

✠ ✠ **BLINDNESS TAKES MANY FORMS** ✠ ✠

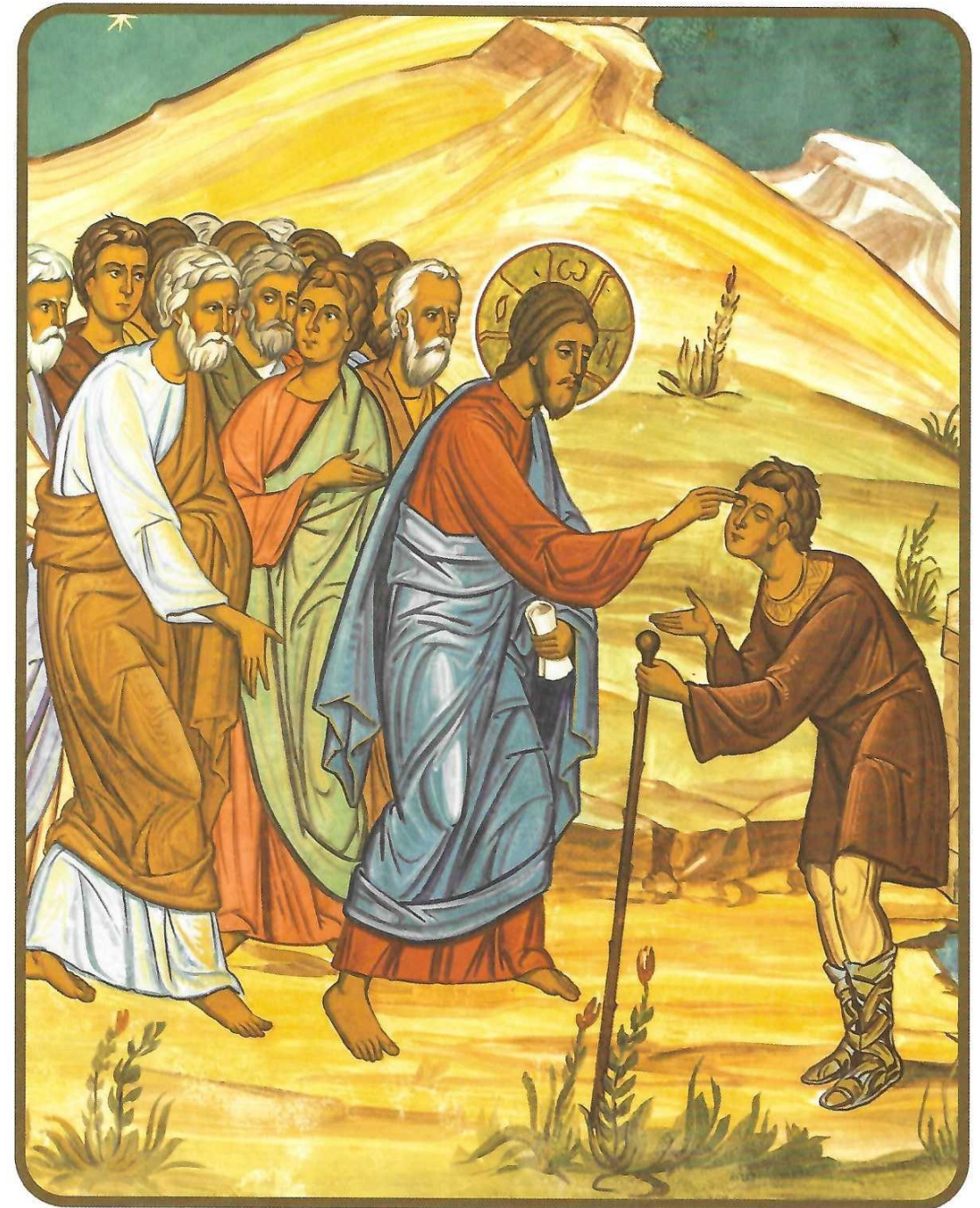
Helen Keller, who became a famous author and lecturer despite being born deaf and blind, was once asked if she thought there was anything worse than not having her sight. **“Only one thing is worse than blindness,”** she replied, **“and that is to have eyes and not to see!”**

The truth of Helen Keller’s words are painfully obvious in this morning’s Gospel lesson. Christ encounters a man who has been blind from birth. Because of his handicap, the blind man is somewhat of an outcast. Even the Apostles question their Master: **“Who sinned that this man should have been born blind?”**

What is the reaction to Christ’s miracle of giving sight to the blind man? Some of his neighbors express doubt that he is really the same person they knew to be sightless. The Pharisees question him as they would a common criminal. The man’s own parents distance themselves from him, refusing to get involved in the controversy. The eyes of everyone were blinded to the fact that the Lord had chosen this unfortunate man to be a means of showing His power.

