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MAY 17, 2026

SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN

Andronicus & Junia the Martyr
Nectarios of Varlaam

Christ is Risen!

Χριστός Ανέστη!

ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE ~ 9:45 A.M.

Nikolitsa Vagenas – 3 years

Peter Vagenas – 3 years

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, ζῶν χαρισάμενος.

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

Ὡς ἐκλείπει καπνός, ἐκλιπέτωσαν· ὡς 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 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 ἠυδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

MEMORIAL HYMN. MODE PLAGAL 4.

Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servants, and forgive every sin they have committed in this life. For no one is sinless except You, Who have power to grant rest to those who have fallen asleep.

Μνήσθητι Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθὸς τῶν δούλων σου, καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἡμαρτον συγχώρησον· οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος, καὶ τοῖς μεταστᾶσι δοῦναι τὴν ἀνάπαυσιν.

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 Ἠλίαν τοῖς τρόποις μιμούμενος, τῷ Βαπτιστῇ εὐθείαις ταῖς τρίβοις ἐπόμενος, Πάτερ Ἀντώνιε, τῆς ἐρήμου γέγονας οἰκιστῆς, 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 φθελγζάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.



SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE DAY

EPISTLE READING

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 1

Psalm 11.7,1

You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

The reading is from 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.

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος πλ. α'

ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 11.7,1

Σὺ Κύριε, φυλάξαις ἡμᾶς καὶ διατηρήσαις ἡμᾶς.

Στίχ. Σῶσον με, Κύριε, ὅτι ἐκκέλουτεν ὄσιος.

Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 16:16-34 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκείναις, ἐγένετο δὲ πορευομένων ἡμῶν εἰς προσευχὴν παιδίσκην τινὰ ἔχουσαν πνεῦμα πύθωνος ἀπαντῆσαι ἡμῖν, ἥτις ἐργασίαν πολλὴν παρεῖχε τοῖς κυρίοις αὐτῆς μαντευομένη. αὕτη κατακολουθήσασα τῷ Παύλῳ καὶ τῷ Σίλᾳ ἔκραζε λέγουσα· οὗτοι οἱ ἄνθρωποι δοῦλοι τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ ὑψίστου εἰσίν, οἵτινες καταγγέλλουσιν ἡμῖν ὁδὸν σωτηρίας. τοῦτο δὲ ἐποίει ἐπὶ πολλὰς ἡμέρας. διαπονηθεὶς δὲ ὁ Παῦλος καὶ ἐπιστρέψας τῷ πνεύματι εἶπε· παραγγέλλω σοι ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι Ἰησοῦ

