

SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN

May 21, 2023

Saints Commemorated today: Constantine & Helen, Equal-to-the-Apostles; Pachomios the Righteous New Martyr

EPISTLE READING

Acts 26:1, 12-20

In those days, King Agrippa said to Paul, "You have permission to speak for yourself." Then Paul stretched out his hand and made his defense: "I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining round me and those who journeyed with me. And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.' And I said, 'Who are you, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But rise and stand upon your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and bear witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, delivering you from the people and from the Gentiles—to whom I send you to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.' "Wherefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those at Damascus, then at Jerusalem and throughout all the country of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and perform deeds worthy of their repentance."

GOSPEL READING

John 4:5-42

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.

ENTRANCE HYMN: PLAGAL OF THE FIRST MODE

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate with the Father and the Spirit and from a Virgin was born for our Salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. For in His goodness He was pleased to ascend to the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to raise up those who had died, by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF OUR PARISH

As the first-called of the Apostles, and brother of their leader O Andrew, entreat the Master of all that peace be granted unto the world and great mercy to our souls.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is back! This Wednesday May 24th at 6:30pm, Fr. John will continue the study on the Gospel of John. The group will meet in one of the parish's classrooms and if you'd like a Zoom link, please let Fr. John know.

FR. JOHN OUT OF TOWN

Fr. John will be on vacation from Friday May 26th to Friday June 2nd. All communication can go through Amber in the office.

AHEPA SUNDAY

The Ahepa Chapter #100 and Daughters of Penelope Gaia Chapter #60 of South Bend, IN will join over 900 chapters across the United States and Canada in observing AHEPA Day on Sunday, May 21 2023. The chapter recognizes in a memorial the contributions to the chapter and to the community of recently departed brothers and daughters.

PHILANTHROPY AT ST. ANDREW

Our **next fundraiser is a Nelson's Port-a-Pit chicken sale on June 17**, at the Marathon gas station on the corner of Grape and Edison Rds. We will soon be distributing pre-sale tickets to all parishioners to sell to family, friends, co-workers and neighbors. We've been advised by Nelson's that the more tickets we pre-sell the more profit we will make from our event. So in advance, we will appreciate your support. Remember that we are available to make kollyva and provide Greek pastries for parties and other special events.

FEED THE HUNGRY

As previously communicated, we have established a parish project to serve dinner at Hope Ministries in South on the 4th Tuesday of every month. This month we are serving on Tuesday, May 23, 5:30pm-7:30 pm. If you'd like to participate please call or text Spyro Sinis-Terezis at 574-404-1184. Thank you in advance for offering a helping hand to those in need within our home community.

Dates for the remainder of the year are June 27, July 25, Aug 22, Sep 26, Oct 24, Nov 28 and Dec 26. We arrive at 5:30pm, bring some simple desserts to add to the donated food, and are finished no later than 7:30. This past week we actually finished at 7 pm. A good number of volunteers is 4-5 based on our first experience.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2023

Our Stewardship pledges and committed payments are the lifeblood of our church. Stewardship is our generous offers of time, our God-given talents and our treasure. Thank you to those who have volunteered to consistently give their time every week to clean the part of the church that our cleaning service is not cleaning, based on what our budget can support. If we had a few more parishioners volunteer to clean the rest of the church, we could save over \$10,000 per year.

It's now that time of year to get serious about building the raised beds which will form our Unity Garden. If you like gardening and have time, we'd love to have you join the garden team. Contact the church secretary or Kurt Metros, our Garden Master, if you're interested.

Thank you to the 132 parishioners who have submitted their pledges (totaling \$223,686 with \$111,282 received) for 2023. As a reminder: Even if you don't intend to change your pledge amount from 2022, you must still fill out a 2023 stewardship pledge card and submit it to the office. Scan the QR Code to renew your stewardship now!



Please keep in mind that pledging is the first step of the treasure part of Stewardship. The second and most important component is actually making the payment you committed on the timing you committed. This is an area that we currently see some opportunity, so thank you for your understanding and cooperation in meeting your pledge commitments. And lastly, thank you to the anonymous donor who has offered to fill in the big pot holes in our parking lot. As you know, the church has ongoing annual operational expenses, but as homeowners know, something always breaks at home. So our church budget needs to be prepared to address those incidentals.

