

† HOLY ASCENSION †

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit; and they were assured by the blessing that Thou art the Son of God and Redeemer of the world.



A JOYFUL FAREWELL

One of life's most difficult tasks is to bid a final farewell to someone. What a sad and emotional experience this can be! With this in mind, it is, perhaps, a bit puzzling to read in St. Luke's account of our Lord's Ascension that the Apostles returned to Jerusalem "with great joy" after witnessing Christ's glorious departure from this world to His heavenly home. How could they possibly rejoice at the prospect of never seeing their Master again?

The joyful reaction of the Apostles to the Ascension indicates that they fully understood *WHO* Christ was, *WHAT* His mission encompassed, and *WHY* He couldn't remain with them on earth. Jesus was God Incarnate. He lived as a Man among us for one divine purpose: *TO SHOW US THE WAY TO ACHIEVE OUR SALVATION*. After accomplishing this through His teachings and His example, and after conquering death by virtue of His Resurrection, Christ's work here was finished!

In order to provide us with the greatest amount of assistance in our personal struggle to show our worthiness to be numbered among the righteous in God's kingdom, our Lord had to leave us. Still, He did not leave us as orphans! No, as He promised His disciples at the Mystical Supper prior to His Crucifixion, Christ's exit opened the door for the entrance of the Holy Spirit into the world, Who could *BE IN ALL PLACES AND FILL ALL THINGS!*

As we celebrate this Feast Day, let us do so joyfully! We are all disciples, called upon by the Saviour to obey Him, to live like Him, and to spread His Gospel to others. We eagerly await that wonderful day when He will come again with glory!

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ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

June 6, 2021

SUNDAY OF MAN BORN BLIND

Orthros 9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy immediately following the Orthros.

Fr. Basil Shaheen will be substituting and covering for Fr. Nicholas V. Gamvas who will be on vacation during the month of July. If you need any assistance call the Church Office: 330-454-7278

JUNE SCHEDULE:

TH	June 3	Greek Fest Drive Thru	11:00 a.m.
FRI	June 4	Greek Fest Drive Thru	11:00 a.m.
SAT	June 5	Greek Fest Drive Thru	11:00 a.m.
SUN	June 6	†Sunday of the Blind Man	9:00 a.m.
TH	June 10	†Holy Ascension	9:00 a.m.
SUN	June 13	Fathers of Ecumenical Council	9:00 a.m.
SAT	June 19	Saturday of Souls	9:00 a.m.
SUN	June 20	Sunday of Pentecost	9:00 a.m.
SUN	June 27	Sunday of All Saints	9:00 a.m.
TUE	June 29	Saints Peter and Paul	9:00 a.m.

JULY SCHEDULE:

SUN	July 4	2nd Sunday of Matthew	9:00 a.m.
SUN	July 11	3rd Sunday of Matthew	9:00 a.m.
SUN	July 18	Sunday of the Holy Fathers	9:00 a.m.
WED	July 21	Great Vespers St. Markella & St. Mary Magdalene	6:30 p.m.
SUN	July 25	5th Sunday of Matthew	9:00 a.m.
TUE	July 27	St. Panteleimon	9:00 a.m.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2021 CANTON GREEKFEST COMMITTEES AND VOLUNTEERS.

THE FOOD AND SERVICE WAS EXCELLENT AND WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE ANY OF IT WITHOUT YOUR TIME AND TALENTS.

WE WILL STILL NEED YOUR HELP WITH THE MONTH OF JULY AND AUGUST.

THANK YOU AND MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS OUR EFFORTS.

METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH PHILOPTOCHOS DAFFODIL VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER



This year rather than enjoying a luncheon together, support us in our effort to feed others! Help us raise money for the Food Banks throughout the Metropolis to provide meals for those families in need. Any monetary amount will be gladly accepted through **May 30, 2021**.

Make checks payable to:

The Metropolis of Pittsburgh Philoptochos

c/o Paula Makris Larence,
46 Maple Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003

We are still accepting donations. Scan the QR Code on the flyer in the May/June Koinonia or our Website.

Thank you for your support.

-Mary Trifelos

AMENDED GREEN PHASE: 75% Church Capacity with Masks and Social Distancing required in church and at all meetings.

2021 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS & UNDERGRADS

1) St. Haralambos Philoptochos

Michael & Dolly Sousaris Memorial Scholarship

This deadline has passed.

2) Harry Thomas Memorial Scholarship

Two (2) \$2500 scholarships are available; one for a graduating high school senior, one for an undergraduate student. Applicant's family must be members in good standing to obtain an application. Please call the church office for an application.

Deadline: June 11, 2021

3) AFGLC/Peter & Sophia Kourmolis Scholarship

Two (2) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to undergraduate or graduate students in good standing. Applications available in the church office.

Deadline: June 21, 2021

GRAPE LEAVES

It's the time to pick grape leaves for our church's festival dolmathes.

If you would like to help, you can call or text Dena Apostolou 330-705-3200.

Thank You!



The Daughters of Penelope Chloris Chapter 40 Presents...

THE 53RD ANNUAL DEBUTANTES' BALL SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021

Our next event:



Questions? please contact:

Debs Ball Chairperson, Allison Sarris @ 330-705-3973

or

Protocol Chairperson, Georgia Paxos at 330-933-7596.