Χριστοῦ ἐξελθεῖν ἀπ' αὐτῆς. καὶ ἐξῆλθεν αὐτῇ τῇ ὥρᾳ. Ἰδόντες δὲ οἱ κύριοι αὐτῆς ὅτι ἐξῆλθεν ἢ ἐλπὶς τῆς ἐργασίας αὐτῶν, ἐπιλαβόμενοι τὸν Παῦλον καὶ τὸν Σίλαν εἴλκυσαν εἰς τὴν ἀγορὰν ἐπὶ τοὺς ἄρχοντας, καὶ προσαγαγόντες αὐτοὺς τοῖς στρατηγοῖς εἶπον· οὗτοι οἱ ἄνθρωποι ἐκταράσσουσιν ἡμῶν τὴν πόλιν Ἰουδαῖοι ὑπάρχοντες, καὶ καταγγέλλουσιν ἔθνη ἃ οὐκ ἔξεστιν ἡμῖν παραδέχεσθαι οὐδὲ ποιεῖν Ῥωμαίοις οὔσι. καὶ συνεπέστη ὁ ὄχλος κατ' αὐτῶν. καὶ οἱ στρατηγοὶ περιρρήξαντες αὐτῶν τὰ ἱμάτια ἐκέλευον ῥαβδίσειν, πολλὰς τε ἐπιθέντες αὐτοῖς πληγὰς ἔβαλον εἰς φυλακὴν, παραγγείλαντες τῷ δεσμοφύλακι ἀσφαλῶς τηρεῖν αὐτούς· ὃς παραγγελίαν τοιαύτην εἰληφώς ἔβαλεν αὐτούς εἰς τὴν ἐσωτέραν φυλακὴν καὶ τοὺς πόδας αὐτῶν ἠσφαλίσατο εἰς τὸ ξύλον. Κατὰ δὲ τὸ μεσονύκτιον Παῦλος καὶ Σίλας προσευχόμενοι ὕμνουσαν τὸν Θεόν· ἐπηκροῶντο δὲ αὐτῶν οἱ δέσμοιοι. ἄφνω δὲ σεισμός ἐγένετο μέγας, ὥστε σαλευθῆναι τὰ θεμέλια τοῦ δεσμοτηρίου, ἀνεώχθησάν τε παραχρῆμα αἱ θύραι πᾶσαι καὶ πάντων τὰ δεσμὰ ἀνέθη. ἔξυπνος δὲ γενόμενος ὁ δεσμοφύλαξ καὶ ἰδὼν ἀνεωγμένας τὰς θύρας τῆς φυλακῆς, σπασάμενος μάχαιραν ἔμελλεν ἑαυτὸν ἀναιρεῖν, νομίζων ἐκπεφευγέναι τοὺς δεσμίους. ἐφώνησε δὲ φωνῇ μεγάλη ὁ Παῦλος λέγων· μηδὲν πράξης σεαυτῷ κακόν· ἅπαντες γὰρ ἐσμεν ἐνθάδε. αἰτήσας δὲ φῶτα εἰσεπήδησε, καὶ ἔντρομος γενόμενος προσέπεσε τῷ Παύλῳ καὶ τῷ Σίλᾳ, καὶ προαγαγὼν αὐτοὺς ἔξω ἔφη· κύριοι, τί με δεῖ ποιεῖν ἵνα σωθῶ; οἱ δὲ εἶπον· πίστευσον ἐπὶ τὸν Κύριον Ἰησοῦν Χριστόν, καὶ σωθήσῃ σὺ καὶ ὁ οἶκός σου. καὶ ἐλάλησαν αὐτῷ τὸν λόγον τοῦ Κυρίου καὶ πᾶσι τοῖς ἐν τῇ οἰκίᾳ αὐτοῦ. καὶ παραλαβὼν αὐτοὺς ἐν ἐκείνῃ τῇ ὥρᾳ τῆς νυκτὸς ἔλουσεν ἀπὸ τῶν πληγῶν, καὶ ἐβαπτίσθη αὐτὸς καὶ οἱ αὐτοῦ πάντες παραχρῆμα, ἀναγαγὼν τε αὐτοὺς εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ παρέθηκε τράπεζαν, καὶ ἠγαλλιάσατο πανοικί πεπιστευκῶς τῷ Θεῷ.

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.

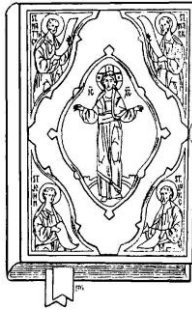
Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 9:1-38 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, παράγων εἶδεν ἄνθρωπον τυφλὸν ἐκ γενετῆς. Καὶ ἠρώτησαν αὐτὸν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ λέγοντες· ῥαββί, τίς ἡμαρτεν, οὗτος ἢ οἱ γονεῖς αὐτοῦ, ἵνα τυφλὸς γεννηθῆ; ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς· οὔτε οὗτος ἡμαρτεν οὔτε οἱ γονεῖς αὐτοῦ, ἀλλ' ἵνα φανερωθῆ τὰ ἔργα τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐν αὐτῷ. ἐμὲ δεῖ ἐργάζεσθαι τὰ ἔργα τοῦ πέμψαντός με ἕως ἡμέρας ἐστίν· ἔρχεται νῦν ὅτε οὐδεὶς δύναται ἐργάζεσθαι. ὅταν ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ ᾧ, φῶς εἰμι τοῦ κόσμου. ταῦτα εἰπὼν ἔπτυσσε χαμαὶ καὶ ἐποίησε πηλὸν ἐκ τοῦ πτύσματος, καὶ ἐπέχρισε τὸν πηλὸν ἐπὶ τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς τοῦ τυφλοῦ καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ὕπαγε νίψαι εἰς τὴν κολυμβήθραν τοῦ Σιλωάμ, ὃ ἐρμηνεύεται ἀπεσταλμένος. ἀπῆλθεν οὖν καὶ ἐνίψατο, καὶ ἤλθε βλέπων. Οἱ οὖν γείτονες καὶ οἱ θεωροῦντες αὐτὸν τὸ πρότερον ὅτι τυφλὸς ἦν, ἔλεγον· οὐχ οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ καθήμενος καὶ προσαιτῶν; ἄλλοι ἔλεγον ὅτι οὗτός ἐστιν· ἄλλοι δὲ ὅτι ὁμοῖος αὐτῷ ἐστιν. ἐκεῖνος ἔλεγεν ὅτι ἐγὼ εἰμι. ἔλεγον οὖν αὐτῷ· πῶς