Sadly, many in today’s world do not see Jesus as being the **LIGHT OF THE WORLD**, stubbornly remaining mired in the darkness of sin. May the words of the Kondakion for this Sunday remind us of our need to be illumined by our Saviour: **“I come to You, O Christ, like the man blind from birth, and I cry to You with repentance: You are a radiant and glorious light to those who stumble in darkness.”**

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ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

June 9, 2024

SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN

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

JUNE SCHEDULE

SUN JUN 9	†Sunday of the Blind Man	9:00 a.m.
THU JUN 13	†Ascension of Christ	9:00 a.m.
SUN JUN 16	†Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council	9:00 a.m.
TUE JUN 18	Silver Liners' Luncheon	11:30 a.m.
WED JUN 19	Parish Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
SAT JUN 22	†Saturday of Souls	9:00 a.m.
SUN JUN 23	†Holy Pentecost @ Holy Trinity	8:30 a.m.
SAT JUN 29	†Apostles Peter & Paul	9:00 a.m.
SUN JUN 30	†Synaxis of the Holy Apostles	9:00 a.m.

JULY SCHEDULE

SUN JULY 7	†2nd Sunday of Matthew	9:00 a.m.
SUN JULY 14	†Sunday of the Holy Fathers	9:00 a.m.
SUN JULY 21	†4th Sunday of Matthew	9:00 a.m.
MON JULY 22	†St. Markella of Chios	9:00 a.m.
SUN JULY 28	†5th Sunday of Matthew	9:00 a.m.



ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

JUNE 9, 2024 ~ TEAM B



TODAY'S MEMORIAL:

40-Day Memorial~Elpinickie Simitacolos

UPCOMING MEMORIAL:

JUNE 16, 2024

3yr Memorial ~ Angelo Bozekas



UPCOMING EVENT

St. Haralambos Men's Club
High School Football Coaches Preview
Wednesday, August 7, 2024

Additional information and tickets will be available in the coming weeks.

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Either option will take you directly to our donation website for your donation to St. Haralambos Church.



AFGLC/PETER & SOPHIA KOURMOLIS SCHOLARSHIP

Two scholarships will be awarded to college students (undergraduate or graduate) for the 2024 academic year.

To be considered, applicants or their parents must be Orthodox Christians and must submit their application and OFFICIAL transcript of their academic work by **June 25, 2024**.

Scholarship forms are available in the lobby.

2024 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.

Deadline: June 28, 2024

Scholarship forms are available in the lobby.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER!

Parishioners ages 18 & older, including students, should fill out a pledge card for 2024.

Please mail your signed and completed pledge card to the church office or give it to one of the Parish Council Members on Sunday.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, April 26, 2025
57th Annual Debutantes Ball

Class of 2025 girls interested in participating, please send an email with your contact information to debsball@gmail.com

Metropolitan Savas invites YOU to the First Annual

MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

GOMOP-ALOOZA

All Proceeds go to the GOMoP Youth & Young Adult Ministries

Are You a Musician, Band or Artist?

Want to Perform or Display Art?

Contact Fr. Joe DiStefano

frjdistefano@yahoo.com

The Meraklides

Clergy Supergroup

St. Demetrios Community Center

3223 Atlantic St. NE

Warren, OH

Saturday August 17th

11am - 9pm

Free Admission & Parking

Fun for All the Family!

2 Music Stages

Karaoke

Art & Craft Exhibits

Food & Beverages

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Individual Artists & Groups

Pan-Orthodox Vacation Church School

July 8-12, 2024

Faithtree Kids

SUPER SAINTS

Heroes of our Faith

Ages 4-16 9am-12pm

(small children must be potty-trained)

Register Online

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

1118 Cherry Ave. NE

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June 9, 2024: FEAST: Sixth Sunday of the Paschal Season, the Man Born Blind; Holy Fathers of the Second Ecumenical Council; St. Cyril, Patriarch of Alexandria (+444); Pelagia and the three Virginmartyrs of Chios; Virginmartyrs Thecla, Ennatha, Maramne, Martha and Mary (+330).

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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.

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 παρρησίᾳ Χριστῷ. Πρέσβευε σωθῆναι ἡμᾶς.

Κοντάκιον τοῦ Πάσχα Ἦχος πλ. δ΄

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

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Resurrectional Apolytikion Mode pl. 1

As the Father and Spirit are unoriginate, so the Word, who was born from the Virgin for us. Let us praise Him, O believers, and let us worship Him. For our salvation He was pleased to be crucified in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to resurrect the dead, by His glorious resurrection.

Hymn 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.

Kontakion of Pascha Mode pl. 4

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.



Epistle

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles.

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.



Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to John.

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?” 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.