

Holy Apostles Orthodox Church

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MAY 17, 2015

6th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 5. Blind Man. Apostle Andronicus of the Seventy and his fellow-laborer, Junia (1st c.). St. Euphrosyne (Princess Eudoxia) of Moscow (1407). Martyrs Solochon, Pamphamer, and Pamphalon, at Chalcedon (284-305). St. Stephen, Archbishop of Constantinople (893).

Christ Is Risen! Indeed, He Is Risen!

EPISTLE: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 16.16-34: Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.

GOSPEL: John 9.1-38: The blind man is cured and sees that it was God Who healed him.

COFFEE HOUR HOST: Worthington Family. **NEXT WEEK:** The ½ Adults.

RE-VISIONING: On Thursday, June 11th, we will be gathering as the full community to have dinner and to engage in a conversation about our future. This will be a joyous night celebrating our successes and planning for the evangelistic witness in the future. **CHRISTUS IST AUFERSTANDEN!**

5TH ANNIVERSARY: As we approach our 5th Anniversary, we need some help in organizing the appropriate festivities. Bp Michael will be with us on the exact date, and it would be good if we could welcome all of our local Orthodox brothers and sisters to a wonderful celebration.

CHRISTOS VOSKRESE!

KNOW YOUR FAITH: The next class will be Tuesday, May 19th at Unwind Coffee Shop in the Ithaca Mall. We will be reading and discussing chapter 18 of the Gospel of St John: The Passion Narrative (cont.): Trial continues, Crucifixion, Death, Burial. Invite your friends to join us. The complete syllabus is available on the information table and online. **CHRIST IS RISEN!**

WELCOME!: We warmly welcome all of our visitors! It's good to have you with us! Please know

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that we are glad that you are here praying with us and invite you to join us after the service for a meal and to meet everyone in our community. **Χριστός Ανέστη!**

FIRST SATURDAY CHURCH SCHOOL: This coming Saturday is the first of the month, and the time for us to bring our kids to Vespers and Church School. Please make every effort to attend.

HRISTUS A INVIAT!

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MANY YEARS! We congratulate the Alice and her family on her baptism. May God grant them all many, many years! They are also honoring her at a baptismal reception at the Lansing Community Center immediately following the Divine Liturgy. **LE CHRIST EST RESSUSCITÉ! CRISTO E' RISORTO!**

LIVING:

Apr Timothy H
Apr Herman S
Apr John C
Apr Thomas E
Apr Michael T
Apr Stephen M
Pr Athanasios
Dn Symeon
Abbess Silouana
Mother Raphaela
Mother
Christophora
Mat Cecelia
Mat Katya
Mat Dorothy
Joshua
Brittany & Isaac
Gretchen
Peter
Marriane
Terrence
Helen
Judy
Gretchen
Mary & Susan

John & Carmine
Nathan
Leah
Helen
Lindsey
Susanne H
Elizabeth
Mary
Joe A
Daniel
Andrew & family
Harold
Wilhemina
Gordon
Elizabeth
David
Madeline
Shirley
Larry
Christina
Jim & Kim
Rachel
Constantine & Maria
Gaetan
Jean
Christine

Samuel
Lisa
Iconographer Helena
Catechumens: Elliott
Children: Caleb,
Christopher E,
Anthony, Mia and
Isabel,
BIRTHDAYS: None.
ANNIVS: None.
NAMESDAYS: Eileen.
Newly ordained Fr
Michael and Dn
Sean.

REPOSED:

Priest Matthew
Priest John
Apr Alexander
Rdr Gregory
Daniel
Ada
Lillian
Joseph
Marie
Joseph

Laura
Martha
Stanley & Helen,
Taissia
Steluta
Theophan
Lynda
Florence
James
James R
Vasily
Modercai
NEWLY REPOSED:
Alexander, Roma,
Helen, Arch Roman,
Anna.
ANNIVERSARIES:
None.

FB Check-in



SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD BEFORE AND AFTER VESPERS AND AT ANY OTHER CONVENIENT TIME.

SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN, MAY 17: 9 AM Divine Liturgy and Social Hour

TUESDAY, MAY 19: 8:30 Morning Prayers

6 PM Choir Rehearsal

7:45 Know Your Faith at Unwind in the Ithaca Mall

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20: 8:30 AM Daily Matins

6 PM Great Vespers for the Feast

ASCENSION THURSDAY, MAY 21: 9 AM Diving Liturgy for Ascension

FRIDAY, MAY 22: 8:30 Morning Prayers

SATURDAY, MAY 23: 6 PM Great Vespers

SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN, MAY 24: 9 AM Divine Liturgy and Social Hour

May 31: Pentecost. **June 11:** Re-Visioning.