DISCRETIONARY FUND

The Discretionary Fund is to assist local parishioners (individuals and families) who have encountered financial hardship. If you would like to help please contact Father John or make donations payable to the Discretionary Fund.

VISITING SAINT ANDREW?

People of different religious affiliation or tradition are always welcome at the liturgical services of our Holy Orthodox Church. If you are interested in learning more about Orthodox Christianity or have specific questions, please set up a time to speak with Father John.

YOUR PRAYERS HELP...

"...I was sick and you visited Me..." St. Matthew 25:36. "Holy Father, Physician of our souls and bodies have mercy, forgive and heal thy servants." The following brothers and sisters in Christ need your constant prayers and love, recovering at home or ill at home/hospital: Janice Lamos (Wellbrooke Rehabilitation Center), Chester Kozyra (home), Makarios Ngure (home), Vasilios Spentzos (home).

Today's **Ushers** are: Manolis Anagnostou, Anna Napoleon, Leon Andrews, Liz Farr, Nick Giannakakis. If you are not serving in the pangari today, please join everyone in the Sanctuary.

Today's Epistle Lesson will be read by an Acolyte.

Maria Giannakakis prepared the Prosforo for this morning. May God grant you spiritual joy always.

Coffee Hour was lovingly prepared for our entire community by **AHEPA and the Daughters of Penelope**. We thank you for your love and generosity.

THIS WEEK

Sat May 20	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun May 21	Sunday of Blind Man and Sts. Constantine & Helen	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Tue May 23	Feed the Hungry at Hope Ministries	5:30-7:30pm
Wed May 24	Leavetaking of Pascha	9:30 Divine Liturgy
Wed May 24	Ascension of our Lord	5:30pm Great Vespers
Wed May 24	Bible Study	6:30pm
Thu May 25	Ascension of our Lord	8:30 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sat May 27	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun May 28	Fathers of the First Ecumenical Synod	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy

LOOKING AHEAD

Mon May 29	Office Closed - Memorial Day	
Sat Jun 3	Saturday of Souls	8:30 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sat Jun 3	Great Vespers	5p
Sun Jun 4	Holy Pentecost	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy followed by Vespers of the Holy Spirit
Mon Jun 5	Monday of the Holy Spirit	9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sun Jun 11	The Sunday of All-Saints	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sun Jun 18	Second Sunday of Matthew	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sun Jun 25	Third Sunday of Matthew	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Tue Jun 27	Feed the Hungry at Hope Ministries	5:30-7:30pm
Thu Jun 29	Sts. Peter & Paul	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy

2023 Active Stewards

* = Pledged Stewards

In compliance with the Uniform Parish Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America: Our parish of St. Andrew has adopted an *annual* stewardship pledge as the means of fulfilling a parishioner's financial obligations to the Parish and determining good standing in the Parish.

For the purpose of determining a parishioner's ability to vote at any General Assembly meetings, participate in parish council elections or receive letters of good standing to participate in sacraments, the office should have a pledge card on file each year.

The parish priest may waive a parishioner's financial obligation.

