

CHRIST HEALING THE MAN BORN BLIND



**SIXTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA:
SUNDAY OF THE HEALING
OF THE BLIND MAN**

MAY 13, 2018

SAINTS OF THE DAY:

VIRGIN-MARTYR GLYKERIA OF HERAKLEA; VENERABLE SERGIOS THE CONFESSOR, FATHER OF PHOTIOS THE GREAT; VENERABLE EUTHYMIOS THE NEW, FOUNDER OF IVERON MONASTERY ON ATHOS, HIS FATHER JOHN THE IBERIAN, AND THEIR KINSMAN GEORGE; VENERABLE GABRIEL THE IBERIAN

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing to His Name, give glory to His praises.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Say to God: How awesome are Thy works; let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee. Let it sing a song to Thy Name, O Most High. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... (*Refrain*)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

May God have mercy upon us, and bless us, and may He cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us.

Refrain: O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia.

That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations; let the peoples give thanks to Thee, O God, let all the peoples give thanks to Thee. (*Refrain*)

May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear Him. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... O, Only-begotten Son and Word of God...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

- Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let them that hate Him flee from before His face.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

- As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire. (*Refrain*)
- So let sinners perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous be glad. (*Refrain*)
- This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein. (*Refrain*)

THE ENTRANCE HYMN OF PASCHA

In the gathering places bless God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. **Save us, O Son of God, that art risen from the dead for now we sing unto Thee: Alleluia, alleluia, 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.

TROPARION OF ST. GEORGE IN TONE FOUR

As deliverer of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm and champion of kings, victorious Great-martyr George, intercede with Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

You descended into the tomb, O Immortal one. You destroyed the pow'r of death. In victory You arose, O Christ God, proclaiming "Rejoice!" to the Myrrh-bearing Women, granting peace to Your Apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

THE EPISTLE

Thou, O Lord, shalt keep us and preserve us.

Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.

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.

THE 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.

Parish Life UPDATE

Bethesda Gardens Outreach—TODAY at 2:00p. Join us!

Festal Liturgy for the Ascension of our Lord—Wednesday, May 16 at 6:00p.

Graduation & Church School Recognition Day—Sunday, May 20; please fill out the form if you have a graduate in your family. Church School teachers: please contact the Church Office with the list of your students for this year.

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS

LINDA TANOOS	15TH
PDN. ELIAS COREY	18TH
MICHAEL SACOPULOS	19TH



*Happy
Mother's
Day*

SUMMARY — May 6, 2018

WEEKLY INCOME

Pledges & Assessments	\$ 2,805.00
Candles/Cash	\$ 200.00
Donations	\$ 60.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,000.00
<u>Liturgical Items</u>	<u>\$ 1,300.00</u>
Total	\$ 5,365.00

Divine Liturgy Attendance: 100+

HOLY OBLATION



TODAY

Offered by Pdn. Elias & Denise Corey, for the health and well-being of their family.

May 20

Offered by Bill & Sandy Kassis for the health and well-being of their family and on the occasion of the graduation of their grandson, Abraham.

May 27

Offered by Mike & Nancy Ellis, for the health and well-being of their family and on the occasion of their daughter, Katherine's birthday.

June 3

Offered by the Maloof Family, for their health and well-being and in memory of their parents, Mike and Elaine.

COFFEE (FELLOWSHIP) HOUR

TODAY — Hosted by Pdn. Elias & Denise Corey

May 20 — Graduation celebration for Abraham Kassis,
hosted by Alan & Julie Kassis

May 27 — Hosted by Mike & Nancy Ellis

June 3 — Hosted by the Maloof Family

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Wednesday, May 16	Festal Liturgy for the Ascension	6:00p
Saturday, May 19	Great Vespers	6:00p
Sunday, May 20	Matins	9:00a
	Divine Liturgy	10:00a
	followed Graduation and Church School Recognition Day	

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