



St. Philothea Greek Orthodox Church



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June 2, 2019 ~ Sunday of the Blind Man

Sunday Services: Orthros at 8:45 am

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

Epistle Reading: Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34

Gospel Reading: John 9:1-38

Saints Commemorated Today: Sunday of the Blind Man; Nicephorus the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople; Erasmus of Ochrid & his Companion Martyrs; Demetrios the New Martyr of Philadelphia; Constantine the New Martyr of the Hagarenes

Word about Communion: Holy Communion is offered in the Orthodox Church only to those individuals baptized and chrismated in the Orthodox Faith. One must also be in good standing with the Church spiritually and properly prepared. If you have any further questions about this, please speak with Fr. Anthony. Women should remove all lipstick when approaching for Holy Communion. Please let the children and elderly approach first, when possible.

OUR MISSION

The mission of St. Philothea Greek Orthodox Church is to be the living witness of Jesus Christ-keeping and proclaiming the Orthodox Christian Faith and sanctifying the faithful through God's grace by celebrating the Divine Liturgy and Sacraments.

OUR VISION

We will strive to fulfill the commission of Jesus Christ and grow in faith and love through worship, witness, fellowship and outreach.

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

Upcoming Services

Wed, June 5, 5:45pm

Liturgy: Holy Ascension

Sun, June 16, 10:00am

Pentecost

Mon, June 17, 9:00am

Liturgy: Day of the Holy Spirit

Mon, June 24, 9:00 am

Liturgy: Birth of St. John the Baptist

The Liturgical Arts Academy, August 18-24, 2018, at the Diakonia Retreat Center. go to

www.atlmetropolis.org/liturgical-arts-academy to register.

Monday, June 3	6:00pm	Mother's Morning Out Discussion at Nina Lamson's
Tuesday, June 4	9:00am	ACTS - St. Philothea Shift
Wednesday, June 5	Anniversary of Door Opening 2004	
	5:45pm	Liturgy for Holy Ascension
Saturday, June 8	6:00pm	Bigger Vision Dinner
Sunday, June 9	8:45am	Orthros/Matins
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	11:30am	Coffee Hour
Sunday, June 16	Pentecost	
	8:45am	Orthros/Matins
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	11:30am	Coffee Hour
Monday, June 17	9:00am	Divine Liturgy – Day of the Holy Spirit
Tuesday, June 18	10:00am	Mother's Morning Out
Wednesday, June 19	6:00pm	Vespers
	7:00pm	Parish Council
Saturday, June 22	Parish Rummage Sale - Herrington Home	
Sunday, June 23	8:45am	Orthros/Matins
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	11:30am	Coffee Hour
Monday, June 24	9:00am	Liturgy Birth of St. John the Baptist
Sunday, June 30	8:45am	Orthros/Matins
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	11:30am	Coffee Hour
Wednesday, July 3	6:00pm	Vespers
Sunday, July		

Recurring Ministry Meetings – go to stphilothea.org/calendar for details

A.C.T.S.	1 st Tues, every other month	9:00 am - 1:00 pm → June 4
Grief Support	Every 1 st & 3 rd Mon	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Will resume in Sept.
Men's Lunch	Every Wed	12:00 pm / Mannaweenta Rest. Will resume Sept. 11
Mother's Day Out	Every 1 st & 3 rd Tues	10:00 am - 1:00 pm → June 4 & 18
OCF	Every 1 st & 3 rd Tues	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm → fall semester
Parish Council	3 rd Wed	7:15 pm - 9:00 pm → June 19
Spaghetti Dinner	1 st & 3 rd Thurs (seasonal)	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm → Returns in Aug.
Women's Bible Study	TBD	
Vespers or Parakleseis	Every Wed	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

HYMNS & READINGS: June 2, 2019 Sunday of the Blind Man

Paschal Troparion:

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

GREEK PHONETICS: Christós anésti ek nekrón, thanáto thánaton patísas, ké tis en tis mnímasi, zoín charisámenos!

Resurrectional Apolytikion Tone 5:

To the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of a Virgin for our salvation, let us the faithful give praise and worship. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh to endure death and raise the dead by His Glorious resurrection.

Kontakion:

Into the grave You descended, Immortal One, yet You destroyed the power of Hades, and as victor You arose, O Christ our God; You proclaimed to the myrrhbearing women a greeting of joy, You brought peace to Your holy apostles, and to the fallen You granted resurrection.

Megalynarion:

The angel cried out to the woman full of grace: Rejoice, O pure Virgin; again, I say, rejoice, for your Son is risen from the tomb on the third day. Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you. Exult and be glad, O Zion. Be radiant, pure Theotokos, in the resurrection of your Son.

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 1. Psalm 11.7,1

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

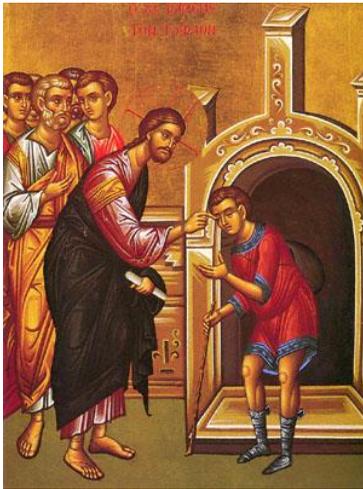
Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34

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.

The Gospel According to 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, 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.

DATE	GREETERS	COFFEE HR HOSTS	EPISTLE READERS	NURSERY MONITORS
Jun 2	K.Knisely S.Demos	Chromiak (Zac)	Maximos Salzman	Christina White, Presvy Christine
Jun 9	T.Andros	Demos	Michael McClain	Michelle Hancock, Charlotte Chromiak
Jun 16	F.Vlahos S.Paninos	Carter	Elton Manzione	Pam Demos, Stephanie Gavriliedis

Marswood Hall

Sat, June 8,
MoD
Constantine,
Take down
Narthex after
Wed. Liturgy.

Welcome to our Guests Today – We look forward to meeting you after the Divine Liturgy.

Exhibit at Sabor Latino next to Publix in Watkinsville. Fr. Anthony has a collection of “Whimages” on display through the month of June.

ACTS (Area Churches Together Serving) Tuesday June 4 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. See Fr. Anthony if you would like to help.

Bigger Vision will be serving meals through the summer. As a church we will cover one meal a month on **June 8, July 13, and August 10**. We will need 6 people to serve and a group to plan and cook a meal for each Saturday. Please see Mike or Kate McClain to sign up for this vital ministry.

Garage Sale Saturday, June 22 at Nina Herrington’s house. You may bring items to her house Friday. Please no clothes. We are looking for tools, furniture in good shape and yard equipment. Call Tim White if you have any questions. We will need volunteers on Friday & Saturday to help set up and to run the sale which will be from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm.on Saturday

Capital Campaign: Many thanks to those who have committed to our capital campaign and are helping this parish remain as a firm and steady Orthodox Christian presence within our community. We will stop actively calling on parish members in June 2019. Although we are stopping our active campaign soon, you are always more than welcome to talk with Paul Cramer or Mike McClain if you wish to contribute or you can fill in one of the stewardship cards in the narthex. We thank everyone for doing their part.

On May 26, 2019-> **Attendance:** ADULTS: 51 CHILDREN: 13

Financial Snapshot

Mar Income \$16,549 **Mar Expense** \$16,473

Apr Income \$18,443 **Apr Expense** \$14,302

May Income \$10,662 **May Expense** \$16,230

Mortgage Balance Total \$590,072 **OCMC Coin Boxes** \$393