ἀνέωχθησάν σου οἱ ὀφθαλμοί; ἀπεκρίθη ἐκεῖνος καὶ εἶπεν· ἄνθρωπος λεγόμενος Ἰησοῦς πηλὸν ἐποίησε καὶ ἐπέχρισέ μου τοὺς ὀφθαλμούς καὶ εἶπέ μοι· ὕπαγε εἰς τὴν κολυμβήθραν τοῦ Σιλῳὰ καὶ νίψαι· ἀπελθὼν δὲ καὶ νιψάμενος ἀνέβλεψα. εἶπον οὖν αὐτῷ· ποῦ ἐστὶν ἐκεῖνος; λέγει· οὐκ οἶδα. Ἄγουσιν αὐτὸν πρὸς τοὺς Φαρισαίους, τὸν ποτε τυφλόν. ἦν δὲ σάββατον ὅτε τὸν πηλὸν ἐποίησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς καὶ ἀνέωξεν αὐτοῦ τοὺς ὀφθαλμούς. πάλιν οὖν ἠρώτων αὐτὸν καὶ οἱ Φαρισαῖοι πῶς ἀνέβλεψεν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· πηλὸν ἐπέθηκέ μου ἐπὶ τοὺς ὀφθαλμούς, καὶ ἐνιψάμην, καὶ βλέπω. ἔλεγον οὖν ἐκ τῶν Φαρισαίων τινές· οὗτος ὁ ἄνθρωπος οὐκ ἔστι παρὰ τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὅτι τὸ σάββατον οὐ τηρεῖ. ἄλλοι ἔλεγον· πῶς δύναται ἄνθρωπος ἀμαρτωλὸς τοιαῦτα σημεῖα ποιεῖν; καὶ σχίσμα ἦν ἐν αὐτοῖς. λέγουσι τῷ τυφλῷ πάλιν· σὺ τί λέγεις περὶ αὐτοῦ, ὅτι ἠνοιξέ σου τοὺς ὀφθαλμούς; ὁ δὲ εἶπεν ὅτι προφήτης ἐστίν. οὐκ ἐπίστευσαν οὖν οἱ Ἰουδαῖοι περὶ αὐτοῦ ὅτι τυφλὸς ἦν καὶ ἀνέβλεψεν, ἕως ὅτου ἐφώνησαν τοὺς γονεῖς αὐτοῦ τοῦ ἀναβλέψαντος καὶ ἠρώτησαν αὐτοὺς λέγοντες· οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ υἱὸς ὑμῶν, ὃν ὑμεῖς λέγετε ὅτι τυφλὸς ἐγεννήθη; πῶς οὖν ἄρτι βλέπει; ἀπεκρίθησαν δὲ αὐτοῖς οἱ γονεῖς αὐτοῦ καὶ εἶπον· οἶδαμεν ὅτι οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ υἱὸς ἡμῶν καὶ ὅτι τυφλὸς ἐγεννήθη· πῶς δὲ νῦν βλέπει οὐκ οἶδαμεν, ἢ τίς ἠνοιξεν αὐτοῦ τοὺς ὀφθαλμούς ἡμεῖς οὐκ οἶδαμεν· αὐτὸς ἡλικίαν ἔχει, αὐτὸν ἐρωτήσατε, αὐτὸς περὶ ἑαυτοῦ λαλήσει. ταῦτα εἶπον οἱ γονεῖς αὐτοῦ, ὅτι ἐφοβοῦντο τοὺς Ἰουδαίους· ἤδη γὰρ συνετέθειντο οἱ Ἰουδαῖοι ἵνα, ἐάν τις αὐτὸν ὁμολογήσῃ Χριστόν, ἀποσυνάγωγος γένηται. διὰ τοῦτο οἱ γονεῖς αὐτοῦ εἶπον ὅτι ἡλικίαν ἔχει, αὐτὸν ἐρωτήσατε. ἐφώνησαν οὖν ἐκ δευτέρου τὸν ἄνθρωπον ὃς ἦν τυφλός, καὶ εἶπον αὐτῷ· δὸς δόξαν τῷ Θεῷ· ἡμεῖς οἶδαμεν ὅτι ὁ ἄνθρωπος οὗτος ἀμαρτωλὸς ἐστίν. ἀπεκρίθη οὖν ἐκεῖνος καὶ εἶπεν· εἰ ἀμαρτωλὸς ἐστίν οὐκ οἶδα· ἐν οἶδα, ὅτι τυφλὸς ὦν ἄρτι βλέπω. εἶπον δὲ αὐτῷ πάλιν· τί ἐποίησέ σοι; πῶς ἠνοιξέ σου τοὺς ὀφθαλμούς; ἀπεκρίθη αὐτοῖς· εἶπον ὑμῖν ἤδη, καὶ οὐκ ἠκούσατε· τί πάλιν θέλετε ἀκούειν; μὴ καὶ ὑμεῖς θέλετε αὐτοῦ μαθηταὶ γενέσθαι; ἐλοιδόρησαν αὐτὸν καὶ εἶπον· σὺ εἶ μαθητὴς ἐκείνου· ἡμεῖς δὲ τοῦ Μωϋσέως ἐσμέν μαθηταί. ἡμεῖς οἶδαμεν ὅτι Μωϋσεὶ λελάληκεν ὁ Θεός· τοῦτον δὲ οὐκ οἶδαμεν πόθεν ἐστίν. ἀπεκρίθη ὁ ἄνθρωπος καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· ἐν γὰρ τούτῳ θαυμαστόν ἐστίν, ὅτι ὑμεῖς οὐκ οἶδατε πόθεν ἐστίν, καὶ

