

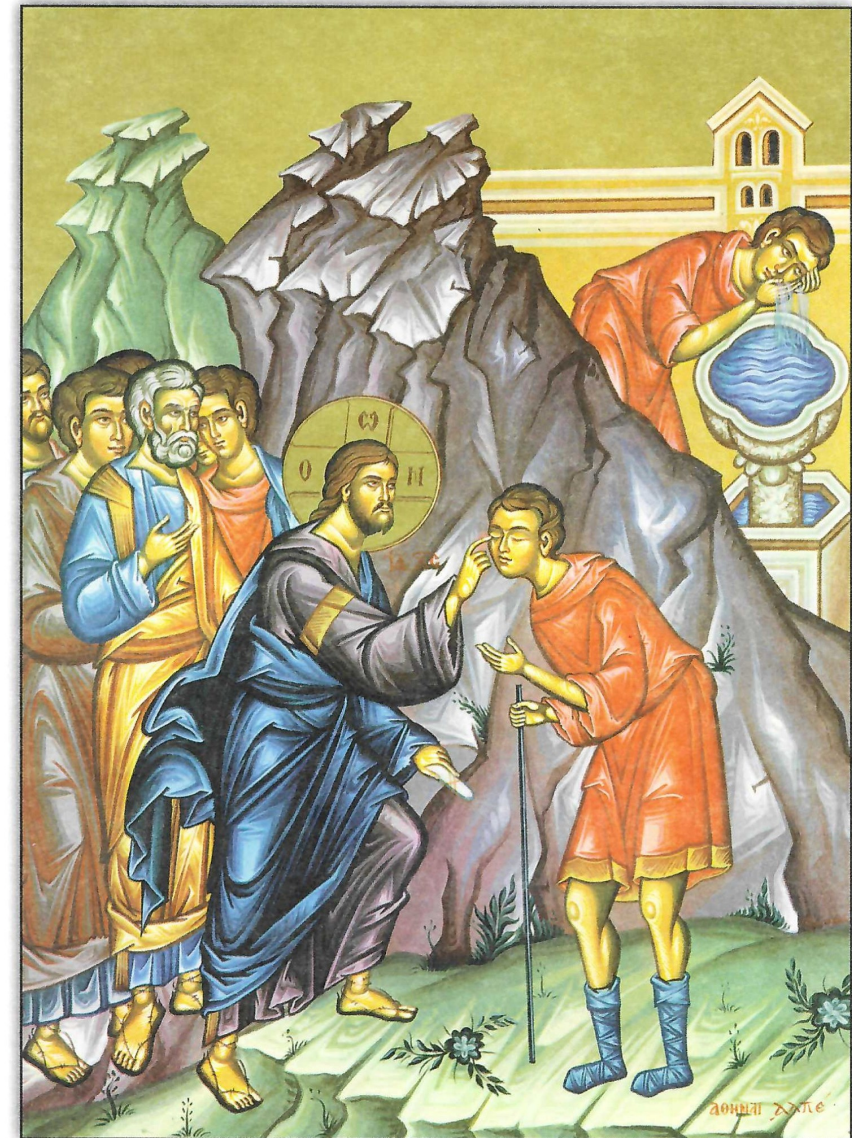
A Link to Baptism

The cure of the blind man also symbolizes mankind's means for its recovery from its blindness. It symbolizes the Sacrament of Baptism. Baptism is called holy enlightenment. Those who have been recently baptized are called the newly enlightened. This gospel from Saint John was read in the ancient Church on Holy Saturday when Catechumens were baptized. As this man is cured of his blindness when he washes in the waters of the pool of Siloam, as Jesus tells him to do, so are we brought out of darkness into a new life when we are baptized as Christ instructed us to be. Jesus restores His creation, mankind, with the potential to become what it was meant to be before the fall of Adam.

