GIFTS FROM GOD
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Sunday, May 29, 2022 / Sixth Sunday of Pascha / Sunday of the Man Born Blind

_Apolytikion of Pascha_

Χριστός ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτω θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι ζωήν χαρισάμενος.

Christ is Risen from the dead; by death He has trampled down upon death, and to those in the tombs bestowing life.

_Apolytikion of the Tone of the Week (Plagal of the first)_

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρός καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν ὅτι ηδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἔγειραι τοὺς τεθνεότας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Αναστάσῃ, αὐτοῦ.

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 the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to raise up those who had died, by His glorious Resurrection.

_Apolytikion of our Church_

Ὡς τῶν αἰχμαλώτων ἐλευθερωτής, καὶ τῶν πτωχῶν ὑπερασπιστής, ἀσθενοῦντων ἱατρός, βασιλέων ὑπέρμαχος, Τροπαιοφόρῳ Μεγαλομάρτυρις Γεώργιε, πρέοσβειν Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

As liberator of captives, defender of the poor, physician of the ailing, and champion of Kings, beseech Christ our God, O great martyr George, Standard Bearer, for the salvation of our souls.
Kontakion of Pascha

Ei kai ev taph ev kathedresi, Athanate, alla tou adou kataileis tin dynamen kai anesthis ws
nikhtis. Christe o Theos, gynaikei muroforofos phagezamenes kai fora, kai tois sois Apostoloi
eirhnen doroimenos, o tois peisousi paroxhn anastasin.

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of
Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh
bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

Megalynarion / Megalynarion - Eis to Eziaritews:

O Angelos ebba ti Kexaritwmeni Agni Partheni, chaipe kai pelin erw, chaipe o sos vidos
anestis trimeeres ek taphou. Phoitoiou, phoitiou, h nea Theoucaili, h gar doxa Kyriou epide se
aneteile. Xoreue vyn, kai agallon Sion, su de anigh, tepsou Theotoke, en ti egiresi tou
tokou sou.

The Angel cried aloud to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O pure Virgin; and again I say Rejoice, Your Son
has resurrected from the grave on the third day. Be illumined, illumined, O New Jerusalem; for the
glory of the Lord has arisen over you. Dance now for joy, O Zion, and exult. And you be merry, O
pure Theotokos, at the arising of the One you bore.

Koinonikon / Communion Hymn

Soma Christou metaalbetae, pigesis athanatou geusaaste.

Receive the body, the body of Christ; drink from the font of immortality.

Ministry Awards Celebration Sunday June 12, 2022 5pm Gillette Stadium Foxboro MA
$100 per person St. George Honoree: John Stavropoulos
Deadline is May 31!! Please notify the office this weekend if you plan to attend.
Call 603-622-9113 and leave a message or email beth@stgeorghnh.org
with names and any dietary restrictions/requests.
Bus transportation is provided; bus leaves St. George at 3:30pm Sunday June 12.
Please join us!
The Epistle Reading – Sunday, May 29, 2022

You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

The Reading is from 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.

Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 16:16-34

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκείναις, ἐγένετο δὲ πορευομένων ἦμῶν εἰς προσευχήν παρέσκευαν τοὺς ἐγκυωσάν πνεύμα πάθους ἀπαντήσαι ἡμῖν, ἡς ἐργαζόμενον πολλήν παρέσκεψιν τοῖς κυρίοις αὐτῆς μαντευόμενη, αὕτη κατακολούθησαν τῷ Παύλῳ καὶ τῷ Σίλᾳ ἐκφανεῖσα λέγουσα· οὗτοι οἱ ἄνθρωποι δούλοι τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ υψίστου εἰσίν, οἰτίνες καταγγέλλουσιν ἡμῖν ὅδον σωτηρίας, τὸν δὲ ἐποίησεν ἐπὶ πολλὰς ἡμέρας, διαπονθεὶς δὲ ὁ Παύλος καὶ ἐπιστρέφεις τῷ πνεύματι εἰς τὴν παραγγέλλων σοι ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ ἐξελθεῖν ἀπ' αὐτῆς. καὶ ἔξηλθεν αὐτὴ τῇ ὥρα. Ἡδονεῖς δὲ οἱ κύριοι αὐτῆς ὅτι ἐξῆλθεν ἡ ἐλπίς τῆς ἐργασίας αὐτῶν, ἐπιλαβόμενοι τὸν Παύλον καὶ τὸν Σίλαν εὐλόγους εἰς τὴν ἄγοραν ἐπὶ τοὺς ἀρχοντάς, καὶ προσαγαγόντες αὐτούς ὑπὸ τῆς οἰκτιγοῦ εἰπον· οὗτοί οἱ
The Gospel Lesson – Sunday, May 29, 2022

The Reading is from 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.