ἀνέφξέ μου τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς. οἶδαμεν δὲ ὅτι ἀμαρτωλῶν ὁ Θεὸς οὐκ ἀκούει, ἀλλ' ἐάν τις θεοσεβῆς ἦ καὶ τὸ θέλημα αὐτοῦ ποιῆ, τούτου ἀκούει. ἐκ τοῦ αἰῶνος οὐκ ἠκούσθη ὅτι ἠνοιξέ τις ὀφθαλμοὺς τυφλοῦ γεγεννημένου. εἰ μὴ ἦν οὗτος παρὰ Θεοῦ, οὐκ ἠδύνατο ποιεῖν οὐδέν. ἀπεκρίθησαν καὶ εἶπον αὐτῷ· ἐν ἀμαρτίαις σὺ ἐγεννήθης ὄλος, καὶ σὺ διδάσκεις ἡμᾶς; καὶ ἐξέβαλον αὐτὸν ἔξω.

Ἦκουσεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι ἐξέβαλον αὐτὸν ἔξω, καὶ εὐρῶν αὐτὸν εἶπεν αὐτῷ· σὺ πιστεύεις εἰς τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ Θεοῦ; ἀπεκρίθη ἐκεῖνος καὶ εἶπε· καὶ τίς ἐστι, Κύριε, ἵνα πιστεύσω εἰς αὐτόν; εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· καὶ ἐώρακας αὐτόν καὶ ὁ λαλῶν μετὰ σοῦ ἐκεῖνός ἐστιν. ὁ δὲ ἔφη· πιστεύω, Κύριε· καὶ προσεκύνησεν αὐτῷ.



HOLY COMMUNION PROCEDURE

*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.

*For the benefit of our Sunday School students, their teachers and the **TIMELY** start of their Sunday School Classes, the children will be receiving Holy Communion first.

*The ushers will release the children by pew from Front to Back.

*Only parents of the smallest, youngest Sunday School children, who need assistance, should receive Holy Communion with their children.

*If you are not seated when Holy Communion begins, please take a seat in the back rows, quietly. Your children will be released in turn.

*Please do not attempt to send your children down the side aisles to the front alone or down the center aisle.

*After all children have received, the ushers will release the adults, again from the front pews.

*Please cooperate with our ushers. Please do not ask to be allowed through ahead of others.

*Please remember this new procedure is for the benefit of our children and their Sunday School experience.

Divine Services for the month of May 2026

Thursday, May 21 – Holy Ascension (Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am)

Saturday, May 30 – Saturday of Soul (Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Coffee hour fellowship is hosted by Vagenas Family in memory of Nikolitsa Vagenas and Peter Vagenas

Today is Graduation Sunday!

Congratulations and best wishes to our graduates!

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

COLTON CERIN – California School of the Arts
EMELIA LAGOUSIS – Mayfield Senior School
NIKO LAREAU – Maranatha High School
MADISON MCNULTY – San Marino High School
NANCY MCNULTY – San Marino High School
SOPHIA MCNULTY – San Marino High School
KATERINA NASTRI – La Canada High School
ALEXI VAGENAS – Arcadia High School

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY GRADUATES:

TAIA MARIE BISSIAS – **LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO**
Global Studies Major/Psychology Minor
ANDRIANNA LAREAU – **PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY**
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
JAMES MICHAEL ZOUMAS – **CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY**
Bachelor of Science – Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
MELINA ELLIE ZOUMAS – **CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY**
Bachelor of Science – Molecular Biology
MARIA WOJCIK – **SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY**
Bachelor of Science - Kinesiology

Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival News:

We congratulate our own Vivian Stoykova who advanced to the Metropolis Level Oratorical Festival at Saint Nicholas Ranch and won the 3rd Place Award among all the Junior Division Speakers last Saturday. We are so proud of her. And, we are proud of all the students who participated in our Parish Level Oratorical Festival this year: Vivian Stoykova, Matthew Wang, Dayton Johansen, and Niko Lareau. We look forward to all the students who will participate and share their faith next year.

