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**MAY 25, 2025**

**SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN**

*Third Finding of the Precious Head of St. John the Baptist*

*Therapon the Hieromartyr, Bishop of Cyprus*

***Christ is Risen!***

***Χριστός Ανέστη!***

**ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.**

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**DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.**

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## HYMNS OF THE DAY

### *APOLYTIKION OF PASCHA. MODE PL. 1. (BEFORE ENTRANCE)*

**Verse 1:** Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let those who hate Him flee from before His face.

Ἀναστήτω ὁ Θεός, καὶ διασκορπισθήτωσαν οἱ ἐχθροὶ αὐτοῦ, καὶ φυγέτωσαν ἀπὸ προσώπου αὐτοῦ οἱ μισοῦντες αὐτόν.

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζωὴν χαρισάμενος.

**Verse 2:** As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish, as wax melts before the fire.

Ὡς ἐκλείπει καπνός, ἐκλιπέτωσαν· ὥς τήκεται κηρὸς ἀπὸ προσώπου πυρός.

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**Verse 3:** So shall the sinners perish from the face of God. And let the righteous be glad.

Οὕτως ἀπολοῦνται οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ ἀπὸ προσώπου τοῦ Θεοῦ. Καὶ οἱ δίκαιοι εὐφρανθήτωσαν.

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**Verse 4:** This is the day the Lord made; let us greatly rejoice and be glad therein.

Αὕτη ἡ ἡμέρα, ἣν ἐποίησεν ὁ Κύριος· ἀγαλλιασώμεθα καὶ εὐφρανθῶμεν ἐν αὐτῇ.

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### ***RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. MODE PL. 1. (AFTER ENTRANCE)***

As the Father and Spirit are unoriginate, \* so the Word, who was born from the Virgin for us. \* Let us praise Him, O believers, and let us worship Him. \* For our salvation He was pleased \* to be crucified in the flesh, \* and to undergo death, \* and to resurrect the dead, by His glorious resurrection.

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν· ὅτι ἠὲ δόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγείραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ

### ***FOR THE FORERUNNER. MODE 4.***

Now Christ has revealed to us your sacred head once again, \* a most holy treasure hidden underground for so long, \* O Prophet and Forerunner. \* Therefore we have assembled for the feast of its Finding, \* singing our God-inspired hymns in praise of the Savior, \* who saves us from destruction, by your earnest prayers to Him

Ὡς θεῖον θησαύρισμα, ἐγκεκρυμμένον τῇ γῇ, Χριστὸς ἀπεκάλυψε τὴν κεφαλὴν σου ἡμῖν, Προφῆτα καὶ Πρόδρομε. Πάντες οὖν συνελθόντες, ἐν τῇ ταύτης εὐρέσει, ᾠσμασι θεηγόροις, τὸν Σωτῆρα ὑμνοῦμεν, τὸν σῶζοντα ἡμᾶς ἐκ φθορᾶς ταῖς ἰκεσίαις σου.

## ***APOLYTIKION OF ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT. MODE 4.***

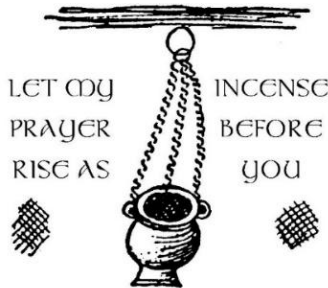
Emulating the ways of Elias the Zealot, and following the straight paths of the Baptist, O Father Anthony, you made the wilderness a city, and by your prayers Supported the entire world. Therefore, intercede with Christ our God, that our souls be saved.

Τὸν ζηλωτὴν Ἡλίαν τοῖς τρόποις μιμούμενος, τῷ Βαπτιστῇ εὐθείαις ταῖς τρίβοις ἐπόμενος, Πάτερ Ἀντώνιε, τῆς ἐρήμου γεγονόςας οἰκιστής, καὶ τὴν οἰκουμένην ἐστήριξας εὐχαῖς σου· διὸ πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

## ***KONTAKION OF PASCHA. MODE PL. 4.***

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out “Rejoice” to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ᾄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθεγζάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.



## ***EPISTLE READING***

**St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15**

**Prokeimenon. Grave Mode**

**Psalm 63.11,1**

**The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.**

**Verse: Oh God, hear my cry.**

**The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15**

Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

# ***GOSPEL READING***

## **The Gospel According to John 9:1-38**

At that time, as Jesus passed by, 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. We 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 man?" 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.



## **Divine Service for the month of May**

*(saint-anthonys.org/calendar)*

Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> –Holy Ascension (Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am)

**Order for Holy Communion** *(Only Baptized or Chrismated Orthodox Christians)*. Please allowed ushers to dismiss you row by row in an orderly fashion.

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**Today's coffee hour fellowship will be hosted by** Philoptochos

**The church office will be closed on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>  
in observance of Memorial Day.**





## 2025 Stewardship Financial Commitment

*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,  
as good stewards of God's grace." (1 Peter 4:10)*

2025

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*\$288/week OR \$1,250/month & up*

*Review your stewardship commitment prayerfully, consider what you offer to Christ's Church in comparison to your monthly utility/ service payments.*

Please return your completed commitment card to church by January 31, 2025

*Your card must be on file for you to be considered in 'Good Standing'*

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## WELCOME!



We hope you enjoy your time with us today and that your worship experience is inspirational and uplifting.

Please note that *only baptized and/or Chrismated Orthodox Christians may partake of the Sacrament of Holy Communion*. At the end of the Divine Liturgy, you are welcome to come and receive the *Antidoron* (blessed bread) from the priest.

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