*Alexandrou, Aris	*Allen, Tom & Colleen
*Anagnos, Katina	*Anagnostou, Manolis
*Andrews, Leon & Jennie	*Antonakakis, Kathleen
*Antsaklis, Lily	*Antsaklis, Panagiotis & Melinda
*Arvanitis, Esther	*Arvanitis, Pano & Beth Ann
*Assimos, Tina	*Bechaka, Leah
*Bechaka, Terry	*Bilionis, George & Chrysoula
*Bilionis, Louie & Maria	*Bilionis, Joanne
*Bilionis, Peter & Laura	*Bilionis, Tasos & Jamie
*Blatter, Constance	*Bonnell, Larry & Maria
*Bouris, Peter	*Callas, Christine
*Callas, George	*Carroll, John & Kandyn
*Carroll, Ruth	*Choflet, Joseph & Adrienne
*Christ, Christine	*Christodoulakis, Chris & Maria
*Christy, Luke	*Crawford, Dain & Cindy
Deak, Arthur & Esther	Demetriou, Athanasios & Melissa
*DiPietro, Jerry	El-Zind, Samira
*Farr, Elizabeth	Fotopoulos, John & Eleni
*Friedline, Bruce & Mary Frances	*Gachumi, Stephen & Sophia
*Gergis, George & Monique	*Gevas, Nick & Ephie
*Giannakakis, Nikolaos & Maria	*Giannakakis, Vasilios & Chrisanthi
*Hartlep, Zachary	*Hawthorne, Krista
*Heinbokel, Timm	*Hendricks, Maxine
*Hibshman, Justus & Grace	*Himonas, Alex & Nahid
*Hostetler, Bill & Catherine	Hutchinson, Tim
*Iuston, Natasha	*Kamiotis, George & Athina
*Kanalos, Dean & Anthoula	Kapsaskis, Christopher
Karagiannis, John & Tressa	Karagiannis, Kathy
*Karamalegos, Nicolas	*Karamitsos, Tony & Jennifer
*Katriss, Chris	*Katriss, Nitsa
*Kirgios, Hristos & Claudia	*Konstantopoulos, Fr. George & Pres. Elaine
*Konstantopoulos, Mariam	*Konstantopoulos, Stefan
*Kotziampasis, Dimiti	*Koucouthakis, Manuel
*Krekelas, Spiro	*Kristos, Elena
*Kulwicki, Daniel & Athena	*Kurtis, Christ & Pam
*Lambrou, Kosta & Miranda	*Lampos, Bill & Linda

*Lamos, Janice
*Leonakis, Catherine
Limberopulos, Efigenia
*Limberopoulos, Nick & Rachel
*Low, Kevin & Laura
*Magrames, Angela
*Martino, Cleo
*Mattheos, Mattheos
*McCormick, Paul & Helene
*Metros, Kurt & Lisa
*Mihail, Andy & Christine
*Moskolis, Sam
*Muffloletto, Tony & Helen
*Napoleon, Tom & Anna
*Niarchos, Panos & Georgeann
*Popyk, Mattheos
Rogers, James & Rita
*Samoilis, Sam & Elaine
*Sinioris, Athanasios & Marie
Smith, Justin & Juliana
*Spentzos, Vasilios
*Stangas, George & Nancy
*Stangas, Peri
*Stavropulos, Connie
*Stavros, Jim & Terri
*Strafford, Chris & Maria
*Taluzek, Jeremy & Eleni
*Thanos, Nick & Sigrid
*Thrapsimis, Angelos
*Torrance, Fr. Alexis & Pres. Eugenia
*Tselios, George & Pam
*Tucker, Zachary & Gabriella
*Tyler, Gregory & Sue
*Walsh, Eirene
*Ward, Moses & Marie
*Wilkinson, Matthew & Alexis

*Lenzo, Nicholas & Christina
*Leonakis, Tom & Deb
*Limberopoulos, Nick & Joanna
*Limperopoulos, Tom & Joanne
*Madias, John & Kathy
*Manos, Andy
*Matchette, Matthew
*Mattheos, Pete & Nektaria
*Metros, Ellen
*Mighion, George & Christine
Monokroussos, Jessica
*Mudis, Eleas & Christa
*Napoleon, Dimitri
Nazaroff, George
*Pagedas, Athena
*Popyk, Michael & Kalliopi
*Rorres, Rose
*Schlitt, Michael & Jasmine
*Sinis, Orestis & Maria
*Solomon, David & Mary Lou
*Stangas, Deanna
*Stangas, Jim
Stauffer, Deandra
*Stavros, Demetre
*Strafford, Alaina
*Swarts, Jonathan & Karakatsanis, Neovi
*Terezis, Thanasis & Spyro
*Thorpe, Brian & Alicia
*Tirikos, Mary Jo
*Tripodis, Dino
*Tsikalas, Fr. John & Pres. Kahlee
*Turley, Adam & Connie
*Verhamme, Phil & Kathy
Ward, John & April
*Wedrychowicz, Christopher & Savvopoulou, Anna
*Williams, James & Tina