



SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

A parish of the Self-Ruled Antiochian
Orthodox Christian Church of North America

Most Rev. Metropolitan Philip, Primate
Very Rev. Father Joseph Kimmett, Pastor

Rev. Father Stephen Mathewes, Seminarian
Rev. Deacon Luke Toumi
Subdeacon Gheorge Doros
Subdeacon Joseph Kouyoumjian

*It is our pleasure to welcome visitors and friends to our church.
If you would like to know more about our parish,
or the Orthodox Church, please feel free to ask.*

***Orthodox Christians who have confessed their sins, who and have
prepared themselves by fasting and who have been present from
the beginning of the Liturgy are invited to receive Communion.***

CALENDAR

- Memorial Day - Prayers for the Departed, 9:00 am,
Highland Cemetery Chapel
- Wednesday - Evening Liturgy for the Ascension, 6:00 pm
- Saturday - Great Vespers, 5:00 pm
- Next Sunday - Matins & Divine Liturgy, 9:00 / 10:00 am
40-Day Memorial for Loretta Thomas

29 May 2011

◇
**Sunday of
the
Man Born
Blind**
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The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John (9:1-38, Blindman)

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 Silo'am" (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 Silo'am 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 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.

MEMORIAL DAY

Prayers for all the departed will be offered tomorrow at the Highland Cemetery Chapel at 9:00 am. The list of those being remembered is available in the narthex.

NEW ICON

An icon of our patron, the Great Martyr and Trophy Bearer George has been gifted to the parish by Jack and Janis O’Riley. It was purchased on their recent trip and was blessed by Patriarch Bartholomew during a private visit they had at the Phanar in Constantinople [Istanbul].

FEAST DAY

The Feast of the *Ascension* of Our Lord into Heaven, on the fortieth day of Pascha is this week. It is one of the major feast days of the Orthodox year. Divine Liturgy will be served on Wednesday at 6:00 pm.

YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember Father Stephen Mathewes who leaves today on a mission trip to Albania with OCMC. He will return next month.

Remember also the IOCC and their work with storm victims in Missouri and the south. See www.IOCC.org for up to date information and ways you can help.

HOLY BREAD AND COFFEE HOUR

There are openings in the coming weeks (and through the summer) for those wishing to offer the holy bread and host a coffee hour. Please find a date and sign-up.

AABA TRIPS

The American Arab Benevolent Association is sponsoring three "day trips" this year for anyone who would like to participate. AABA offsets part of the cost of each trip. There are pamphlets on these trips available in the church hall or you can see David Franciosi for more information.

ASSEMBLY OF BISHOPS

The hierarchs of the Orthodox Church met this past week in Chicago, including Metropolitan PHILIP and the Antiochian bishops. A press release and information about their historic meeting is on-line at assemblyofbishops.org/news/releases/2011-meeting

CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION

Saint John of Damascus Church is hosting the *Parish Life Conference* June 17-19th, in Hyannis. His Grace Bp THOMAS will be the hierarch. See: www.stjohnd.org/conference2011/index.htm for information, and registration.

For our part, we’ve got *our teen Bible Bowl team: Nick Kimmett, Nadia Oleinik, Owen Plouffe and Leah Shalbey*. We are looking for an adult team and for participants in the Oratorical Festival. The conference theme is: "Be mindful, O Lord, of the priesthood, the diaconate and every priestly rank". See www.antiochian.org/festivals for festival and oratorical information and let Father Joseph if you are interested.

All of the Creative Arts Festival projects for the Diocese of Worcester and New England were judged earlier this month in Dedham. *Our church school project received 15/16 points (93.75%)*. This is fantastic. Thanks to the leaders of our Church School and to all the students for their great work.

The *Archdiocese Convention* is July 24-31 in Chicago. Details at www.archdioceseconvention2011.org/ *If you plan now, you can buy tickets for the Red Sox, who will be playing the White Sox in Chicago that week.*

In 2012 our parish will host the Parish Life Conference. We’ll be at the Cliffhouse in Ogunquit, Maine. The Parish Council and previous conference chairs are the coordinating committee. We’ll soon be recruiting helpers for the weekend of June 21-24, 2012.

HOLY BREAD

The gifts are offered by Gloria Iovan and her family in memory of Constantin. A 40-day memorial will be served after Liturgy. Gifts are offered by Ernie Tselekis in memory of Christine. Gifts are also offered by Josephine ElMassih for Souad, Hani, Marie and Lena Dreik.

COFFEE HOUR

Please join us for refreshments after Liturgy today, hosted by the Iovan family. A coffee hour is also being sponsored by Ernie Tselekis.

