from the Gentiles, to whom I send you to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’

Wherefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those at Damascus, then at Jerusalem and throughout all the country of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and perform deeds worthy of their repentance.”

THE GOSPEL

For the Sixth Sunday of Pascha

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.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full calendar of events and services at All Saints, see our website www.allsaintsorthodox.org

Today:

- Coffee hour & last day of church school
- Church school teachers' meeting

This week:

- **Tuesday, May 23: Funeral for James Obah** at 1pm, at Muzyka & Sons Funeral Home (5776 W. Lawrence), followed by burial at Elmwood Cemetery. May his memory be eternal, and may the Lord grant peace and consolation to the Obah family.
- **Wednesday, May 24:** Paschal morning prayers, 9am; Vespertal Divine Liturgy for the Ascension, 7pm.
- **Thursday, May 25:** Morning prayers for the Ascension, 9am.
- **Friday, May 26:** Morning prayers, 9am.
- **Saturday, May 27:** Vespers, 7pm
- **Next Sunday, May 28: Sunday of the Holy Fathers.** Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am, followed by coffee hour

FASTING: This Friday, May 26, we return to our regular fasting discipline on Wednesdays and Fridays.

CHURCH SCHOOL: Today is our final week of church school for the season! Teachers, please stay for a meeting after classes. End-of-year celebration and awards ceremony will be after Liturgy on **Sunday, June 4**, along with a celebration of our graduates, students, and teachers. This year we'll be combining our All Saints ice cream social with our church school festivities.

Many thanks to Melissa and all of our teachers and staff for your work this year!

HELP SUPPORT ORTHODOX MISSIONARIES! Please consider attending the Mission Team Chicago Benefit Dinner that this year will be at Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church (1401 Wagner Road, Glenview) on **Monday, June 5**, 6:30-8pm.

You don't want to miss hearing from Bishop NEOFITOS of Eldoret and Northern Kenya, the keynote speaker, sharing about the growth of Orthodoxy in Kenya. It promises to be an enlightening and inspiring evening where we can learn more about the incredible mission work being done by the Orthodox Church around the world.

Tickets for the dinner are \$40 per person or \$320 for a table of 8. Register by May 31, at secure.ocmc.org/site/Ticketing?view=Tickets&id=101401. Please consider becoming an MTC Dinner sponsor to help underwrite the event and impact the growth of Orthodox missions directly. Proceeds from this event will benefit missionary efforts within His Grace's Diocese and OCMC's ongoing ministries around the world.

SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL DAY CAMP will be at St. George in Cicero, **June 12-15**, for kids ages 6-12. Register online at www.stgeorgechi.org/camp. Fee is \$80, but please see Fr. Andrew for help with funding.

ALL SAINTS 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION is slated for the weekend of June 24-25. His Grace Bishop Anthony will be with us for services all weekend.

The summer **PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE** for our diocese will take place at the Oak Brook Marriot, June 28-July 2. Register online at antiochianevents.org. All of those participating in the Bible Bowl or attending services at the conference need to register online for a minimal fee. Please see Fr. Andrew if you would like help covering any costs.

Our **ARCHDIOCESE NATIONAL CONVENTION** will be held in Phoenix, July 24-30. Patriarch John of Antioch and Metropolitan Saba will both be there! If this would be of interest to anyone, registration is open at antiochianevents.org.

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION LOADS US UP WITH HOPE, STRENGTH, ACTION, STEADFASTNESS, AND THE BEST LIFE, WHICH IS ALWAYS TO COME. IT PROVIDES US WITH THE STRENGTH TO RISE AFTER EVERY TIME WE FALL, TO START BUILDING AFTER EVERY COLLAPSE, TO ONCE AGAIN SPREAD THE JOYFUL SPIRIT OF LIFE AFTER EVERY CATASTROPHE—AND THERE ARE SO MANY IN OUR TORMENTED WORLD. YOU LIVE THE RESURRECTION EVERY TIME YOU RETURN IN IT TO YOURSELF AND PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT YOU HAVE MISSED, WHEN YOU RISE TO MAKE RIGHT THE SINS YOU HAVE REALIZED IN YOURSELF AND IN YOUR SOCIETY. YOU LIVE THE RESURRECTION WHEN YOU REALIZE THAT YOU ARE A CHILD OF LIFE—NOT PASSING, TEMPORARY LIFE, BUT ETERNAL, LASTING LIFE—A CHILD OF

THE LIFE THAT BRINGS TENACITY OUT OF PAIN, PATIENCE OUT OF TRIALS, STRENGTH OUT OF WEAKNESS, JOY OUT OF SORROW, AND HOPE OUT OF DESPAIR.

(METROPOLITAN SABA)

Volunteer Schedule

| Date | Reader | Prosphora | Greeter | Coffee | Food |
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| Sunday May 21 | Richard C. | Cristina P. | Nancy L. | Zach C. | R - Z |
| Wed. May 24 <i>Ascension</i> | Sd. Joseph | Dn.Walid | Domitille | Volunteer | Potluck |
| Sunday May 28 | Michelle C. | Sandy A. | Azizeh | Lydia A. | A - F |
| Sunday June 4 <i>Pentecost</i> | Doug J | Debbie K | Sandy A | Alina S | G-K |
| Sunday June 11 <i>All Saints</i> | Jim K | Pat K | Nancy L | Domitille | L-P |
| Sunday June 18 | Paul K | Domitille | Azizeh | Zach C | R-Z |
| Sunday June 25 <i>Bishop Anthony</i> | Joseph L | Cristina P | Domitille | Lydia A | A-F |

For Sunday coffee hour, the church has been divided into four parts alphabetically (A-F, G-K, L-P, and R-Z). On your assigned week, please bring something simple to share with everyone for coffee hour.

If you have children, please monitor them as they go through the coffee hour line, and help them clean up after themselves. **Weekly clean-up will be the responsibility of those providing coffee hour.** And of course, things go faster when we all pitch in and help!



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MAY 21-27, 2023

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During Paschaltide, the Church's lectionary readings come primarily from the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel of St. John. Old Testament readings come from Holy Saturday, the Ascension, and the feast of Sts. Constantine and Helen.

Sunday, May 21: Sixth Sunday of Pascha; Sts. Constantine & Helen

1 Kings 8:22-30 / Isaiah 61:10-62:5 / Isaiah 60:1-16
John 20:11-18 / Acts 26:1, 12-20 / John 9:1-38

Monday, May 22: Holy Martyr Basiliscus

Daniel 3:46-50 / Acts 16:35-17:15 / John 11:45-57

Tuesday, May 23: Mary the Myrrh-bearer, wife of Cleopas

Daniel 3:51-90 / Acts 17:16-18:21 / John 14:1-11

Wednesday, May 24: Saint Vincent of Lerins

Daniel 3:91-97 / Acts 18:22-19:41 / John 14:12-24

Thursday, May 25: The Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ

Mark 16:9-20 / Acts 1:1-12 / Luke 24:36-53

Friday, May 26: Augustine, Archbishop of Canterbury

Isaiah 2:2-3 / Acts 20:1-27 / John 14:25-31

Saturday, May 27: Venerable Bede

Acts 21:1-40 / John 15:1-10

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