Chair Aerobic Exercise Sessions Open to All

The VIPs are happy to invite all interested parishioners to participate in a new fitness initiative sponsored by our Saint Anthony Philoptochos Chapter for the enhancement of the health and wellbeing of our members. Nicole Schulman has been recruited to lead a

series of chair aerobic exercise sessions to be held every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 am during the months of March, April and most of May 2026. For more information, please contact Nicole Schulman at 626-497-5268 or nicoleschul@gmail.com.

Save the date

September 18 – 20, 2026 for St. Anthony Greek Festival

St. Anthony's 2026 Pledged Stewards (Members) *(May 13, 2026)*

Stratos, Fr. Peter/Pres. Aida
Akrotirianakis, Joseph N. & Sherese
Albeck, Irene
Albeck, Mark Gregory
Alex, Alysia & Kadrian Alvarenga
Anast, Alexandra
Andrei, Dragos & Ioana
Andricos, Constantine
Andros, Gus & Lorena
Angelos, James & Sophia
Angelos, Nicholas
Angiuli, Joseph (Joey) & Elizabeth
Antsos, Dimitrios & Judith Din
Argueta, Cris & Teresa V.
Athans, Tesi & Craig Lareau
Athans, Tina & Dean P.
Athenson, Alex & Cynthia Sigler
Attalla, Philip "Ted" & Michelle Reagan
Attard, Peter & Kaliope
Balas, Argiro Julie & Dino
Balas, Christian
Baliotis, Tina
Becker, Connie & Brian L.
Becronis, Christina
Begakis, Nicholas & Bronwen
Bissias, Peter
Bonorris, Donna & Pete

Boone Collins, Laura
Boukidis, Katherine
Bowers, Connie & Terree
Bozikis, Demetra
Brown, Niki
Bryant, Dan & Karen
Buickians, Gagik & Jacqueline
Burkard Jr., Frank J. & Penelope
Buzas, John & Pamela
Buzas, Nicholas & Danielle
Caire, John.
Cangellaris, Anna
Chenos-Spathopoulos, Efie & Dimitrios
Christodoulelis Family, Jimmy
Christodoulelis, Tanya Mallis
Christodoulides, Loucas & Andri
Christopoulos, Judith & Gus
Christopoulos, Tony and Lynnette
Coccia, Tina & Ginseppe
Cokias, Jason & Karen
Constantinou, Dimitris & Katerina
Damilatis, Eleni
Darlas, Paula
Daughters, Janine & Chris
Demetriades, Demetrios & Elizabeth
Dewar, Mary & Andrew
Dimopoulos, Antonios

Dobbs, Nicholas & Allison
Dupas, Christina
Dupas, Katherine
Dupas, Theodore & Evangeline
Efstathiou, Teddi & Dean
Floutsis, Penny & Ted
Frangadakis, Steve & Samantha
Frangeskou, Yiorgos & Xenia
Fryer II, Norman & Kay
Fuerst, Billy
Fuerst, Nicolette & Jay
Gallagher, Alexander
Gallagher, Eleni & Matthew
Gallanis, Mary
Gallanis, Pete & Danica
Ganis, Maria C.
Garcia, Andrew and Elizabeth
Gavalas, George
Gelt, Brian & Pana
Georgiou, George & Taline
Giakas, Vasiliki
Giannoulis, Tony & Anna
Goral, Despina & Adam
Grafos, Thean
Grafos, Tom & Tania
Hagianakes, Chrysoula
Hagianakes, Elizabeth
Halias, Joanne & John
Haralambos, Aliko.
Haralambos, Anthony & Kathleen
Haralambos, Tom & Page
Harrison Helen
Horaites, George & Olympia
Horaites, James
Hronas, Maria & James W.
Ioannou, Christos & Elleni
Johal, Demetra G. & Arturo Gonzalez
Johnsen, Eleni
Kades, Clio
Kades, Vicki & Louis
Kalambakas, Vivian N.