VOTIVES

Seven-day candles burn before the Icon of the Theotokos given by Marlene Lupaczyk in thanksgiving for the Abdelahad family; and given anonymously for the health of Maria Piccirilli and her family.

GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE

Dora Orphanos, Dave & Mary Johnson and Arlene Fry *in memory of Loretta Thomas*
 Anonymous *in memory of Catherine Karim*
 Anonymous *for the health of Jennie Mike*
 Rudy & Elsie Seber *in memory of Salim Mitri*
 Donna Nashawaty . *in thanksgiving for the baptism of Dylan Nashawaty*
 Marie Coffine and Jean Jennings *prayers for the departed*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER -

Pray for the servants of God: Archpriest Michael, Christopher and the Abdelahad Family; Kh. Joanne (Bitar), Mahasen Yacoub (Hanna -- Ibtis' mother), Sean (Hatfield), David (Rediker), Michael (Pepin), Beverly (DiFlaminies), Pamela (Manikas), Deacon Elias (Hamaty), Janet, Noah, William, Kate (Melchert), Fred (Tomm), John (Howard), Nicole (Tourigney), Darcey, David (Knipe and family), Tripp (Head), Alan (Andrew), Lana (Joseph), Christina (Adams), Emaline (Eakle), Cleo (Eysie), Janis, Timothy (Wright), Kathryn (Howard), Nicholas, Claudia (Eysie), Najlae (Solomon), Lillie (Kelley), Lovee (Thomas), Sandy (Thomas), Loretta (Thomas), George (Fares), Charles (Howard), Mary, Ioana, Nicolae, Sam, Catherine, Margaret, Brian, Marion, Sarah,

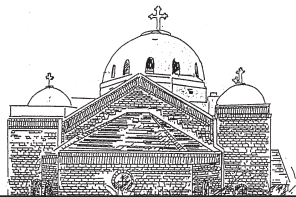
May 22 Income	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	F.F.H.P.
1344.00	\$697 .00	\$105.00	\$ 212.00	\$227.00

Council & Parish Leaders

- Christine Byron (Secretary)
- Joseph Eysie (Vice Chairman)
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- Web-Master - Ekaterina Oleinik



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EISODIKON

In congregations bless ye God, the Lord from the well-springs of Israel. O Son of God who art risen from the dead, save us who sing unto Thee, Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PASCHAL TROPARION

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

المسيح قام من بين الأموات
و وطئ الموت بالموت
و وهب الحياة
للذين في القبور

Χριστός ανέστη εκ νεκρών,
θανάτω θάνατον πατήσας,
και τοις εν τοις μνήμασι,
ζωήν χαρισάμενος!

Христос воскрес из мертвых,
смертию смерть поправ,
и сущим во гробех живот
даровав!

Hristos a inviat din morti
cu moartea pe moarte calcand
si celor din morminte viata daruindu-le.

Cristo ha resucitado de entre los muertos
con su muerte ha vencido la muerte
y los sepultados ha dado la vida.

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION (TONE 5)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word, co-eternal 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 SAINT GEORGE, PATRON OF OUR COMMUNITY (TONE 4)

As deliverer of captives, and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm, champion of kings, victorious Great-Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, for our souls' salvation.

PASCHAL KONTAKION (TONE 8)

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal! Thou didst destroy the power of Death! In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming, Rejoice! to the myrrhbearing women, granting peace to Thine apostles and bestowing resurrection on the fallen!

MEGALYNARION

The angel cried to the Lady full of grace, "Rejoice! 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! Rejoice, O ye people! Shine! Shine! Shine, O New Jerusalem! The glory of the Lord has shone on you! Exult now, exalt and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the resurrection, the resurrection of your Son.

EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Prokeimenon and Verse: Thou, O Lord shalt preserve us, and keep us from this generation. Save me, O Lord; for the godly man there is no more.

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

As they 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. Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing forever. Unto generation and generation will I declare Thy truth with my mouth. *Alleluia.* For thou hast said: "Mercy shall be built up forever. In the heavens shall Thy truth be established. *Alleluia.*

PASCHAL GREETING

English: Christ is risen! Truly, He is Risen!
Greek: Kris-tos a-nes-tee! A-lee-thos a-nes-tee!
Arabic: Al ma-seeh qām! Ha-qān qam!
Slavonic: Kristos voskresse! Voesteenu voskresse!
Romanian: Hristus A Inviat! Adeverat a Inviat!
Spanish: Christo ha Resuscitado!
En verdad ha Resuscitado!
Armenian: Christos harjav i merelotz!
Orhniale harutjun Christosi!

Glory to His Holy Third-day Resurrection.
We adore His Holy Third-day Resurrection.