

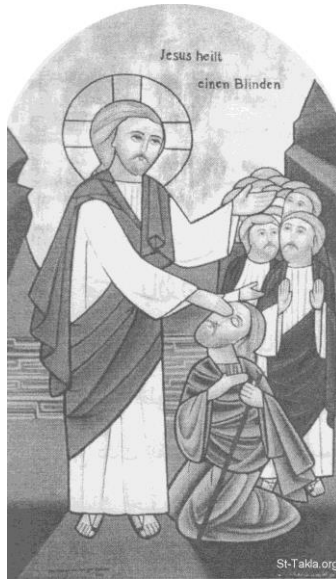
St. George Orthodox Church of Spring Valley

Sunday, June 5, 2016

Sixth Sunday of Pascha

The Sunday of the Man Born Blind

Matins, 9:00 AM :: Divine Liturgy, 10:00 AM



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Today's Epistle Reader: Matthew Rowan

Today's Holy Bread and Coffee Hour: Mitch Kaleel and family

Next Sunday's Coffee Hour: John and Melanie Thompson

Hymns of the Day, immediately after the Small Entrance:

Entrance Hymn for Pascha: In the gathering places, bless ye God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 5): Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal 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 of St. George the Great Martyr (Tone 4): Since thou art a liberator and deliverer of captives, a help and succour of the poor and needy, a healing physician of the sick, a contender and fighter for kings, O great among martyrs, the victory-clad George: Intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion of Pascha (Tone 8): O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: 'Rejoice!' And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those who had fallen!

The Hymn to the Theotokos for the Paschal season:

The angel spake to her that is full of grace, saying, 'O pure Virgin, rejoice; and I say also, Rejoice; for thy Son is risen from the tomb on the third day!' Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem; for the glory of the Lord hath risen upon thee. Rejoice and exult now, O Zion, and thou, O pure one, Theotokos, rejoice at the Resurrection of thy Son!

EPISTLE READING

Thou, O Lord, shalt keep us and shalt preserve us. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man is no more!

The Reading is from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (16:16-34)

In those days, while we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination, who brought her masters much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, and cried out saying: "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." And she did this 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 masters saw that the hope of their gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers. When they had brought them to the magistrates, they said: "These men are disturbing our city, and they, being Jews, are setting forth customs which are not lawful for us to receive or observe, since we are Romans." The multitude then rose up together against them, and the magistrates tore their garments off them, and commanded to beat them with rods. And when they inflicted many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received such a charge, he cast 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. And the jailer, being roused out of sleep and seeing the prison doors open, drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried out with a loud voice saying: "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and fell down before Paul and Silas trembling with fear, and brought them out and said: "Masters, what must I do to be saved?" And they said: "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him, and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes, and was baptized, he and his entire household. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, with his entire house, that he had believed in God.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (9:1-38)

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.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full calendar of events and services at St. George, see our website, www.stgeorgeorthodox.org.

- **Today:** Parish Council meeting, upstairs after Liturgy. *This is not a regular meeting, but we will discuss our building project, a financial plan, and the date of an all-church meeting.*
- **Wednesday, June 8:** Vespers for the Ascension of our Lord, 6pm. *Father Andrew will also be available for confession, anointing, or any other priestly service.*
- **Thursday, June 9: Divine Liturgy for the Ascension of our Lord, 10am.** *This marks the 40th day after Easter, and the end of our Paschal season.*
- **Saturday, June 11:** Vespers, 6pm.
- **Next Sunday, June 12:** Matins, 9am; Divine Liturgy, 10am.

Another **Sunday School** year has come and gone! Thank you to all parents and teachers who made this year a good one, especially Khouria Patty Kishler, Christina Kapetaneas, and Patrice Nimee. Look for our kids' artwork on display later this month at the Parish Life Conference!

Camp St. George is now accepting applications for our diocese summer camp in Cedar Rapids, IA. The dates are August 14-20, and application forms for kids age 9 and up are now available online at campstgeorge.org. Please let Fr. Andrew know if your child would like to attend and we will coordinate drivers.

Building project update. Downstairs you will find architectural designs for three different options on our proposed church building project. Our goal over the coming weeks as a parish community is to gravitate towards one of the three designs, and gather together for another all-church meeting later in the summer. Thank you to Mark Kerasotes and our building committee for having these drawings prepared!

