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**May 25, 2014**  
**The Sunday of the Blind Man**  
**Plagal Tone: 1 ~ Eothinon: 8 ~ Ps. 109:8**

***CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!***

**Holy Communion is only open to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession.** If you are not in good standing with the Church or are not an Orthodox Christian please do not be offended by this. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the antidoron at the end of the Divine Liturgy

**Saints du Jour (May 25)**

The third discovery of the honorable head of the Forerunner; Martyr Celestine; Demetrios the myrrh-streaming.

***Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Plagal Tone 1:*** Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of a 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.

***Apolytikion of the Third Discovery of the Head of the Forerunner –Tone 4:*** Verily, from the earth rose the head of the Forerunner, bequeathing to believers incorruptible rays of healing, gathering the crowds of angels from above and calling below the races of mankind to address their voices in unison in glory to Christ God.

***Apolytikion of St. Basil the Great – Tone 1:*** Into all the world that received thy word went out thy voice; thereby didst thou divinely teach, explaining the nature of existing things and ordering the conduct of men. O venerable father, royal priesthood Basil, intercede with Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

***Kontakion of Pascha – Plagal Tone 4:*** When Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of hades. In victory Thou didst arise, O Christ God, proclaiming ‘Rejoice’ to the myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Thine apostles and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

***Prokeimenon:*** The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.

***Verse:*** O God, hear my cry when I pray to You.

**Epistle:** The reading is from St. Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians.  
(Chapter 4:6-15)

BRETHREN, it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” Who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we too believed and so we speak, knowing that He Who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving to the glory of God.

**Gospel:** The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John

(Chapter 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 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

#### GOSPEL CONTINUED

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.

#### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> – Vesperal Divine Liturgy, 6:30 P.M. (Ascension of our Lord)  
Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> – Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost (begins 30 min after liturgy is over)  
Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions  
Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> – Typica Service, 9:30 A.M.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

God willing, the **church bulletin** shall soon be available to members of the parish by email, in addition to having a printed copy available on Sunday mornings. Fr. Peter is compiling a list of names and email addresses for this purpose. Those persons or families interested in having the bulletin emailed to them should see Fr. Peter. Thank you.

**The last day of Church School** shall be today, May 25.

The **St. Basil Birthday Party** is scheduled for Sunday, June 1, after Divine Liturgy. Hamburgers and hotdogs shall be provided; members of the parish are encouraged to bring salads, chips, desserts, ice and drinks. A “birthday list” of items needed for the parish is posted on the bulletin board outside the kitchen for those persons who want to bring a “birthday gift.” All food is available at no charge and everyone is welcome to attend.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

The **Ladies Guild** is continuing the sale of frozen, ready-to-cook packages of Lebanese recipes - namely beef shawarma (\$12 a package) and chicken shish ta'ouk (\$10 a package). Simple cooking instructions are available in the parish hall.

As of May 18, 2014, 39 pledges were received totaling \$73,985.00. The budget approved at our Annual General Parish Meeting was for \$136,480.00. Approximately \$2,625/week is needed in donations to meet this obligation. The collection for May 18, 2014, totaled \$1,505 for a year-to-date total of \$48,361 (~\$2,418/week). We are approximately \$4,140 short of where we need to be at this time.

#### ***Spiritual Counsels...***

“When virtuous men are in power, the people are joyful, when the wicked rule, the people groan.”  
Proverbs 29:2