Kalivas, Elene & George
Kalivas, Pota
Kallas, Mark & Debra
Kamar, April
Kaparos, Stefanos
Karaioannoglou, Phaedon & Jeanne
Karamaras, Andriana
Karvelas, Kosta & Marina
Kasdagli, Dimitra & Mark Nastri
Katsafados, Theoni & Pete
Kefalas, Evelyn
Kefalas, Kellie
Kefalas, Mike J.
Kefalas, Modestos & Nina
Kefallinos, Vicki & Nick
Kiotas, Stavroula
Kirimis, Evangelia
Kirimis, Nitsa & John
Kojes, Thomas
Kokoris, George & Carolina
Kokoris, Maria & Nicholas
Kolokotronis, Carolyn & James A.
Kouis, Peter & Elizabeth
Koulakis, John and Gisele
Koulos, Joanna & Konstantinos
Kourafas, Christopher & Patricia
Kousoulas, Gus & Johanna
Koutsoukos, Lin & George
Kouvara, Bessie & Dana Roberts
Kypreos, George & Shana
Kypreos, Maria & James
Lagousis, Ted & Kendra
Lappas, Virginia
Linardos, Rose
Loutsos, Anna & Georgia & John
Grajeda
Lubian, Daniel & Stephanie
Lucas, John S. & Anthia
Lucas, Katherine
Macris, Catherine & George
Makredes, Labrini & Christopher

Malisos, Samantha A
Manos, Demetrios & Katie
Manos, William & Martha
Martin, Sam & Debbie
Maslen, Larissa & Mark Carpenter
Masouris, Vlase & Nicoleta
McCann, Liam
McGregor, Richard & Kristen
McNulty, Jennie & Chris
Metry, Sam and Gemalyn
Mirzakhanian, Elektra
Mitis, Nick & Maria Prantzikou
Mitropoulos, Eleni & Bill Balntas
Mitropoulos, Nick & Venetia
Mitsinikos, Emmanuel & Natalia
Mitsos, Michael & Michele M.
Mobayen, Chrissa & Syrus
Molinari, Yngrid
Mora, A. J.
Moutzouridis, Vasiliki & Peter
Murad, Mark & Evangeline Goulas
Nassos, Jonathan & Jenni Pulos
Nichols, James & Joyce
O'Dowd, Paula
Panagiot, Harry & Anastasia
Papavasiliou, George & Stacy
Papavasiliou, Kostantinos
Papavasiliou, Maria
Pappas, Dr. Alex P.
Pappas, Dr. James P.
Pappas, Dr. Peter A.
Pappas, Maria E.
Pappas, Steven & Christine
Pappas, Tony & Stergiani
Paras, Gus
Pastis, Leah
Pastis, Patricia
Patsavas, Bertha
Patzakis, Dr. Michael
Patzakis, John & Andrea
Paziouros, Konstantina & Nick
Pegadiotes, Stan S.
Plumtree, Martha & Wayne
Pollalis, Dino & Kim
Polwrek, Joseph & Jennifer
Polychronis, Thalia
Poulopoulos, Paris & Alexia
Poulos, Yiota
Reese, Helen
Riley, Thomas & Evangelia
Roberto, Vito & Dianthe
Rosenfeld, Alexandra Patsavas
Roulakis, Eleni
Samaan, Yvette
Sanders, Devin
Serban, Athena & Mihai
Sipsas, Pantelis & Nafsika
Skandale, Elizabeth
Skandale, Helen
Smith, Herman & Helen
Soewers, Alexander
Soewers, Randy
Soris, Kiparisia (Sia)
Stamos, Andy & Mary
Stamos, Nikos A.
Stavropoulos, Fonta (Xenofon)
Stavropoulos, Ted & Georgia
Stavropoulos, Tina
Stephens, Kenneth & A. Maria Plumtree
Stewart, Evan
Stoykova, Vera
Svitak, Mike and Sophia
Tarazi, Arianna Mary
Tarazi, Ted & Panagiota Angelos
Thompson, Caidyn Anastasia
Treantafelles, Helen
Treantafelles, Stan & Vivian
Tripodes Zacharias N.
Tripodes, Dena
Tripodes, Georgia
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Tsudis, Peter and Carol	Vlahos, Tasia & Effie
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Vagenas, Alex & Tashia	Vorgias, Zacharias & Alma
Vagenas, Christos & Eleni Attard	Webster, John & Jennifer
Vagenas, Diana	Wojcik, Eleni
Vagenas, Dino & Krystina	Wojcik, Radoslav M. & Pamela
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Vagenas, Pete & Mindy	Ziska, Antonia
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Vagenas, Vasilios	Zoumberakis, Haralambos and Nikole
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Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this stewardship list. Please forgive us if there are any errors or omissions. Contact the church office at: office@saint-anthonys.org or 626-449-6943 for any questions or corrections.

Thank you to everyone who has returned the completed **2026** Stewardship Financial Commitment Card.

