

### PASTORAL VISITATIONS

Please inform the Church Office 301-469-7990 (ext 300) of any loved ones who are hospitalized or "shut-ins," so they may be visited and receive the grace of Holy Communion.

### PARISH ACTIVITIES

**GREEK SCHOOL FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS** The Greek School for Preschoolers open registration will be held again **TODAY** 12 noon in the Grand Hall. Registration in-person only. First come, first serve. Please come with your registration form and deposit.

**PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY** Please join us on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 for our Day or Evening Meeting The Philoptochos Day Circle Meeting will take place at 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The General Meeting will take place on Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. Both meeting times are held in the Founders' Hall. We welcome new members! We hope you can attend. For more information, call Lia Kent: 301-762-8976, email: [kent\\_amalia@yahoo.com](mailto:kent_amalia@yahoo.com).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Sunday School registration for 2010-2011 is in progress: Please register today after the Divine Liturgy. Sunday School **DATES TO REMEMBER:** Sunday, May 16: Last day of Sunday School Awards Ceremony/Picnic. June 6 Sunday School Teacher Appreciation

**FIFTY PLUS** May 12 meeting at 11:30am will be the clubs' annual spring pot luck lunch. Once again, Achileas Papaefthmiou will entertain us. Join us for lots of fun! Call Maria Kopsidas (301493-5789) to let her know if you plan to attend the May 12 meeting.

### >>>>GRADUATION SUNDAY IS MAY 23<<<<

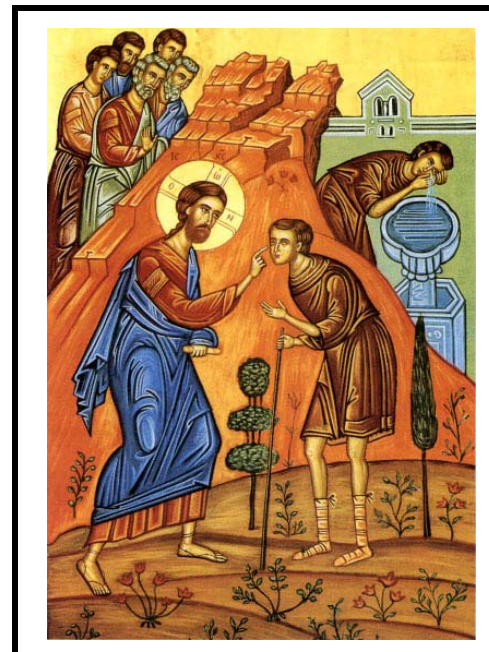
Information is needed for the 2010 Graduation Program. High School graduates please send your name, school from which you are graduating, school you will attend and your major. Post Graduate students send your name, school graduating from, degree, and future plans. EMAIL THIS MATERIAL ASAP TO ATHENA KRANIAS: [akranias@hotmail.com](mailto:akranias@hotmail.com)



## **ST. GEORGE BULLETIN**

### SUNDAY OF THE HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN

**MAY 9, 2010**



*"You have seen Him. It is He who speaks to you!"* The story of Jesus healing the man born blind is a profound lesson for us. While perhaps not physically blind, we often experience spiritual blindness — when we cannot see God, when darkness covers our everyday, when we feel disconnected from all things holy or Divine. Today's Gospel gives us hope. Jesus waits to heal our blindness. He longs to lift the scales from the eyes of our heart. He yearns to touch us and lead us to the rediscovery of the true meaning of our life — the healing and cure of our souls. Today is a day for looking into our heart of hearts to identify what kind of blindness we have and to ask the Lord for healing. *"You have seen Him. It is He who speaks to you!"* In your shadows, seek out His voice!

### **KONTAKION OF THE BLIND MAN**

I come to You, O Christ, as the man blind from birth. With the eyes of my soul blinded, I cry out to You in repentance, "You are the resplendent Light of those in darkness."



### **FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Thursday, May 13  
Orthros 8:30 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

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## EPISTLE Acts 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.

### TODAY'S READER:

#### GOSPEL 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.



### PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR MOTHERS

O God, our Father, We thank You for our mothers to whom You have entrusted the care of every precious human life from its very beginning in the womb. You have given to woman the capacity of participating with You in the creation of new life. Grant that every woman may come to understand the full meaning of that blessing, which gives her an unlimited capacity for selfless love for every child she may be privileged to bear, and for all Your children. Watch over every mother who is with child, strengthen her faith in Your fatherly care and love for her and for her unborn baby. Give her courage in times of fear or pain, understanding in times of uncertainty and doubt, and hope in times of trouble. Grant her joy in the birth of her child. To mothers You have given the great privilege and responsibility of being a child's first teacher and spiritual guide. Grant that all mothers may worthily foster the faith of their children, following the example of Mary, Elizabeth, and other holy women who follow Christ. Help mothers to grow daily in knowledge and understanding of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and grant them the wisdom to impart this knowledge faithfully to their children, and to all who depend upon them. Assist all "spiritual mothers", those who, though they may have no children of their own, nevertheless selflessly care for the children of others -- of every age and state in life. Grant that they may know the joy of fulfilling this motherly calling of women, whether in teaching, nursing, in monasteries, or in other work which recognizes and fosters the true dignity of every human being cre-

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ated in Your image and likeness. We beseech You to send Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to all mothers who sorrow for children that have died, are ill or estranged from their families, or who are in trouble or danger of any kind. Help grieving mothers to rely on Your tender mercy and fatherly love for all your children. We ask your blessing on all those to whom You have entrusted motherhood. May Your Holy Spirit constantly inspire and strengthen them. May they ever follow the example of the Most Holy Theotokos, mother of Our Lord, and imitate her fidelity, her humility, and her self-giving love. May all mothers receive Your Grace abundantly in this earthly life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in Your presence in the life to come. To You be honor, glory and worship, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen



### LORD, THAT I MAY SEE....

O Jesus, light of the world, save me in my blindness! When the eye of my soul cannot see you, reveal yourself to me. When the darkness of sadness, despair, and failure loom over me, deliver me. Bring me out of the shadows into the light of a living faith. As you healed the man born blind, so heal me of my spiritual blindness that I may see you dwelling in me, the living icon of the Triune God. Open my eyes to see that the true meaning of my life is the healing and care of my soul. To you be all glory unto ages of ages. Amen

### MEMORIAL

A Memorial Service will be offered today for **Stavroula Souvalioti (3 Years)**, requested by her son Athanasios. May her memory be eternal!