

*SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2016*  
*SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN*

**Apolytikion of Great and Holy Pascha in the Plagal First Tone**

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

**Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal First Tone**

Let us worship the Word, O you faithful, praising Him that with the Father and the Spirit is co-beginningless God, Who was born of a pure Virgin that we all be saved; for He was pleased to mount the Cross in the flesh that He assumed, accepting thus to endure death. And by His glorious rising, He also willed to resurrect the dead.

**Hymn of the Annunciation in the First Tone**

Today is the beginning of our salvation and the revelation of the mystery before the Ages. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin, and Gabriel proclaims the great grace. Therefore, with him let us cry out unto the Theotokos, "Hail, Rejoice, O highly favored one; the Lord is with you."

Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος μυστηρίου ἢ φανέρωσις· ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

**Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal Fourth Tone**

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

**FAST FREE WEEK**

This week do not fast from meat, dairy, fish, wine or oil in honor of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



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**SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2016**

We welcome you to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church and are blessed that you have come to our worship service. We hope that this worship experience is both enlightening and inspirational. Each Sunday is the day in which we commemorate the Resurrection of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ. The Christian Orthodox Church is the Church of the Resurrection and we rejoice in the Lord's triumph over death.

If you are a visitor to our Parish we encourage you to follow the Divine Liturgy book to assist you in following the Liturgy. Please understand that the Christian Orthodox Church does not practice inter-communion with other Christian denominations. Though we may share a common belief in the Holy Trinity, our churches are not yet one in faith and practice. We believe that Holy Communion is not the means to Christian unity but it is in fact the fullest expression of that unity. We fervently pray for this unity as noted in every divine service of the Orthodox Church. Please do not approach for Holy Communion if you are not a baptized/chrismated Orthodox Christian. Feel free to contact Father Simon if you desire to learn more about the Christian Orthodox Church, the Church of the New Testament.

We would like to remind all Orthodox Christians to be spiritually prepared and in proper canonical standing with the Church in order to partake of the Holy Eucharist.

***THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS***

On this the 5th day of the month of June, we commemorate the Sunday of the Blind Man, the Holy Martyrs Nicandrus, Gorgus and Apollonus and those with them, Christophoros & Konon the Martyrs of Rome, the Holy Hieromartyr Dorotheus, Bishop of Tyre,

By their holy intercessions, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

## ***Epistle Reading - Acts 16: 16-34***

**Prokeimenon. Plagal First Tone. Psalm 117,1.**

You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

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 Reading - John 9:1-38***

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,

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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.

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### **Sunday, June 5 Sunday of the Blind Man**

- ◆ Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following
- ◆ 6 Month Memorial - Desideriu Neagu, father of Dana Damsa
- ◆ Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ Coffee Hour hosted by the Daughters of Penelope

### **Thursday, June 9 Feast of the Ascension**

- ◆ Orthros 9:00 am
- ◆ Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

### **Sunday, June 12 Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council**

- ◆ Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following
- ◆ Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ Coffee Hour - Open

## THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

**Epistle Reader:** Scott McKee

**Prosfora:** Enosis Touliatos

**Usher Duty Team 2:** Naji Nassif, Diane Kavelaras & Peter Melonas

**Greeters:** Nick Argol & Friend

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **ST. NICHOLAS SUMMER CAMP**

Registration **OPEN NOW** for Summer Camp! Please visit:

<http://www.stnicholascamp.org/camper-info/>

### **SUMMER CAMP 2016 INFORMATION**

**CAMP DATES:** JULY 24-30, 2016

**AGES:** For children 8 years old (or entering 3rd grade in Fall 2016) – 18 years old (or will be graduating High School in Spring 2016).

### **PRICE**

**\$425 Normal Registration (JUNE 1ST - JULY 24TH)**

### **GIRL'S NIGHT OUT - FREE CONCERT AT LEVITT SHELL - THURSDAY, JUNE 16TH**

Join us for a free outdoor concert at Levitt Shell on Thursday, June 16th from 7:30-9:00. The Bo-Keys band will performing. Bring your lawn chair or blanket, your favorite beverage and a little snack. All women in our church are welcome. Please RSVP to Cyndi Detty by June 14th.

[www.levittshell.org/events/thebokeys](http://www.levittshell.org/events/thebokeys)

### **FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH FOR THE DADS OF ANNUNCIATION - SPONSORED BY AHEPA - SUNDAY, JUNE 19TH**

The men of AHEPA will once again sponsor and cook a pancake brunch to honor the Dads of Annunciation on Father's Day. There is no set fee for treating dad, but donations are greatly appreciated.

### **AHEPA BREAKFAST GATHERING - JUNE 25TH**

Breakfast at Piccadilly Cafeteria, 2055 Exeter Road, Germantown, TN 38138 at 9:00 am. We will gather together to enjoy a wonderful breakfast and whatever conversation arises.