

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2009 6th SUNDAY OF PASCHA—Tone 5. Man Born Blind. Ven. Simeon the Stylite (the Younger) of the Wonderful Mountain (596). Ven. Nikita the Stylite, Wonderworker of Pereyaslav’—Zaleskii (786). Martyrs Meletius Stratelates, Stephen, John, and 1,218 soldiers, with women and children, including Serapion the Egyptian, Callinicus the Magician, Theodore, Faustus, the women: Marciana, Susanna, and Palladia, two children: Cyriacus and Christian, and twelve Tribunes—Faustus, Festus, Marcellus, Theodore, Meletius, Sergius, Marcellinus, Felix, Photinus, Theodoriscus, Mercurius, and Didymus, all of whom suffered in Galatia (138-161). St. Vincent of Lérins.

FIRST ANTIPHON

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise! **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Say to God: How awesome are Thy deeds! So great is Thy power that Thy enemies cringe before Thee! **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee! Let it praise Thy name, O Most High! **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

SECOND ANTIPHON

God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Thy countenance upon us and have mercy on us! **O Son of God who arose 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! **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God! Let all the people give thanks to Thee! **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

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 became man and wast crucified, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face.

Troparion: 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.

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

So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad. **Troparion:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

TROPARION

(Tone 5) Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, / co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, / born for our salvation from the Virgin; /

for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, / to endure death,

and to raise the dead// by His glorious Resurrection.

KONTAKIA

(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.”

(Tone 8) You descended into the tomb, O Immortal, / You destroyed the power of death. / In victory You arose, O Christ God, / proclaiming: “Rejoice!” to the Myrrhbearing Women,//granting peace to Your Apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

The Prokeimenon in the Eighth Tone: Pray and make your vows / before the Lord, our God!

v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

THE READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (16:16-34)

In those days, As we 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.

Alleluia, Tone 8

v: Look upon me and have mercy on me!

v. Guide my steps according to Your word!

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN (9:1-38)

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 any one 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 any one is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that any one 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 June 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.

THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

The Angel cried to the Lady full of grace: 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, all ye people! Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem! The Glory of the Lord has shone on you! Exult now and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O Pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of your Son!

COMMUNION HYMNS

Receive the Body of Christ, taste the Fountain of Immortality. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

IN PLACE OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT..."

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

May 24, 2009

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF

David Tome, Anne Smith, Mary Harrison, John & Gloria Zelenko, Ted Weston,
Walter Sudia, Rosemary Vuckovich, Anna Branoff, My family & friends.....J. Tome
Happy Birthday & God's blessings Jerry Smith, Goldie Johnson,
Happy Anniversary & God's blessings John & Gloria Zelenko,
Evanka & Lewis Elieff, Congratulation & Many years Hannah & Tim Seeley.....Anne Smith
Rosemary Vuckovich, Gloria Zelenko, Lydia Keeler, Maria Sztaba,
Sick & shut-ins of St. Nicholas, Joe Tome, Anne Smith.....Marion Sztaba
Health & God's blessings Rosemary Vuckovich, Olga Elasiovich & Family,
Helen & Doug Phillips, Olga Haw & Family, Mary Harrison, Stella Sutak,
Families of Oginsky, Miculka, Kuptz, Sick & shut-ins of St. Nicholas.....Anne Smith
Special Intention Maggie, Nancy & Kenneth Laycock, Diane, Art Zambito & Family,
Gloria Zelenko, Cynthia Brooke, Jaxon Cords, Anne Smith.....Anne Smith
Health & Blessing Mom & Dad (Lewis & Evanka Elieff) on their 51st Anniversary
May 25.....Their Family
Health & Blessings for John & Gloria Zelenko on their Anniversary,
God Grant You Many, Many Years!.....Adam, Eli & Kara

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Carl Smith & our son, Mary Oginsky-17 yrs Blessed Repose, Anna Biernacki,
Mary Stevens, Barry Pray, Jim Isom, Stella Branoff.....Anne Smith
Blessed Repose-Danica Bulat, Phyllis Hovey, Stella Branoff.....Stojan & Mira Prusac
Numka Stella.....Paul, Kathy, Steve
& Families
Numka Mary Stevens-Memory Eternal-1 yr (May 24).....
Violet Chizewsky-4 yrs Blessed Repose.....Joe & Dorothy Goodman
& Family
Mary Stevens- 1 yrs Blessed Repose.....Joe & Dorothy Goodman
& Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas. Please, join us for coffee and donuts in the Parish hall following the Divine Liturgy.

Coffee & Donuts are being donated today in memory of Mary Stevens (1yr), by her family.

We are in need of volunteers to serve coffee and donuts next Sunday, May 31st.

Church School Graduation will be next Sunday, May 31st. Please have your children, grandchildren and Godchildren here so that they can receive their award and join us for a fun afternoon at Bonkers.

The Church School students will be going to Bonkers (Playland) on Sunday, May 31st after the Divine Liturgy. If you are planning on going with the group, please see Kathy Gonser or Shari Nicoloff.

Thank you to everyone who has helped support our Children's Playground fund. With your help we've raised \$3,470.50. The Macedonian Open has pledged to meet the amount raised up to \$3,000.00.

Our Parish has received a shipment of prepaid cell phones from Page Plus Cellular. They come with 100 minutes pre loaded on the phone. You can purchase extra minutes from Speedway, Shell & Marathon gas stations. If you or you know of any one that is in need of a cell phone and would be interested please see Fr. Matthew or Debbie. There is only one phone available.

OVER

Schedule for Cemetery Blessings

TODAY

2:00 pm St. Nicholas Cemetery
St. Michael Cemetery
Gracelawn Cemetery

Schedule of services for the week of May 24:

Monday, May 25

11:30 AM Crowning in Marriage of Esteban Julio Vazquez and Amanda Christine Hengy

Wednesday, May 27

6:00 PM Paschal Hours & Vespers Divine Liturgy for the Ascension of our Lord

Saturday, May 30

10:30AM Baptism of Jenna Carole Paul
4:30 PM Great Vespers followed by Confessions

Sunday, May 31

9:30 AM 7TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA – FATHERS OF THE FIRST COUNCIL
10:00 AM Third Hour
Divine Liturgy

The Ladies Auxiliary of St. George Orthodox Church will be hosting their Middle Eastern Luncheon & Bake Sale on Thursday, May 28 from 11am-3pm. The cost for the luncheon will be \$10.00. Please see the flyer in the parish hall for more information.

To all of our St. Nicholas family & friends; Thank you so much for all of your prayers, candles, kind words and hugs during the recent death of our wife and mother Stella Branoff. She loved her church family and was so blessed to be loved by all of you.

Tom, Linda, Peter & Marilyn Branoff