



Sunday, June 2

Sunday of the Blind Man

Nicephorus the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople

All English Liturgy

HYMNS AT THE SMALL ENTRANCE

First Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless His holy Name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all that He
has done for you.

The Lord in heaven has
prepared His throne, and
His kingdom rules over
all.

Second Antiphon

Praise the Lord, O my soul; I
will praise the Lord in my
life; I will chant unto my
God for as long as I have
my being.

Blessed is He of whom the
God of Jacob is his help,
whose hope is in the Lord
his God.

The Lord shall be King unto
eternity; your God, O
Zion, from generation
to generation.

Third Antiphon

This is the day the Lord has
made; let us rejoice and
be glad in it.

Let the heavens and the earth
praise Him.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection, Tone 1

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

Isodikon

In the churches bless God the Lord, bless Him from the well spring Israel.
Save us O Son of God who didst arise from the dead, sing we to Thee Alleluia.

The Resurrection Apolytikion, Tone 1 Plagal

Logos born of the virgin for our salvation, and coeternal with the Father and the Holy Spirit, come ye faithful ones and worship singing praise to Him, for He was willing as a man to be lifted on the cross and death to suffer, and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Troparion of Saint Sophia (Holy Wisdom)

Blessed are You O Christ our God, Who as all wise the fishermen You showed forth;
By sending your Holy Spirit down upon them and through them the universe You drew unto Your net. O lover of mankind glory to You.

Kondakion, Tone 3

Though Thou descended into the grave Immortal One, Thou over threw the power of Hades and arose as victor Christ the God crying out to the myrrh-bearing women
“Hail!” and to Thy Apostles bestowing peace, Thou who to the fallen ones has granted resurrection.

Megalynarion

The angel cried out to her who is full of grace: “Rejoice pure virgin again I say rejoice!
Your Son has risen in three days from his grave!”

O shine, be illumined, O shine new Jerusalem. For the glory of the Lord is dawning over you. Dance with joy Zion! Dance now and rejoice! Purest maid Virgin Theotokos, look with delight upon the one your bore, He is risen!

Communion Hymn

Receive the Body of Christ, O taste the fountain of immortality. Alleluia.

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Scripture Reading

Faith comes by hearing...

Epistle Reader: David Popa

Priest: Let Us Attend...

Reader: You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us...save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

Priest: Wisdom.

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

Priest: Let us be attentive...

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.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. 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?"

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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.

Memorials

May their memory be eternal...

Among the spirits of the righteous perfected in faith, give rest, O Savior to the souls of your servants...

Georgia K. Caras (40 days)

Chris Tom Caras (4 years)

Helen Cappos (10 years)

George Cappos (5 years)

Michael Cappos (11 years)

Marina Koukis (5 years)

Speros Daskalelis

Aristidis Daskalelis

Christos Daskalelis

Virginia Daskalelis

Nikos Daskalelis

Harry Christopher James (2 year)

Emmanouel Sotirios Fallaris (32 days)

Polyxene "Jennie" George (32 years)

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Offered in loving memory of Georgia K. Caras and Chris Tom Caras by their daughters Cathy Nissen, Connie McCoy, Nancy Kallas and their families.

ALTAR TABLE CANDLES

Offered in loving memory of Helen Cappos, George Cappos, and Michael Cappos by the Chistolini family.

SOLEA CANDLES

Offered in loving memory of Marina Koukis, Speros, Aristidis, Christos, Virginia and Nikos Daskalelis by the Koukis family.

PERPETUAL CANDLES

Offered in loving memory of Polyxene "Jennie" George by her grandson, Dean and Christina Peratsakis.

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- 2. Sanctify and enhance the spiritual life of the faithful through Orthodox Christian worship.*
- 3. Receive persons into the Church through instruction, baptism and/or chrismation.*



UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday, June 2

8:30 am — Orthros

9:45 am — Memorials

10:00 am — *Divine Liturgy*

Thursday, June 6

Holy Ascension

9:00 am — Orthros

10:00 am — Divine Liturgy