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A NOTE TO OUR VISITORS

Please understand that Holy Communion is a sign of unity of our faith.
Only Orthodox Christians that have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting,
and periodic confession are permitted to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

We are glad to have you worshipping with us today. Please join us for fellowship
immediately following the Liturgy in the Fellowship Hall coffee room.



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Orthros: 9:00 am ~ Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am

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Sunday June 2, 2019

Sunday of The Blind Man

Commemorating: Nikephoros Pat. Of Constantinople, Erasmus of Ochrid

Orthros Gospel: Eighth

Tone: Plagal First

Epistle Reading: 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.

Gospel Reading: 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.

Thank You to the Following Stewards of St. John's Parish:

Parish Council Member on Duty: Charlie Belissary

Prosforon brought by: Irene Sfougaristos

Coffee Hour by: Eleni Sourlis/ Penny Politis

Today's Second Tray will benefit the Building Fund

Schedule of Services and Community Events

Sunday, June 2nd:

- Orthros 9:00 am, Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
- Sunday School following Divine Liturgy
- Greek School 12:30 pm
- GOYA Meeting 12:00 pm in Library following Liturgy

Monday, June 3rd: Parish Council Meeting: 6:00 pm in church Library

Tuesday, June 4th: Festival Meeting 7:00 pm in coffee room

Wednesday, June 5th: Vespers 6:00 pm

Thursday, June 6th: Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Community News and Events

Greek School Information: Last Day for Greek School will be June 9th. On June 15th, 9:00 am they will be going to Myrtle Waves Water Park for their summer outing. Please contact Ted or Popi Kesoglou for more information. Greek School Graduation event will be Friday, June 28th at 6:00 pm in the hall.

Church Sunday School Information: Last day for Church Sunday school will be June 9th All students are asked to be here that day for group pictures and acknowledgements. A gathering of children, parents and teachers will take place following this time. Further information will follow.

2019 CHURCH GOLF TOURNAMENT: This year's tournament will be on Tuesday June 11th~8:00 am at the Arrowhead Country Club. This golf tournament is the second largest fundraiser for our church!!! Your support is very important to the success of this event! Parishioners & golfers can help by signing up friends and associates for golf and selling hole sponsorships (\$100). Volunteers are needed before and the day of the event. Call Jimmy Lambrinos (443-238-5618) or Jimmy Arakas (843-450-3665) with any questions. Registration forms are at the Pangari/website.

YOUTH GREEK DANCING: Instruction for Greek dancing will be on Saturdays at 10:00 am. Katherine Wright will be the instructor. For more information, please contact Katherine Wright at 843-267-9857.

GREEK FESTIVAL REMINDER: Dates for festival this year are October 17 thru 20. Our next meeting will be June 4th at 7:00 pm in the coffee room. All are welcome to attend and give us your ideas. We need everyone's help!

ST. JOHN'S RELIGIOUS BOOKSTORE AND GIFT SHOP: A variety of books, icons, instructional guides, Orthodox literature, worship greeting cards, bracelets, olive oil soap, "A Voyage in Greek Cooking", St. John's parish cookbook is available. Contact Loretta Siotka at 843-399-8955. (Moved to the Library in Community Center)

STEWARDSHIP: Please return stewardship form as soon as possible. Additional forms are available at the pangari.