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LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Tone 5 / Eothinon 8; Sixth Sunday of Pascha

Commemoration of the Blind Man

Martyrs Thallelaios, Alexander and Asterios of Cilicia;
Venerable Nikitas, John and Joseph of Chios;
Lydia of Philippisia; Venerable Stephen of Piperi;
Uncovering of the relics of Alexis the Wonder-worker,
Metropolitan of Moscow



WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

We are glad you are with us this morning. If you are not Orthodox, we invite you to partake of the blessed bread during communion. Please join us at Coffee Hour ~ we'd love to meet you!

Calendar for this Week

Sunday, May 20—BLIND MAN

8:45 a.m. Religious. Ed. 3 yrs.- H.S.
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Monday May 21

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
5:00 p.m. Outreach Meal
6:00 p.m. Clergy & Wives Dinner

Tuesday, May 22

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday May 23

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
10:30 a.m. Religious Ed. Level I
12:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. Vespers/Liturgy for
Feast of Ascension

Thursday May 24—ASCENSION

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers
7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

Friday May 25

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday May 26

4:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Vespers/Confession

Sunday, May 27-FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

8:45 a.m. Religious. Ed. 3 yrs.- H.S.
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

May 20 Fr. Nicholas
May 27 D. Braun
June 3 D. McConnell
June 10 D. Washburn

Coffee Hour

May 20 Mia Schmitz/Jan Speier
May 27 D. McQuade/P. Matthews
June 3 PENTECOST POTLUCK
June 10 Dn. R. & J. Easbey

Greeters

May 20 K. & L. Jacobs
May 27 S. & C. Shackelford
June 3 D. & D. Alexander
June 10 P. Morrison/D. Genatone

Ushers

May 20 J. King, G. Braun, P. King
May 27 Scott & Luke Speier, P. Brunner
June 3 D. Meyer, Barre, Lewis
June 10 Craig & Gabe Speier, K. Jacobs

At the conclusion of Matins, the choir will sing:

EXAPOSTILARION OF PASCHA

Choir: In the flesh You fell asleep as a mortal man. King and Lord, You arose on the third day, raising Adam from corruption and destroying death. O Pascha of incorruption, the salvation of the world!

PRAISES

LET GOD ARISE

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered.

Today a sacred Pascha is revealed to us: A new and Holy Pascha; A mystical Pascha; a Pascha worthy of veneration; A Pascha which is Christ, the Redeemer; A blameless Pascha; A Great Pascha; A Pascha of the faithful; A Pascha which has opened for us the gates of Paradise; A Pascha which sanctifies all the faithful.

As smoke vanishes so let them vanish.

Come from that scene O women bearers of glad tidings and say to Zion: receive from us the glad tidings of joy of Christ's resurrection: exult and be glad, and rejoice, O Jerusalem, seeing Christ, the King, who comes forth from the tomb, like a bridegroom in procession.

So the sinners will perish before the face of God. But let the righteous be glad.

The Myrrh bearing Women at the break of dawn drew near to the tomb of the Life giver. There they found an angel sitting upon the stone, he greeted them with these words: Why do you seek the Living among the dead? Why do you mourn the incorrupt amid corruption? Go: proclaim the glad tidings to His disciples.

This is the day which the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pascha of beauty! The Pascha of the Lord! A Pascha worthy of all honor has dawned for us. Pascha! Let us embrace each other joyously. Pascha, ransom from affliction! For today as from a bridal chamber, Christ has shone forth from the tomb, and filled the women with joy saying: Proclaim the glad tidings to the Apostles!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

Chanter:

Who shall declare Thy might, O Christ? And who shall number the multitude of Thy wonders? For as Thou wast doubly seen in Thy goodness on earth, so didst Thou doubly grant healing to the sick; for not only didst Thou heal the bodily eyes of the man born blind from the womb, but the eyes of his soul also. Wherefore, he confessed that Thou art a hidden God, granting all the Great Mercy.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

This is the day of Resurrection! Let us be illumined by the Feast! Let us embrace each other! Let us call "Brothers" even those that hate us and forgive all by the Resurrection, and so let us cry:

Christ is Risen from the dead trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

DOXOLOGY (Glory to You who have shown us the light...")