Τῇ τοῦ Κατά Ιωάννην Ἑ-38
τῶν Φαρισαίων τινές· οὗτος ὁ ἀνθρώπος οὐκ ἦστι παρά τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὅτι τὸ σάββατον οὐ τῆρει. ἀλλοι ἔλεγον· πῶς δύναται ἄνθρωπος ἀμαρτωλός τοιαύτα σημεῖα ποιεῖν; καὶ σχίσμα ἦν ἐν αὐτοῖς. λέγουσι τῷ τυφλῷ πάλιν σὺ τῇ λέγεις περὶ αὐτοῦ, ὅτι ἤνιοχες σοι τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς; ὡς δὲ εἶπεν ὁ δεικτὸς τοῦ καιροῦ, οὗτος ἦν Ἰουδαίος περὶ αὐτοῦ ότι τυφλός ἦν καὶ ἀνεβλέψεν· ὡς ὅτεν ἐφώνησαν τοὺς γονεῖς αὐτοῦ τὸν ἀναβλέψαντος καὶ ἤρωτησαν αὐτούς λέγοντες· οὗτος ἦστιν ὁ οὐκ ὠρίζει, ὃν ἐμεῖς λέγομεν τῷ τυφλῷ ἐγεννηθή; πῶς, ὅτι ἦν ἀρτί τελεῖς; απεκρίθησαν δὲ αὐτοὶ οἱ γονεῖς αὐτοῦ καὶ εἶπον· οὐκ ὤρίζεις ὅτι ὁ δεικτὸς ἦστιν ὁ οὐκ ἂν ἦν ἡμῖν καὶ ὅτι τυφλός ἦν· ὅτι τυφλός ἦν· ὅτι ὁ δεικτὸς ἦστιν ὁ οὐκ ἂν ἦν ἡμῖν καὶ ὅτι τυφλός ἦν· ὅτι τυφλός ἦν· ὅτι τυφλός ἦν· ὅτι τυφλός ἦν· ὅτι τυφλός ἦν· ὅτι τυφλός ἦν· ὅτι τυφλός ἦν

Join us as we cook for GLENDI!

June 17   GLENDI Cooking: Domathes with Jenny & Angela
June 23 & 24 GLENDI Cooking: Pasticchio with Athanasia & Angela
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Mankind is fortunate to have received a precious gift from God. This gift is represented by our 5 senses: SIGHT, HEARING, TASTE, SMELL and TOUCH. Our Master bestowed them upon us so we are able to fully experience the bounty of His Creation.

Our EYES allow us to view the beauty that surrounds us. With EARS, we can hear the inspirational Word of God. We are able to savor the experience of good food and drink with our TONGUE. Our NOSE helps us enjoy the fragrance of flowers and incense. With our HANDS, we can explore and help shape things. How wonderful it is that our 5 senses help us interact with the natural world around us.

Our senses are a blessing from above. Hopefully they are governed by a pure mind, free of evil and passions. But if the mind is not clean, the senses can become servants of corruption and possibly catastrophe. We can choose to surround ourselves with things that are false, shameful and even criminal. But know that God did not give you eyes, ears, nose, tongue and hands for immoral behavior. These simple body parts are not to blame. Man is at fault. At fault is his corrupt nature.

Ultimately, the responsibility is YOURS. With the help of divine grace, let your sight, hearing, taste, smell and touch be pure of every sin. May the Lord enlighten the simplicity of our 5 senses.

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650 Hanover Street, Manchester, NH
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GYRO DAY Saturday, June 4, 2022
11 am to 6 pm

Gyro Bag:
Gyro, chips and soda or water
$10.00 per bag!
Cash Only

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Thank you!

