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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA**

**The Man Born Blind**

# THE VOICE

# SAINT ELIA ORTHODOX CHURCH

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***His Eminence Alexander, Archbishop of Toledo, Bulgarian Diocese,***
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# SAINT ELIA THE PROPHET PARISH

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## Scheduled Readers - 2024

**Sunday, June 9 - Bud Graham**
**Sunday, June 16 - Sandy Graham**
**Sunday, June 23 - Reader Michael Luc**
**Sunday, June 30 - Reader Nicholas Morelli**
**Sunday, July 7 - Daniel Slife**
**Sunday, July 14 - Reader Aaron Gray**
**Sunday, July 21 - Mary Beth Gray**

# SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

## 6TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA. Tone 5

**Sunday of the Man Born Blind**
**Saturday, June 8**
**5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions**
**Sunday, June 9**
**9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Bud Graham**
**9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**
**Epistle Reader: Bud Graham**
**Epistle: Acts 16:16-34 Gospel: John 9:1-38**

## THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

**Wednesday, June 12**
**6:00 pm Vesperal Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom**

## 7TH TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA. Tone 6 - *Father's Day*

**Saturday, June 15 - 5:00 pm Great Vespers**
**Sunday, June 16**
**9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Sandy Graham**
**9:30 am Typica Service with the Presanctified Gifts**
**Epistle Reader: Sandy Graham**
**Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 Gospel: John 17:1-13**

## 8TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA. HOLY PENTECOST

**Saturday, June 22 - 5:00 pm Great Vespers**
**Sunday, June 23**
**9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Reader Michael Luc**
**9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**
**Vespers & Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost**
**Epistle Reader: Reader Michael Luc**
**Epistle: Acts 2:1-11 Gospel: John 7:37-52; 8:12**

# TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Epistle: Acts 16:16-34**

## Paul and Silas Imprisoned

**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.

## The Philippian Jailer Saved

**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.

## Gospel: John 9:1-38

### Jesus Heals the Man Born Blind

9[1] 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] I 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 blind said, "Is not this he who sat
and begged?" [9] Some said, "This is he." Others said,
"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 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."

### The Pharisees Investigate the Healing

[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 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 cast him out.

**Spiritual Blindness**

[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 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.

*(From the Pentecostarion)*

***O Christ God, Sun of Righteousness,***
***by Your touch You enlightened all.***
***Give sight now to our spiritual eyes,***
***and show us to be sons of the day!***
***Great is Your ineffable goodness towards us!***
***O Lover of man, glory to You!***

# SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

The Sixth Sunday of Pascha commemorates the healing of the man blind since birth. We are identified in that man who came to see and believe in Jesus as the Son of God. The Lord has anointed our eyes with His own Divine Hands and washed them with the waters of Baptism. (Cf John 9:6-11)

Jesus healed the blind man on the Sabbath Day and thereby caused scandal among the Jews. The blind man also becomes separated from the synagogue of the Jews because of his faith in Christ. The entire Church imitates this man in his faith knowing that it is those who do not see Jesus as the Lord that are really blind and still in their sins.

**Kontakion** *(Pentecostarion)*

***I come to You, O Christ, blind from birth in my spiritual eyes, and call to You in repentance: "You are the most radiant Light of those in darkness."***

**"As a man He was slaughtered, and as God He became alive and gave life to the whole world.**
**As an oyster He was trampled upon, and as a pearl He has adorned the Church.**
**As a sheep He was slaughtered, and as a shepherd with His Cross as a staff He has expelled the flock of demons.**
**As a light on the candelabrum, He was extinguished on the Cross, and as the sun He arose from the tomb."**

***Asterius of Amasea***

# FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

**Thursday, June 13**

Jesus did not live with His disciples after His Resurrection as He had lived with them before His death. Filled with the glory of His Divinity, He appeared at different times and places to His people, assuring them it was truly He, truly alive and risen in His glorified Body.

And on the 40th day after His Resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven to be glorified at the right hand of God the Father. The Ascension of Christ is His final physical departure from this world after the Resurrection. It is the formal completion in this world of His mission as the Savior. It is His glorious return to the Father Who had sent Him into the world to accomplish the work that had been given to Him to do.

The Church's celebration of the Ascension, as all such festal celebrations, is not merely the remembrance of an event in Christ's life. Jesus ascended with the promise to His disciples that He would send the Holy Spirit Who was to come and assure Jesus' Presence with them always and it was this same Spirit Who would give them power to be witnesses to the Resurrection to the ends of the earth. It is with this same conviction that we today celebrate this mystery of Christ's departure. The Lord leaves in order to be glorified with God the Father and to glorify us with Himself. He goes in order to ***"prepare a place for us"*** and to take us also inti the blessedness of God's Presence.

Vesperal Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Ascension will be celebrated on Wednesday, June 12 at 6:00 pm.

## REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Subdeacon Anthony Freude, son of Fr Don and Popadia Donna Freude
Egor Cravcenco, son of Serghei and Ludmila Cravcenco

## REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Archbishop Alexander
Archbishop Benjamin
Archbishop Nathaniel
Archpriest Emil Huntyan
Florence Lambo
Martin Vronick
Pani Dolores Zuder
Mitered Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Matushka Myra Kovalak
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Laryssa Huntyan
Subdeacon Martin Paluch
Sarah Nigilo
Melissa Trace
Halina Woroncow
Louis Hakim
Mary Elizabeth Marcin
Carl Nickoloff
Joseph Taylor (nephew of DiPuccio Family)

*This is the day of resurrection!*
*Let us be illumined by the feast!*
*Let us embrace each other!*
*Let us call Brothers even those that hate us,*
*and forgive all by the resurrection,*
*and so let us cry:*
*"Christ is risen from the dead,*
*trampling down death by death,*
*and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!"*

*CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!*
*Christos Voskrese! Al Masseh Qam!*
*Hristos a Inviat! Cristo ha resucitado!*
*Krishti U Ngjail! Hristos Vaskrese!*
*Christo e'resorto! Krisztus Feltamadt!*
*Christus ist Aufrsandent! Kriste aghsdga!*
*Le Christ est Ressucite! Christus Resurrexit!*

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
## Monday, June 10 at 6:30 pm

| **OUR STEWARDSHIP, June 2, 2024** | |
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| **Candles:** | **$ 41.00** |
| **Improvement Fund:** | **5.00** |
| **Tray Offerings:** | **1,221.04** |
| **TOTAL:** | **$1,267.04** |
| **Tithely Donations:** | **$ 723.03** |
| **TOTAL OFFERINGS:** | **$1,990.07** |