We also hear in the reading that after this man was cured many of those who knew him before did not recognize him. He is still the same man

but something has significantly changed about him. He is no longer blind. So when we are illuminated we are also new persons, though our outward appearance might be the same. To symbolize this newness a white garment is put on us to show the purity with which we start this new existence. We must, however, become different and unrecognizable in our inward and outward actions also. We must manifest our new existence to those around us through these actions. We must radiate this new found light to others by the way we live our lives. We must say to the world, "I am he who was blind but now my eyes are opened." Credit must be given to Him who has cured us of our darkness by living our lives according to the lessons of the illumination we have received and the continued guidance we get with the reception of the Holy Spirit.

SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN



Icon of the Gospel of the Blind Man

ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

May 17, 2026

SUNDAY OF THE BLINDMAN

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

MAY

SUN MAY 17	†Sunday of the Blindman General Assembly Sunday School Celebration Jr GOYA meeting	9:00 a.m.
TUE MAY 19	Orthodox Book Study	4:00 p.m.
WED MAY 20	GreekFest Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.
THU MAY 21	†Ascension of Our Lord Hellenic Beginner Dancers Hellenic Intermediate Dancers Hellenic Training Seniors Dancers Hellenic Senior Dancers Alumni Dancers	9:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
SUN MAY 24	†Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council AHEPA Memorial Coffee Hour	9:00 a.m.
MON MAY 25	Memorial Services @ the cemeteries Forest Hill @ 9:00 a.m. North Lawn @ 10:00 a.m. Sunset Hills @ 11:00 a.m.	
TUE MAY 26	Orthodox Book Study	4:00 p.m.
WED MAY 27	Hellenic Beginner Dancers Hellenic Intermediate Dancers Hellenic Training Seniors Dancers Hellenic Senior Dancers Alumni Dancers	4:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
SAT MAY 30	†Saturday of Souls	9:00 a.m.
SUN MAY 31	†Sunday of Pentecost @ Holy Trinity	8:30 a.m.

JUNE

MON JUNE 1	Hellenic Beginner Dancers Hellenic Intermediate Dancers Hellenic Seniors Dancers Alumni Dancers	4:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 7:45 p.m.
TUE JUNE 2	Silver Liners' Board Meeting Hellenic Beginner Dancers Hellenic Intermediate Dancers Hellenic Seniors Dancers Alumni Dancers	10:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 7:45 p.m.
WED JUNE 3	Greek Fest Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.



ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

May 17, 2026 - TEAM C

UPCOMING TRISAGION MAY 30, 2026

40-Day Trisagion:
Monk Agapios Panopulos

GENERAL ASSEMBLY TODAY!

MAY 17, 2026

KRASSAS EVENT CENTER



AHEPA FAMILY MEMORIAL COFFEE HOUR MAY 24, 2026

The May 24th Coffee Hour will be sponsored by the AHEPA #59 and DOP Chloris #40.

AHEPA always welcome new members, so applications will be available in the lobby for anyone interested in joining AHEPA Chapter 59.



2026 Canton Greek Fest Meeting Dates

Wednesday, May 20, 2026
Wednesday, June 3, 2026
All Meeting begin at 7pm
in the Youth Room



Silent Auction 2026

We are once again asking for donations or items for this year's Silent Auction.

Please consider donating a basket or get together with a friend to create one.

Thank you for your continuous Support!!!

Deadline May 26th

Contact Marcia 330-309-3428
with any questions.



The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2026 for the Memorial Day National Holiday.

Michael & Dolly Sousaris Memorial Scholarship

Two (2) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to graduating high schools seniors or students presently enrolled in a higher education program.

Deadline: Sunday, May 31, 2026

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### 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 26, 2026



### ORTHODOX BOOK STUDY GROUP

Join us for a spiritual book study and fellowship.

Tuesday, May 19th & May 26th  
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Tri-Room

ALL ARE WELCOME!

If you would like to participate, please contact the church office @ 330-454-7278.

May 17, 2026:

Sixth Sunday of the Paschal Season, the Man Born Blind; Andronikos and Iounia, of the 70 Apostles (+1st c.); Athanasios, Bishop of Christianoupolis, Trifylla (+1735); Righteous Nektarios and Theophanes.

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 νικητῆς, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθεγξάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

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.

May 17, 2026 Sixth Sunday, of the Blind Man

Acts 16:16-34



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 us 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.

May 17, 2026 Prayer of the Gospel

John 9:1-38



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. 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 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 the 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.