If you have not done it, please return your completed commitment card to church as soon as possible. If you are new to the community and want to become a member in our Church, please feel free to either take a Steward Financial Commitment card (pledge Card) from the announcement table in the narthex or contact the Church office.

Stewardship is a yearly commitment from January to December.

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

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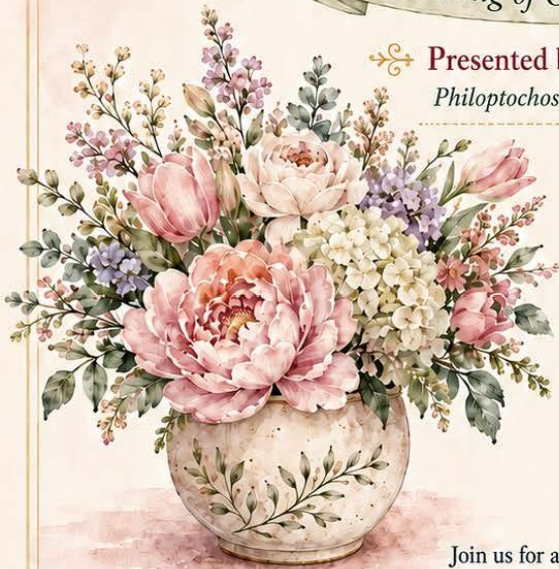
SAINT ANTHONY PHILOPTOCHOS PRESENTS

Flower Arranging with Poppy

An Evening of Creativity & Community

Presented by Poppy Askew

Philoptochos member and florist



Wednesday, May 27th



6:00 PM



St. Anthony's Greek Orthodox Church
Trinity Ballroom



\$30 per person



Prepayment preferred

Note earlier start time:
6:00 PM

Join us for a hands-on evening of flower arranging as Poppy guides us in creating a beautiful floral centerpiece in a ceramic vase using thoughtfully selected seasonal blooms.

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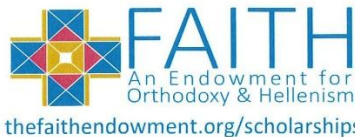
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Designed By: Devin Sanders & AJ Mora

With the blessing of Father Peter Stratos, join us for a weekly book club focused on spiritual growth, fellowship, and a deeper understanding of our Orthodox faith.

Details:

- **Start Date:** Tentatively: Wednesday, June 3
- **In Person Meeting Start Time:** 6:30PM
- **Zoom Meeting Time:** 7:00PM-8:00PM
- **First Book:** **The Way of the Pilgrim*
- **Frequency:** Weekly
- **Format:** Meet & Greet, Prayer, Discussion, Reflection, and Practical Application
- **Fellowship:** Refreshments & Snacks
- **Location:** Saint Anthony's & Hybrid Zoom Meeting (details to follow)

*Pending Bookstore order through the Parish

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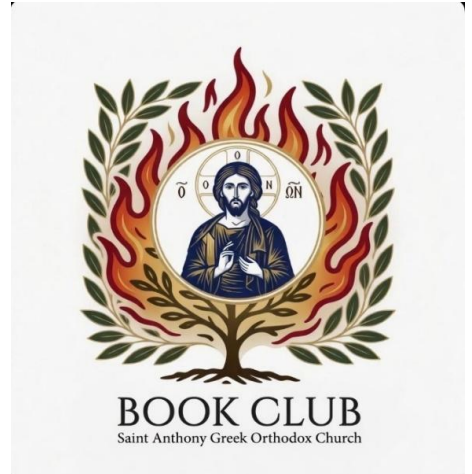
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Host a Coffee Hour

Celebrate a Name Day, Birthday, Anniversary or Loved One

Every Sunday following the Divine Liturgy, coffee hour in the Parish Hall provides an opportunity to visit with fellow parishioners and to greet new Parish members. By offering to host Coffee Hour, you are assisting in providing a delicious snack while we spend time with our church family. Your fellow parishioners will be grateful for the snack and fellowship.

Hosting is easy:

1. **Sign-up on the poster located in the Parish Hall or Church Office.** *If you would like your name or event included in the weekly bulletin, notify the Church Office by the Wednesday prior to the date chosen at 626.449.6943 or by email at office@saint-anthonys.org*

For Memorials, please notify the Church Office by the Wednesday prior to the date chosen at 626.449.6943 or by email at office@saint-anthonys.org

2. **Bring snack for 70 adults & 30 kids** – *See reverse side for suggestions and quantities or request from church office*
3. **Bring snack items plated on serving trays/bowls ready to serve by 10:00AM on your chosen day.** *(Serving tables and coffee/water station are set up by 10:00AM)*
4. **Clean-up**

Coffee, sugar, creamer, paper plates, plastic utensils, cups and napkins used for coffee hour are underwritten by Parish Council & Philoptochos. Please consider donating these items to help offset the cost.