This year's **Parish Life Conference** will be June 22-26 in Livonia, Michigan. Registration forms are available on the bulletin shelf, or you may register online: www.antiochianevents.com/toledo.html.

Please also note we will have NO SERVICES on Sunday, June 26, the week of the Parish Life Conference.

We are also pleased to announce that **His Grace Bishop Anthony** plans to visit us in Spring Valley, the weekend of October 15 and 16. More information will follow as we draw closer to that date.

Do you have an announcement for the bulletin?

Please contact Fr. Andrew no later than Friday each week for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin.

Sunday Volunteer Schedule

	Holy Bread/Coffee Hour	Epistle Reader
TODAY	Mitch Kaleel and family	Matthew Rowan
Sunday, June 12	John/Melanie Thompson	Mike Kasap
Sunday June 19	Ron/Dottie Malooley	Mark Kerasotes
Sunday, June 26	Parish Life Conference – No services	
Sunday, July 3	OPEN	Kenneth Wiltse
Sunday, July 10	George/Lynette Forsa	George Forsa
Sunday, July 17	Matt/Olly Rowan	David Anderson

Church Finances

April 2016:

Operating Income:	\$7151.36
Operating Expenses:	\$6448.57
Cash Flow:	\$ 702.79

January – April 2016:

Income:	\$23,963.99
Expenses:	\$20,886.68
Cash Flow:	\$ 3,077.31

Thank you for your faithful giving so far this year! March and April are always our best months for giving, but please continue to support St. George Church with your tithes and offerings, especially through the summer months, when attendance and giving tend to be far lower.



June Birthdays and Anniversaries ~ May God grant you many years!

(Please let Father know if we are missing anyone!)

Ron and Dottie Malooley, June 1

Nick Malooley, June 2

Mary Miller, June 3

John Kishler, June 6

Kim and Jeannie Leonard, June 12

Melanie Thompson, June 16

Maggie Kishler, June 24

Kenneth Wiltse, June 26

Mark and Nicole Wiltse, June 28

Carol Ball, June 28

:: Synaxarion Reading for the Sunday of the Blind Man ::

On this day, the sixth Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the miracle wrought by our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ upon the man who was blind from his birth.

The Savior met this man, born blind and incurable after every human effort, while leaving the Temple on the Sabbath. Saints John Chrysostom, Basil the Great and Irenaeus teach that the man was born without eyes. Jesus spat into the dirt, made clay, rubbed it in his eye sockets and told him to wash in the pool of Siloam, a famous water spring in Jerusalem. The Savior did not send him there because his eye sockets were covered in clay, nor did the pool have healing power, but instead to test his faith and obedience. The blind man proclaimed that Jesus healed him, but this confession caused him to be cast out by the enemies of the truth. Even his own parents would not defend him. However, the blind man followed Jesus from that moment forward.

By Thine infinite mercy, O Christ our God, Giver of light, have mercy on us. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JUNE 5 – 11



Sunday, June 5: The Man Born Blind

Acts 16:16-34 / John 9:1-38

Monday, June 6: Venerable Hilarion the New

Acts 17:1-9 / John 11:47-54

Tuesday, June 7: Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra

Acts 17:19-28 / John 12:19-36

Wednesday, June 8: Great Martyr Theodore the General

Acts 18:22-28 / John 12:36-47

Thursday, June 9: Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ

Acts 1:1-12 / Luke 24:36-53

Friday, June 10: Martyrs Alexander and Antonina

Acts 19:1-8 / John 14:1-11

Saturday, June 11: Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas

Acts 11:19-30 / Luke 10:16-21

"CHRIST IS OUR HOPE, OUR CLEANSING AND SANCTIFICATION, OUR RESURRECTION, LIFE, AND REPOSE. HE ALONE IS WHAT WE ALL NEED, AND THEREFORE, THE CHURCH CONSTANTLY PRONOUNCES THESE WORDS ALOUD SO THAT WE MAY HEAR THEM DURING THE HOLY SERVICES OF THE CHURCH, AND BE CONSTANTLY RENEWED."

— ST. JOHN OF KRONSTADT