The St. George Sunday School is now accepting DONATIONS FOR UKRAINE

Collection bins are located in the lobby of the community center.

ITEMS NEEDED:
Medical and First Aid Supplies * Diapers (all sizes)
Personal Hygiene Products * Infant Formula
Socks * Mens Boots (new or gently used, all sizes)
Dry/Non-Perishable Food
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Monday May 30**
- Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day
- Father at Pine Grove Cemetery 9 a.m. to noon
- Father at NH Veteran’s Cemetery 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**Tuesday May 31**
- Library Memory Project Zoom Picture ID 7 p.m.

**Thursday June 2**
- Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.

**Friday June 3**
- Hall Rental

**Saturday June 4**
- Gyro Drive Thru 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Sunday June 5**
- Orthros 8:45 a.m.
- Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
- 40 day Memorial for Soulta Mokas
- Scholarship Sunday

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**Schedule for Memorial Day - Monday, May 30, 2022**

- Pine Grove Cemetery 9:00 am to 12:00 noon
- NH State Veteran’s Cemetery 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Father will be visiting the graves of our departed loved ones over the Memorial Day Weekend and offering Trisagion Prayers.

Tomorrow, **Monday, May 30, 2022**, Father will be at the **Pine Grove Cemetery** in Manchester, beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will all meet as a group at the gravesite of George Demos where Father will offer one Trisagion Service for all of our departed family and friends. At the conclusion of the Trisagion Service, Father will be available to visit individual gravesites for anyone wishing to do so. Please be patient as there are many gravesites to visit. Father is planning to be at the cemetery until around 12:00 noon.

Father will also be visiting the **New Hampshire State Veteran’s Cemetery** in Boscawen, New Hampshire tomorrow afternoon, **Monday, May 30**. He is planning to be there from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. and will visit individual gravesites and offer Trisagion Services individually.

Please note that if you have departed family members in another cemetery and would like for Father to offer memorial prayers at their gravesite, please contact Father directly to make arrangements.
The Children’s Word

"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

The One we were waiting for!

Have you ever had to look for somebody, maybe even somebody you didn’t even know? Maybe you knew what kind of car that person was driving, or what color hair, or what he’d be wearing. It’s kind of a funny thing.

Seven hundred years before Christ was born (and even a long time before that), the Jewish people were waiting for somebody to save them. They didn’t know what His name was, or what He would look like. A prophet named Isaiah told them about somebody who was coming. 700 years before Christ was born, Isaiah wrote that God would send somebody to “open the eyes of the blind.” Only God could do a huge miracle like that!

Today, you know, is the Sunday of the Blind Man. We hear about how Jesus saw a man who had been blind ever since he was born! Jesus saw him and healed him. He could see for the very first time! After that, some of the authorities were angry and worried. You see, everybody knew the prophecy. Everybody knew that this meant something BIG. Somebody who could “open the eyes of the blind” was the person God sent.

And that is exactly what we celebrate today. Jesus Christ is the person that God the Father sent. And He proved then that He is God too!
What's in an Icon?

Sometimes you don’t have to know how to read to know stories in the Bible. Listen to the story on page 3.

Can you tell the story by looking at the icon? Which one is Mary? Which one is Martha?
Nobody likes to work, work, work all the time. Sometimes we complain about it. Sometimes we wonder why we have to do it! Sometimes we might beg for help.

On Saturday, we celebrate the nameday of two sisters, Mary and Martha. They were Jesus' friends, and the sisters of Lazarus (the one Jesus raised from the dead). We hear a story about these two sisters in the Bible.

Once, Jesus came to visit this family. Martha was working hard, probably cleaning up the house, cooking, and doing other things that needed to be done. Her sister, Mary, wasn't doing any of the work. She was just sitting near Jesus' feet, listening to Him talking. When Martha complained, Jesus told her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part."

We can learn from this story too! Sometimes we worry and we are busy with lots of things. But, like Martha, we have to stop sometimes. We can slow down and listen to God. We can pray to Him. We can make some time for Him. Then, Jesus tells us, we have chosen the better part too! Can you tell this story to your parents?

We celebrate Sts. Mary and Martha on Sat., June 4th (OC: June 17th).
Christ ascended to Heaven!

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