A Vision for Missions and Outreach

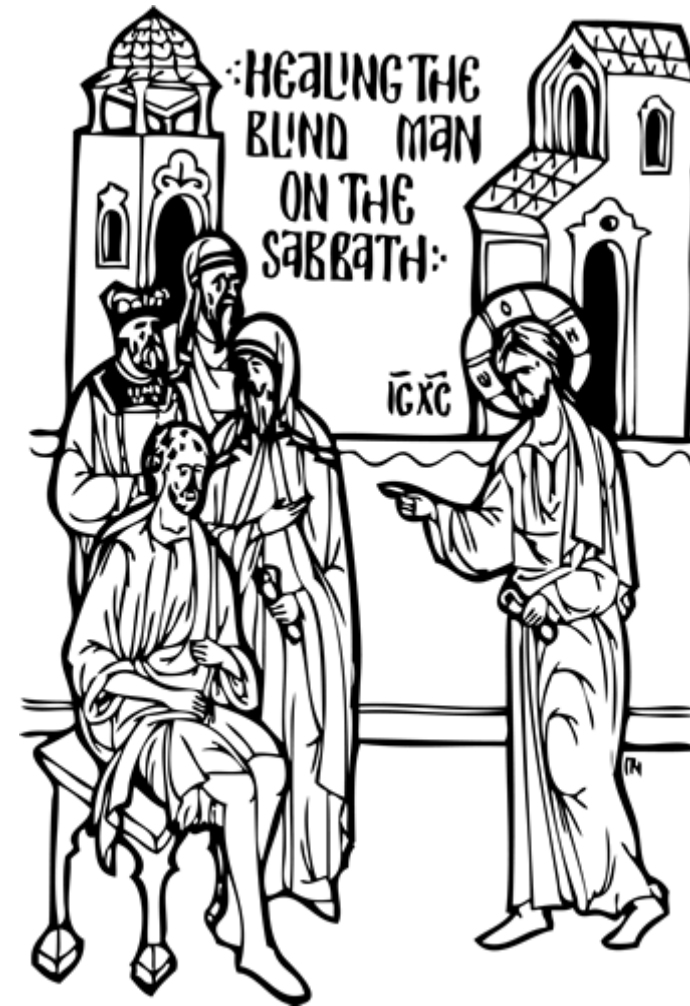
As the presence of the Universal Church, the parish is called to witness to those within and those outside the community of believers. If we believe that in Orthodoxy we have the fullness of the Truth, then we have the great responsibility - the Great Commission - to share it with all people. All aspects of the parish may be seen as apostolic, and the Orthodox faithful are called to incorporate Christian mission in all aspects of life. When Christ said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." he commissioned us to transform the parish into an agency of Christian outreach.

The American culture offers us great opportunities to conduct successful parish renewal, outreach and evangelism. It is time for a new beginning and a renewed effort to inspire creativity and revival in Orthodox Christianity in the United States. It is our duty and obligation not to hide our light under the bushel, but to let it shine before all people - to regain the missionary model that established the early Church. We must let our light so shine - because unless people see in us the light and the love of Christ, they will not believe.

-Greek Orthodox Archdiocese
Department of Outreach and Evangelism

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Lansing, New York



Sunday, May 17th, 2015
Sixth Sunday of PASCHA
Sunday of the Blind Man

SIXTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA

SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN

Troparion Tone 5 (Resurrection)

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.

Kontakion Tone 4 (from the 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."

Kontakion Tone 8 (Pascha)

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 Verses Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
v. Look upon me and have mercy on me! (Ps 118/119:132)
v. Guide my steps according to Your word! (Ps 118/119:133)

Hymn to the Theotokos

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace:
"Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: 'Rejoice,
your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb!
With Himself He has raised all the dead.'"
Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem!
The glory of the Lord has shone on you!
Exult now, and be glad, O Zion!
Be radiant, O pure Theotokos,
in the Resurrection of your Son!