POST-DOXOLOGY TROPARION

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Priest: Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and the Son and the Holy spirit, now and ever and unto ages of age.

People: Amen.

Clergy: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

People: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. **(2 times)**

GREAT LITANY

FIRST ANTIPHON

Verse: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His Name, give glory to His praise!

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

- Say to God: How awesome are Thy deeds! So great is Thy power that Thine enemies cringe before Thee. [Refrain]
- Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee. Let it praise Thy Name, O Most High! [Refrain]
- Glory to Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. [Refrain]

SECOND ANTIPHON

Verse: God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Thy countenance upon us and have mercy on us!

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

- That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nations! [Refrain]
- Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God! Let all the people give thanks to Thee! [Refrain]

+Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

Only begotten son and immortal Word of God, who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the Holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, who without change didst become man and was crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us.

THIRD ANTIPHON

Verse: Let God arise, Let His enemies be scattered; let those who 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 the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad. [Refrain]
- This is the day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. [Refrain]

LITTLE ENTRANCE

Clergy: **In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord from the Springs of Israel.**

People: O Son of God Who Rose From the dead, save us
who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

Troparion of the Resurrection

Tone 5

(Music on p. 47 of Liturgy Book)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal 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 to St. Athanasius

Tone 3

Holy Bishop Athanasius,
you became a stronghold of Orthodoxy,
strengthening the Church through your divine teachings.
Opposing the heretical opinion of Arius,
you explained and taught that the Son is equal in nature with the Father.
O holy Father, intercede with Christ God
That He may grant us abundant mercy.

Kontakion of the Blind Man**Tone 4**

I come to You, O Christ, blind from birth in my spiritual eyes,
and call to You in repentance:://
“You are the most radiant Light of those in darkness.”

Kontakion for Pascha**Tone 8**

Thou didst descend into the tomb O Immortal.
Thou didst destroy the pow'r of death.
In victory Thou didst arise, O Christ God,
proclaiming rejoice to the myrrh-bearing women,
granting peace to Thine apostles,
and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

TRISAGION HYMN

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, Have mercy on us. (3 times)

+Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.
Holy Immortal have mercy on us.

Deacon: With strength!

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Preparatory Psalm Verses before the Epistle (Prokeimenon)**Tone 5**

Thou O Lord shall keep us and preserve us from this generation forever. (*Ps 11/12:7*)

Verse: Save me O Lord, for there is now no saint. (*Ps 11/12:1*)

THE EPISTLE READING—Acts 16:16-34 "The Church in Macedonia"

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.

Alleluia Refrain and Psalm verses before the Gospel

Tone 5

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: *I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; with my mouth;*

I will make known Thy faithfulness to all generations. (Ps 88/89:1) Alleluia...

Verse: *For Thou hast said: "Mercy shall be built up forever;*

In the heavens shall Thy truth be established." (Ps 88/89:2) Alleluia...

GOSPEL READNG— John 9:1-38 "The Man Born Blind"

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.

Hymn to the Mother of God (Meglynarion)

The angel cried to the lady full of grace: Rejoice! Rejoice O pure virgin! Again I say rejoice, your son is risen from His three days in the tomb. With Himself He has raised all the dead. Rejoice, rejoice, O ye people. Shine! Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem. The glory of the Lord has shone on you. Exult, now exult and be glad, O Zion. Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the resurrection, the resurrection of your son!

Communion Hymn

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality!

Instead of "We have seen the true light, we sing: "Christ is risen" ONE time.

Instead of "Glory...now & ever" at the dismissal, we sing "Christ is risen" THREE times.

At the end of the dismissal prayer the service then continues with the typical Paschal dialogue, as follows:

Priest: Christ is risen.
Faithful: Indeed He is risen.
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Faithful: Indeed He is risen.
Priest: Glory to His third-day Resurrection.
Faithful: Let us worship His third-day Resurrection.
Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs
Faithful: bestowing life.