My Beloved Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Christ, Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη! Christ is Risen! Μενοῦνγε μακάριοι οἱ ἀκούοντες τὸν λόγον τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ φυλάσσοντες αὐτόν. (Λουκ. 11:28)

Indeed! Most truly so! Blessed are those who listen to the word of God and keep it! (Luke 11:28)

Finally, the day has arrived for the Church to dedicate a Sunday and celebrate all our Presvyteres throughout the Holy Archdiocese of America. This National Sisterhood of Presvyteres Sunday — on the closest Sunday to June 4th, the Feastday of the Holy Sisters Mary and Martha — is being set aside, not because our Presvyteres deserve only one Sunday, but because we must have a national day of recognition for every Sunday, and indeed every day, that they so diligently and willingly serve the Body of Christ.

Theirs is a role of both deep faith and contemplation, and of tremendous activity. Therefore, their heavenly patrons are Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazaros, who manifested the best of both stillness and service.

We read of these sisters of Lazaros at all the great feasts of the Theotokos (Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28), and in particular at the Dormition. In the Gospel pericope for this great feast, we see the paralleled uncompromising service of our Presvyteres, a diakonia that is based in prayer and action. And this Reading concludes with an affirmation from

our Lord Himself, of the blessedness of all those who truly hear His words and observe them. In this, we see that Martha and Mary are equals, and that they imitate the Theotokos herself. For all our Presvyteres, whose dedication and devotion to the Church is matched by their dedication to their families, all of us owe a tremendous debt of gratitude. Therefore, let us honor their sacrifice and their labors on this Sunday every year with special observances and hallmarks of gratitude. But let us never forget that our Presvyteres are with us every day, supporting their husbands and children, and setting examples of faith, hope, and love that lead our Faithful to not only hear the words of God, but to keep, preserve, and guard them in their hearts.

Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς Ἀνέστη! Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

† ELPIDOPHOROS

Archbishop of America

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Ἦχος πλ. α΄.

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς
μνήμασι, ζωὴν χαρισάμενος.

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

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον. Ἦχος πλ. α΄.

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς
σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτι ἠυδόκησε
σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς
τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

Apolitikion Plagal of the 1st Tone

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate * with the Father and the Spirit,
and from a Virgin was born * for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His
praise. * For in His goodness He was pleased * to ascend the Cross in the
flesh, and to undergo death, * and to raise up those who had died, * by His
glorious Resurrection.

Τοῦ Ναοῦ

Ὡς στῦλος ἀκλόνητος, τῆς Ἐκκλησίας Χριστοῦ, καὶ λύχνος ἀείφωτος, τῆς
οἰκουμένης σοφέ, ἐδείχθης Χαράλαμπες· ἔλαμψας ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, διὰ τοῦ
μαρτυρίου. ἔλυσας καὶ εἰδώλων τὴν σκοτόμαιναν μάκαρ· διὸ ἐν παρρησία
Χριστῷ. Πρέσβευε σωθῆναι ἡμᾶς.

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Of the Church

As a pillar unshaken of Christ's holy Church, and lamp ever-burning to all
the world you emerged, O wise Haralambos; in all the world you shined,
with the martyrdom you suffered, you dispelled the dark night, of the idols,
O blessed; whence, with courage do intercede, to Christ that we may be
saved

Κοντάκιον. Ἦχος πλ. δ'

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ἄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν·
καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθεγξάμενος,
Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι
παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

Kontakion plagal of the 4th Tone

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought
down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God;
and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace
to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.



June 6 2021 Sunday of the Man Born Blind

Acts of the Apostles 16: 16-34

Epistle

Acts 16:16-34

¹⁶ Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." ¹⁸ And this she did for many days.

But Paul, greatly ^[a] annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour. ¹⁹ But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged *them* into the marketplace to the authorities.

²⁰ And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; ²¹ and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe." ²² Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded *them* to be beaten with rods. ²³ And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw *them* into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. ²⁷ And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. ²⁸ But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here."

²⁹ Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

³¹ So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ And he took them the same hour of the night and washed *their* stripes.

And immediately he and all his *family* were baptized. ³⁴ Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

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The Gospel According to John 9:1-38

Gospel

John 9: 1-38

⁹ Now as *Jesus* passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. ² And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

³ Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. ⁴ ^[a] must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; *the* night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

⁶ When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. ⁷ And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

⁸ Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was ^[b] blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?" Some said, "This is he." Others said, ^[c] "He is like him." He said, "I am *he*." ¹⁰ Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?"

¹¹ He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to ^[d] the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight. ¹² Then they said to him, 'Where is He?' He said, 'I do not know.'" ¹³ They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶ Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not ^[e] keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷ They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸ But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. ¹⁹ And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

²⁰ His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹ but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself." ²² His parents said these *things* because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed *that* He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴ So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner."

²⁵ He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner *or not* I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see."

²⁶ Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?"

²⁷ He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear *it* again? Do you also want to become His disciples?"

²⁸ Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. ²⁹ We know that God spoke to Moses; *as for* this *fellow*, we do not know where He is from."

³⁰ The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! ³¹ Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. ³² Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. ³³ If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing."

³⁴ They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they ^[f] cast him out. ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of ^[g] God?" ³⁶ He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" ³⁷ And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." ³⁸ Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.