



**Sunday May 13, 2018 6th SUNDAY OF PASCHA —
Tone 5. Blind Man.** *Virgin Martyr Glyceria at Heraclea, and with her, Martyr Laodicius, Keeper of the Prison (ca. 177). Righteous Virgin Glykéria of Novgorod (1522). Translation of the Relics of Ven. Makáry, Archimandrite of Obruch (or Kanev—1678). Martyr Alexander of Rome (284-305).. Monk Martyrs of Iveron (Mt. Athos).*

This Week's Schedule

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Wednesday 5/16 Great Vespers for the Ascension 7:00 p.m.

Thursday 5/17 Ascension Divine liturgy 900 a.m.

Saturday 5/19 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 5/20 Hours 8:40 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

followed by Coffee Hour

Reader Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>3RD HOUR</u>	<u>6TH HOUR</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
May-13	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	FINCK
May-17	(ASCENSION)		
May-20	WALES	WALES	WALES
May-27 (PENTECOST)	SULPIZI	LEWIS	BRASOWSKI
June-3	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 5 Troparion *(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.

Tone 4 Kontakion *(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.”

Tone 8 Kontakion *(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.

Tone 8 Prokeimenon *(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)

Epistle Acts 16:16-34

Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling.

This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, “These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation.”

And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And he came out that very hour.

But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities. And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe."

Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods.

And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely.

Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.

And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself.

But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here."

Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes.

And immediately he and all his family were baptized.

Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

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)

Gospel John 9:1-38

Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth.

And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.

I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.

As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.

And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?"

Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he."

Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?"

He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight."

Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees.

Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes.

Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight.

He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see."

Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them.

They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight.

And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself."

His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue.

Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner."

He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know.

One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see."

Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?"

He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?"

Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples.

We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from."

The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him.

Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind.

If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing."

They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?"

He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?"

And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you."

Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

(Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:)

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!

This Week's Announcement

Mother's Day Brunch Everyone is invited to our Mother's Day luncheon today. Many years to all of our mothers! Happy Mother's Day!

The Ascension of Our Lord The ascension of Christ is His final physical departure from this world after the resurrection. It is the formal completion of His mission in this world as the Messianic Savior. The ascension itself is not to be understood as though it were simply the supernatural event of a man floating up and away into the skies. The holy scripture stresses Christ's physical departure and His glorification with God the Father, together with the great joy which His disciples had as they received the promise of the Holy Spirit Who was to come to assure the Lord's presence with them, enabling them to be His witnesses to the ends of earth. The celebration of the feast of Ascension will be this Wednesday evening May 16th at 7:00 p.m. with Vespers and Litiya and then Thursday May 17th at 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy. Join us!

Thank You Church School Teachers! We would like to thank all our church school teachers and helpers for the 2017/2018 church school year! Thanks to Stephen & Maria Peck, Debby Hines, Cindy Peck, Juliana Bunitsky, & Nicholas DiDonato. Many years to you for your service in the building up of our Lord's holy church!

Pentecost Sunday In two weeks we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday (May 27th). Liturgically, aside from Pascha, Pentecost is the greatest of the 12 Great Feasts. (Pascha is in a category all by itself!) Pentecost is the "Birthday of the Church", the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit, a celebration of the very Life that we all embrace as the people of

God, members of Christ's holy church. The traditional Vespers of Pentecost with the special "Kneeling" prayers and petitions is served following the Divine Liturgy on Pentecost Sunday. In Orthodoxy, we go from glory to glory - come let us welcome the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth!

Greeters Ministry In response to the Paschal season and after discussions with the parish council we would like to, once again, start a greeter's ministry. St. Michael's has been blessed with several guests and visitors and what a better way to respond to those who are sent to us than offering a formal welcome. We are looking for at least two people willing to volunteer to lead and organize this ministry. Please consider your calling to be a greeter and see Fr. Barnabas or Jeff Kendall for more details.

Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

"It is a great art to succeed in having your soul sanctified. A person can become a saint anywhere. He can become a saint in Omonia Square, if he wants. At your work, whatever it may be, you can become a saint through meekness, patience, and love. Make a new start every day, with new resolution, with enthusiasm and love, prayer and silence — not with anxiety so that you get a pain in the chest."*

+St.. Porphyrios, Wounded by Love

"God is not a God of torments and punishments. Our torments are the product of our own sins, and the work of the incorporeal fallen spirits. Therefore, if you suffer greatly, blame your sins and the Devil, but primarily yourself, because the Devil would not do you any harm if he did not find anything in you that he could fasten onto."

+St. John of Kronstadt

"When you give yourself entirely to the power and love of God, you'll realize that everything happens because God wants it to, because God allows it."

+Mother Gavrilia

Prayers for the Departed: Archpriest JohnNehrebecki, Matuska Mary Perez, Matushka Barbara Kucynda, Mark Gundersen, John Berket, Anthony Greer, George Sarmousakis

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Fr. Deacon James Carpenter, Mat Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Matushka Myra Kovalak, Lemlem Resat, Peter Melnik, Olga Riley, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Zack Bajuyo, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, Maria and Doug Dozier, Mary Anne Farrell, Catalina(Mary) & Jeremy (John) Finck, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Benjamin, Charles, Patrica, Lubov, Marilyn Coyle, Alfred Mokhiber, Stephanie Hojnicki, Leah Reed, Jameson Edward Reed, Anastacia Sarmousakis

Prayers for Women and the Child to be born: Maria Peck, Rachel Facaros, Jacquelyn Marie Wham, Rachael Irene Shatley, Stephanie Riley

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
13-May	MOTHERS DAY	Sulpizi/Finck	Suplizi	Farrell
20-May	Shatley/Hines	Hojnicki/Souder	Riley	Skomorucha
27-May	Gerassimakis/Bunitsky	Telep/Baldychev	Bunitsky	Maloney
3-Jun	POT LUCK - Kenda	Bunitsky/Lewis	Farrell	Lewis
10-Jun	Hamwi/Morjana	Elia/Morjana	Clause/Whalen	Gundersen
17-Jun	FATHER'S DAY	Riley/Riley	Hines	Farrell