Communion Hymns

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality!
Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (Ps 148:1)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

A DOUBLE HEALING

The blind man not only had no eyes and had seen no man; he also did not know Christ. Jesus first healed his eyes, and upon meeting him again, healed the eyes of his soul. He who was formerly blind both in his physical eyes and those of his soul now could clearly see out of both. The services for the Sunday of the Blind Man are replete with references to spiritual blindness, and supplication to be delivered from it.

"O Christ God, Thou spiritual Sun of Righteousness, / Who by Thine immaculate touch / didst bestow a two-fold enlightenment upon him / who from his mother's womb was deprived of sight, / illumine Thou the eyes of our souls also, / and prove us to be sons of the day, / that we may cry to Thee with faith: / Great and ineffable is Thy compassion toward us, O Friend of man; // Glory be to Thee," (Aposticha, Vespers for the Blind Man).

"Who can tell of Thy mighty acts, O Christ, / or who can number the multitudes of Thy wonders? / For even as Thou, in Thy goodness, didst appear on earth twofold of nature, / so didst Thou grant twofold healings to the sick; / for Thou didst open not only the bodily eyes of the man / who was blind from the womb, / but those of his soul also. / Wherefore, he confessed Thee, the hidden God, // Who grantest great mercy unto all," (Glory from the Praises, Matins for the Sunday of the Blind Man).

The paralytic by the sheep's pool, whom we only just considered the previous Sunday, was also healed of his physical infirmity first, then enlightened as to the cause of his affliction. For the Lord healed him, then later admonished him to "...*sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee*," (John 5:14).

Another paralytic, who had been lowered down through the roof of Simon Peter's house, was also given two healings. First Jesus forgave his sins, and then gave strength to his legs (Mark 2:3-12).

NY State Deanery
**Parish Council
Conference**
Saturday, June 6, 2015



*Presented by Matushka Mary Buletza Breton
Diocesan Treasurer*

Hosted by
St. Basil's Church
21 Archibald St.
Watervliet, NY 12189

Registration: 9:30 a.m.
Program: 9:45 a.m.-3:30p.m.
Lunch provided

www.stbasilchurch.org

Kindly RSVP to Matushka Mary by contacting

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PRAYER FOR CHURCH GROWTH

Again, we pray to Thee, O Lord our God, that you would renew us and this parish by the Power of the Holy Spirit. Fill us with love and longing for Thee. Grant that we would seek not our own will but to do Thy will in all things and to be willing to lay down our lives out of love for Thee and for our neighbor. Draw thirsty souls to this place and remove their spiritual blindness, granting them through Thy grace to see the beauty of Thy Holy Glory in this place. Fill this community with new life, spiritual vigor and an insatiable desire to live godly and holy lives. Forgive us all of our sins as we fall down before Thee. Bring us all to a greater repentance and to an amendment of our lives as we look to Thee, the only Merciful and loving Lord Who calls all to salvation. We beg Thee, our merciful Lord, hear us, grant all of these petitions and all of our requests unto salvation: We pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.



SAINT OLYMPIA ORTHODOX MISSION POTSDAM, NEW YORK

On 1 April 2015, following a Lenten Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts, Archbishop Michael blessed the faithful of the former Orthodox Christian Mission Station (Potsdam NY) naming "Saint Olympia" as their patron. Following the dedication of the new mission parish, His Eminence blessed and administered the oath of office to their first parish council and thanked Father David Edwards of the Monastery of Saint Silouan the Athonite in Spencerville, Ontario, Canada, for his dedicated service to the mission. Also serving that evening was Father Luke Majoros, also from Saint Silouan Monastery.

Following a Lenten dinner shared by all, Dr. David Ford (Professor of Church History, Saint Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary) gave an informal talk about the life of Saint Olympia. Also known as "Saint Olympias" or "Saint Olympiada," she was a close friend of Saint John Chrysostom and served as a deaconess in Constantinople.



A highlight of the lecture was when Dr. David Ford read several letters that Saint John Chrysostom wrote to Saint Olympia during his exile, including one previously not available in English, newly translated by Dr. Ford. Saint Olympia was a benefactor to many and founded or funded a number of charitable institutions. No other parish or monastery dedicated to Saint Olympia,

either here or abroad, is known to exist at present!

Saint Olympia Orthodox Mission Parish of Potsdam NY now has a webpage under development and has commissioned iconographer Mother Sophronia (Hofstead) to write an icon Saint Olympia for the iconostasis of the chapel.