

June 6, 2021



# THE IMAGE...

(Jn 12:45 & 14:9; Heb 1:3; Col 1:15)

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6TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA  
SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN

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**Welcome!**

...to all who have gathered to follow Jesus Christ & manifest the Kingdom of God in the Liturgy of His Church. If this is your first time with us, give us a chance to get to know you.

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### A Word from the Holy Fathers

He who had just received sight and had been miraculously free from his old blindness was quicker to perceive truth than those who has been instructed by the law. See how through numerous and wise arguments he demonstrates the utter inferiority of the Pharisees' opinion.

*St. Cyril of Alexandria*

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The Blind Man, regarding the whole of life as night, cried out to You, O Lord:  
"Open my eyes, O Son of David, our Savior,  
that with all people I too may hymn Your power!"  
Litya from Great Vespers

## Parish Life

### **Wed Adult Ed Class Responding to a Contemporary World with an Ancient Faith 7-8:30pm**

Our next Wednesday evening adult education class will begin Wed June 2. (Last week's class did not occur due to technical issues.)

Fr Michael will lead the class discussing how ancient truths relate to contemporary life and situations.

Classes which are discussion based (rather than lecture) are held weekly at 7:00-8:30pm.

People can attend via Zoom (see our parish website calendar). We are planning to have a hybrid model where people can also attend in person.



### **Sat Adult Ed Class 1:00pm The Names of Jesus**

Our Saturday Adult Education Series is discussing the book "The Names of Jesus – Discovering the Person of Jesus Christ Through Scripture" by Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko. Father Hopko discusses the more than 50 names and titles given within scripture to our Lord and God and Savior, Jesus Christ – 5 of which you have just read!

Deacon George facilitates the discussion via the Zoom format at 1:00PM on Saturdays with modifications as the sessions evolve and as the group desires. As you will discover, the chapters although numbering more than 50 are relatively short and more than one will be included each week. The projected end of this Summer series will be August 14, the day before the Dormition Feast of the Theotokos. There will be a two-week hiatus at the end of June to early July. The specific content for each session and Zoom link will be posted in the weekly bulletin. The book is available from multiple sources including a Kindle version at Amazon. Eight copies are also available at the St John's Bookstore for \$20.

### **From Carole Shumaik...**

Thank you, dear members of St. John parish, for my wonderful birthday celebration last Sunday. I am truly humbled by your expressions of love for me. I feel blessed to be a part of our parish community and look forward to spending many more years, God willing, with you, in the service and celebration of our Lord.



### **Visit of Miraculous Icon of St Anna, the Ancestor (Grandmother) of the Lord Sunday June 6—8:30pm**

We were contacted by the Dean of St Tikhon's Seminary & he offered us the opportunity to host the miraculous icon of St Anna on the evening of Sunday June 6. We will greet the icon at 6:30pm, have a short service of intercession (molieben) & allow people to then venerate the icon. After the service we will have a reception & presentation by Fr John Parker (Dean of St Tikhon's) about the work & needs of the seminary.

We will also be able to enjoy a local surf b& during the reception.

**Mark your calendars & share the news!**



### **Rides for Fr Elias Next Sunday—6/13**

John Thayer

## Today's Worship—Hymns

### TROPARION

#### Resurrection—Tone 5

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,  
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,  
born for our salvation from the Virgin;  
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the  
flesh,  
to endure death,  
and to raise the dead  
by His glorious Resurrection.

### KONTAKIA

#### Blind Man—Tone 4

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.”

#### Pascha—Tone 8

You descended into the tomb, O Immortal,  
You destroyed the power of death.  
In victory You arose, O Christ God,  
proclaiming: “Rejoice!” to the Myrrhbearing  
Women,  
granting peace to Your Apostles, and bestowing  
Resurrection on the fallen.

### PROKEIMENON

**Tone 8** (*Resurrection*) — Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!  
(Ps 75/76:11)

*v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)*

### ALLELUIA

**Tone 8** — V. Look upon me and have mercy on me! (Ps.118:132a)

V. Guide my steps according to Thy word! (Ps. 118:133a)

## Today's Worship — Scripture Readings

### Epistle — Acts 16:16–34

<sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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." <sup>18</sup> And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly 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.

<sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; <sup>21</sup> and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe." <sup>22</sup> Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods.

<sup>23</sup> And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup> Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup> But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> 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. <sup>27</sup> 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.

<sup>28</sup> But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here."

<sup>29</sup> Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

<sup>31</sup> So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup> Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

<sup>33</sup> And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. <sup>34</sup> 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

<sup>1</sup> Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup> I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

<sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> 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.

## Worship — Scripture Readings

<sup>8</sup> Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?" <sup>9</sup> Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he." <sup>10</sup> Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup> 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." <sup>12</sup> Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know."

<sup>13</sup> They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. <sup>14</sup> Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes.

<sup>15</sup> 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."

<sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

<sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup> His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; <sup>21</sup> 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."

<sup>22</sup> 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.

<sup>23</sup> Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask

him."

