

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, June 05, 2005

Gospel Reading:

John 9:1-38 Sunday of the Blind Man

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.

Welcome!

Epistle Reading:

Acts of the Apostles 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.

Parish News and Events

www.stnickaa.org

Stewardship — The Year of the Family

Your commitment to the Stewardship Program of this parish is critical to our continued operation and ministries! For those who have not filled out a stewardship card, please do so as soon as possible.

Parishioners who have a Balance

on their Building Fund Pledge are asked to please do their best to fulfill it as soon as possible. Let us quickly reduce the amount of our mortgage principle. Thank you!

Two Collections Each Sunday

The First collection is for our Parish operating fund and the second collection will be for various needed improvements of our Church Buildings and Grounds (60%) and to pay down our debt (40%).

Prosforon

will be needed for the Sunday of July 10th. Please contact the Church Office if you would like to offer the Prosforon.

Fellowship Hour Sponsors

are needed for the Sunday of June 26th. If you would like to offer the fellowship hour, please contact the Church Office.

From Kate Hazelton (Office Secretary)

Thank you, people of the Saint Nicholas community, for all of your prayers, cards and support during my recent illness. They helped to pull me through. - *Kate*

Family of high school or college grads

Please let the Church office know if someone in your family is graduating this spring or summer so that proper recognition can be made by the church!

Saint Nicholas Seniors

Join us, at our social hall, for a special gathering at the, "TAVERNA" on Tuesday, June 21st at 2:00 pm. There will be singing, dancing, food & fellowship. Please R.S.V.P. Sunday, June 19th, by calling Penny Bekiars (662-6606) or Joan Raphael (483-0923).

Philoptochos Events

June 8th — 6 pm — End of Year Picnic at the lake home of Helen Garris. Cost is \$10. Please call Helen Garris at 663 - 0270 for information. IOCC is the Philoptochos Community Care Ministry for the months of June, July and August. IOCC is the Pan-Orthodox humanitarian organization that brings essential aid around the world and is based solely on need. Donations are being accepted at this time. Please look for a letter requesting your support in next months bulletin. **"Save the date"** for the Philoptochos Yassou golf outing on Sunday, September 18, 2005.

Choir Rehearsals

We are still looking for more singers! All our parishioners 12 and up are welcome to join.

Metropolis of Detroit Summer Camp

Located in Rose City, MI is **now accepting applicants for campers and staff**. Please see our Parish website for more information. We are hoping to have as many kids as possible go during **4th week (July 24-30)**. Father Nick will spend that entire week at camp.

- **Monday, June 6** Bible Study with Father Nick: Genesis 1 — 10:00 am & again at 7:00 pm
- **Tuesday, June 7** Philoptochos Monthly Hospital Bed Pads — 9:30 am
Saint Nicholas Seniors Monthly Meeting — 2:00 pm
Iconography Meeting — 7:30 pm
- **Wednesday, June 8** Philoptochos Year-End Dinner/Meeting — 6:00 pm
Choir Practice — 7:00 pm
- **Thursday, June 9** Ascension of the Lord. Orthros and Divine Liturgy — 10:00 am
Parish Council Monthly Meeting — 7:00 pm
- **Sunday, June 12** Church School Graduation and Annual Saint Nicholas Parish Picnic
- **Saturday, June 18** Annual AHEPA Golf Outing for Educational Scholarships — 12:00 Noon

The Annual AHEPA Golf Outing

for Educational Scholarships will be Saturday, June 18. A 12:00 Noon shotgun start will happen at Stonebridge in Saline. Contact Christos Philippou if you wish to play or sponsor a hole, or just attend the dinner.

Our Saint Nicholas Parish Website

We have many photos from various events posted on our website from the last few years. If you are physically unable to attend Church Service in person, you are now able to watch the Divine Liturgy live from your home or anywhere in the world. We now have the service at: **www.stnickaa.org** on our Parish home page; there is a link there which connects you to it. Thank you to the generosity of Parishioners David Donoghue for the web server and connection to the internet through his ISP and to Ted Apostoleris for the camera and electrical work done in our Church.

Young Adults — Motor Meals

We are looking for six Young Adult volunteers for Saturday, June 11. Meet here at Saint Nicholas at 10:00 am to commute. End time should be around 1:00 pm. Please call Andreas Stathopoulos if you are interested at: 709-8380.

Our Saint Nicholas Nursery

is open each and every Sunday to all St. Nicholas Parishioners. Please consider volunteering some of your time to help on an occasional Sunday. Please contact Linda Theros or the Church office.

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

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ΑΛΗΘΩΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ! ~ TRULY HE IS RISEN!



SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN

Protopsaltis	Zannis Res	Orthros	9:30 am
Choir Director	Jon Wardner	Divine Liturgy	10:30 am
Prosforon	Ioanna Ioannou	Epistle Reading	Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34
Fellowship	Greek School	Gospel Reading	John 9:1-38

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