CELEBRATIONS for THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

5/20 Jami and Stoney Stetler
5/22 Beau and Leticia Brunner

Birthdays:

5/20 Luke Nicholas Speier
5/21 Madden Mathias Brunner
5/22 Gavin Newman
5/24 Sheri San Chirico
5/25 Alyssa Simonsen, Tatiana Speier
5/27 Adam King

Patronal Feast Days

5/21 Helen Rivera **Empress Helen**
5/21 Trevon Rivera **St. Constantine**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

You can access a complete calendar of services and other parish activities on our website: www.stathanasius.org.

VESPERAL-LITURGY FOR FEAST OF ASCENSION

We will celebrate the Feast of Ascension of Our Lord this Wednesday evening, May 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

PARISH COUNCIL will meet this Thursday, May 24th at 7:00 p.m.

SUMMER SCHOOL IS JUNE 25-JULY 12!

Summer School is right around the corner. Please reserve the dates for your children in grades 1-6.

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.

BIBLE STUDY

Fr. Nicholas will be leading an adult Bible study on the Gospel of St. John on Saturdays at 4:30 p.m., from May 5-June 9. ALL are welcome: inquirers, new members, old members, catechumens! Bring your Bible. Bring a friend!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR PENTECOST WEEKEND! Saturday, June 2nd we will celebrate Liturgy for all Souls at 8:00 a.m., AND Festal Great Vespers at 6:00 p.m., Festal Matins and Liturgy are on Sunday, June 3rd, followed by a POTLUCK.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer requests received through the parish office will be printed in the bulletin and will be prayed for during the litanies at the daily services. Prayer requests received in the box at the church will be prayed for quietly at the altar at all services. Prayer requests remain for 40 days unless requested otherwise.

Send prayer requests for the bulletin to: office@stathanasius.org.

Please pray for the health of:

Metropolitan PHILIP	Presbytera Katherine H.	Kathleen M.
Archbp. JOSEPH	Mick K.	Molly M.
Fr. Alexander Atty	Cole K.	Lee (infant)
Mother Victoria	Richard & Elizabeth	Patrick C.
Fr. Gordon & Mary Sue W.	Jeanette	Christian A. (infant)
John Weldon H.	Nataliya T. & Family	Timmie
Josh & Dayli B.	Sari W.	Dn. Howard S.
Greg & Margaret Y.	Mary & Susan	Jill B.
Olga G.	Bill B.	Bruce M.
John H.	Alex R.	Keith V.
Leona G.	Autumn	Ellie

For repose of the souls of: Samantha W., Keith L.

English:	Christ is risen!	Indeed He is risen!
Greek:	Christos anesti!	Alithos anesti!
Arabic:	El Messieh kahm!	Hakken kahm!
Slavonic:	Christos voskrese!	Voistinu voskrese!
Romanian:	Hristos a inviat!	Adeverat a inviat!

ST. ATHANASIUS BOOK CENTER

The church bookstore is located in the fellowship hall. The two enclosed cabinets hold icons, books, jewelry and other items that are FOR SALE. Payment should be made at time of purchase and placed in the brown lock box. Make checks payable to "St. Athanasius Book Center."

All proceeds go to the parish Building Fund.

1st annual
golf **FRIDAY**
tournament **JUNE**
8TH
2012
to support our building project

DEADLINE to Register at discounted rates

MAY 25, 2012

Final Registration Deadline

MAY 31, 2012

No tickets at the door so sign up NOW!

Don't forget to turn in Silent Auction Items

If you can't come you can still sponsor

FR. NICHOLAS SPEER

in his own 72-hole Golf-a-Thon!

Contact Angel Speler, Terri Speler, or Jami Stetler

for more info or ways to help

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT— APRIL 2012

TITHES—GEN. OPERATING

Monthly Goal: \$ 35,000

Received in April: \$ 40,885

Year-to-date goal: \$140,000

Received Year-to-date: \$113,895

(YTD April 2011 was \$103,341)

BUILDING FUND

Monthly Goal: \$12,000

Received April: \$15,615

(incl. \$91 from children's cash box)

Year-to-date goal: \$48,000

Received YTD: \$57,563

In April we received donations from 58 of our 100 households.



- FOR THE CHILDREN TO COLOR DURING THE HOMILY OR AT HOME -