All donations made during Coffee Hour go toward the Church Altar Fund to provide the liturgical needs for our St. Anthony Parish

Host a Coffee Hour

Food Suggestions & Quantities

100 people – 70 adults & 30 children

Costco, Smart & Final or Super King are recommended for most items. Specialty items can be found at any Greek or Armenian market

Please have all items brought to the Parish Hall ready-to-serve on platters/bowls by 10AM. preferably disposable. If not disposable, please remember to take them home

Tables, Tablecloths, Coffee, Cream, Sugar, Paper Plates, Napkins, Cups and Water will be set up by 10AM

Paper goods are underwritten by both Parish Council & Philoptochos. Please consider donating these items to help offset the cost

Our dedicated Parish caretaker, Carlos, is responsible only for the setup of water and coffee. He should not be expected to set-up the snack or cleanup any remaining food or serving pieces.

Any questions, please contact office@saint-anthonys.org

QTY	ITEM	COMMENTS
	Mini Bagels or Bagels	100 Mini whole or 6 bags of 12 Regular Sliced, cut in half
1 Jumbo Jar	Peanut Butter	Served in 4 paper/plastic bowls
1-48oz Jar	Jelly	Served in 2 paper/plastic bowls
1 Jumbo Jar	Nutella	Served in 2 paper/plastic bowls
	OR	
100	Mini Deli Sandwiches	Assorted Meats, Tuna, Veggie
	OR	
5lbs	Greek Cheese	Feta or Kefalotyri, sliced
4lbs	Greek Olives	1-4lb Tub or equivalent
	Hummus	Homemade (1 lg can chickpeas) or 3-34oz tubs Costco Hummus
4	Pita Bread Bags of 12	Pita - cut into quarters / Baguettes - sliced
	OR	
2-3	Assorted Salads	Potato Salad, Greek Salad, Tabouli
2	Assorted Vegetable Trays	
	AND (Choose 2)	
100	Cookies	Biscotti, Oreos, Assorted
4	Bundt Cakes or similar	Cut into thin slices
50-100	Muffins / Pastries / Donuts	50 Large, cut in half or 100 Small
6 containers	Seedless Grapes	Cleaned and cut into small bunches
3 – 5lb bags	Tangerines	
2	Assorted Fruit or Veggie Trays	

Sunday of the Blind Man

The Lord Jesus was coming from the Temple on the Sabbath, when, while walking in the way, He saw the blind man mentioned in today's Gospel. This man had been born thus from his mother's womb, that is, he had been born without eyes (see Saint John Chrysostom, Homily LVI on the Gospel of Saint John; Saint Irenaeus, Against Heresies, Book V:15; and the second Exorcism of Saint Basil the Great).

When the disciples saw this, they asked their Teacher, "Who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" They asked this because when the Lord had healed the paralytic at the Sheep's Pool, He had told him, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee" (John 5:14); so they wondered, if sickness was caused by sin, what sin could have been the cause of his being born without eyes. But the Lord answered that this was for the glory of God. Then the God-man spat on the ground and made clay with the spittle. He anointed the eyes of the blind man and said to him, "Go, wash in the Pool of Siloam." Siloam (which means "sent") was a well-known spring in Jerusalem used by the inhabitants for its waters, which flowed to the eastern side of the city and collected in a large pool called "the Pool of Siloam." Therefore, the Saviour sent the blind man to this pool that he might wash his eyes, which had been anointed with the clay-not that the pool's water had such power, but that the faith and obedience of the one sent might be made manifest, and that the miracle might become more remarkable and known to all, and leave no room for doubt.

Thus, the blind man believed in Jesus' words, obeyed His command, went and washed himself, and returned, no longer blind, but having eyes and seeing. This was the greatest miracle that our Lord had yet worked; as the man healed of his blindness himself testified, "Since time began, never was it heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind," although the Lord had already healed the blind eyes of many. Because he now had eyes, some even doubted that he was the same person (John 9:8-9); and it was still lively in their remembrance when Christ came to the tomb of Lazarus, for they said, "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have caused that even this man should not have died?" Saint John Chrysostom gives a thorough and brilliant exposition of our Lord's meeting with the woman of Samaria, the healing of the paralytic, and the miracle of the blind man in his commentaries on the Gospel of Saint John.

Reminder:

**NO PARKING IN THE EMERGENCY WHITE
ZONE IN FRONT OF CHURCH**

**A Handicap Placard or Handicap License
Plate is required to park in the blue handicap
parking spaces.**



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