<sup>24</sup> 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." <sup>25</sup> 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."

<sup>26</sup> Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?"

<sup>27</sup> 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?" <sup>28</sup> Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. <sup>29</sup> We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from."

<sup>30</sup> 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! <sup>31</sup> Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. <sup>32</sup> Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing."

<sup>34</sup> They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out.

<sup>35</sup> 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?" <sup>36</sup> He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" <sup>37</sup> And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you."

<sup>38</sup> Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

# CLEAN-UP DAY AT ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS

Come help trim bushes and  
clean up the church grounds!

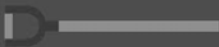
Items to bring:

- heavy-weight trash bags
- electric trimmers
- extension cords
- hand tools
- rakes and brooms
- work gloves
- your own water bottle
- sunscreen

Check with John Klavzar or  
Patty Pelachik for more  
detailed information

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**JUNE 26, 2021**  
**8:30AM - 1:00PM**  
**LIGHT LUNCH AT 1:00PM**



## Our Life in Christ



### THE ASCENSION OF LORD

#### **And with Christ, man's nature ascends...**

"We who seemed unworthy of the earth, are now raised to heaven," says St John Chrysostom. "We who were unworthy of earthly dominion have been raised to the Kingdom on high, have ascended higher than heaven, have come to occupy the King's throne, and the same nature from which the angels guarded Paradise, stopped not until it ascended to the throne of the Lord." By His Ascension the Lord not only opened to man the entrance to heaven, not only appeared before the face of God on our behalf and for our sake, but likewise "transferred man" to the high places. "He honored them He loved by putting them close to the Father." God quickened and raised us together with Christ, as St Paul says, "and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Ephes. 2:6). Heaven received the inhabitants of the earth. "The First fruits of them that slept" sits now on high, and in Him all creation is summed up and bound together. "The earth rejoices in mystery, and the heavens are filled with joy."

Fr Georges Florovsky

### Services for the Feast

Wednesday 6:00pm — Great Vespers & Litya  
Thursday 8:30am — 3rd Hour & Festal Divine Liturgy

### PASCHAL GREETINGS

#### **English:**

Christ is risen! ...*Indeed/Truly He is Risen!*

#### **Albanian:**

Krishti U Ngjall! ...*Vertet U Ngjall!*

#### **Aleutian:**

Khris-tusax agla-gikux!  
...*Agangu-lakan agla-gikux!*

#### **Arabic:**

El Messieh Kahm! ...*Hakken kahm!*

#### **Chinese:**

基督復活了！確實復活了！

#### **Ethiopia (Amharic):**

Christos tenestwal! ...*Ewnetem tenestwal!*

#### **French:**

Le Christ est ressuscite!  
...*En verite il est ressuscite!*

#### **Georgian:**

ქრისტე აღსდგა! ჭეშმარიტად აღსდგა!

#### **German:**

Christus ist auferstanden!  
...*Er ist wahrhaftig auferstanden!*

#### **Greek:**

Christos anesti! ...*Alithos anesti!*

#### **Polish:**

Chrystus zmartwychwstal!  
...*Prawdziwie zmartwychwstal!*

#### **Russian:**

Hristos Voskrese! ...*Voistinu Voskrese!*

#### **Romanian:**

Hristos a inviat! ...*Adeverat a inviat!*

#### **Spanish:**

Cristo ha resucitado!  
...*En verdad ha resucitado!*

#### **Ukrainian:**

Hristos Voskres! ...*Voistino Voskres!*

#### **Vietnamese:**

Chua Song Lai ...*Qua That Song Lai*



## LOOKING AHEAD

*The following are services & parish events **IN ADDITION** to the usual weekend services (Sat 6pm & Sun 8:30am).*

### Sunday June 6

6:30-8:30pm — Visit of Icon of St Anna with Presentation by Fr John Parker & Reception

### Tuesday June 8

10:30am — Father's Virtual Café (via Zoom—see website calendar)

7:00pm—Parish Council Meeting

### Wednesday June 9

6:00pm—Great Vespers for Ascension

### Thursday June 10—The Ascension of Our Lord

8:30am — 3rd Hour & Festal Divine Liturgy

7:00pm — Adult Ed: Topic Responding to a Contemporary World with an Ancient Faith (hybrid Zoom & in person)

### Saturday June 12

1:00-2:30pm — Adult Ed: The Names of Jesus (via Zoom—see online calendar)

*For more dates please visit our website: [www.stjohnofdamascus.org/calendar](http://www.stjohnofdamascus.org/calendar)*

## Many Years!

### *Name Days*

Matushka Victoria (Vickie) Anderson — 6/7

### *Birthdays*

Ana Marie Griebling, Aurora Solis — 6/6

Victoria Pluta, Birdie (Lucia) Worth, Nino Kapanadze — 6/10

### *Wedding Anniversaries*

Elaine & Sergio Perez — 6/9

*Confessions are held on Saturdays after Great Vespers or by appointment with Fr Michael.*

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