


*St. Michael the Archangel Antiochian Orthodox Church*

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**Sunday, May 24, 2020**

**Sixth Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of the Blind Man**

**Celebrant: Fr. Ben Kjendal**

**LITTLE ENTRANCE WEEKLY VARIABLES**

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN): In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE: Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL: O ye foremost of the heavenly host, we beseech thee, though we are unworthy. Pray that we may be encompassed with the shadow of thy unearthly glory. Preserving us who kneel and cry endlessly. Deliver us from oppression since Ye are the princes of the highest power.

THE KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT: Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrhbearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

TRISAGION PRAYER

*English* Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have Mercy on us

*Arabic* Qudoos El Laah, Quodoos El Qawi, Qudoos El Lathi La Yamoot, Urhamnah

*Greek* Agios O Theos, Agios Ischiros, Agios Athanatos, Eyleison Imas

*Russian* Svyatij Bozhe, Svyatij Krepkij, Svatij Bessmertnij pomiluj nas

MEGALYNARION FOR PASCHA IN TONE ONE: *The Angel cried unto her that is full of grace: O pure Virgin, rejoice, and again I say, rejoice; for thy Son hath arisen from the grave on the third day.* Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord hath arisen upon thee; dance now and be glad, O Zion, and do thou exult, O pure Theotokos, in the arising of Him Whom thou didst bear.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT:

Receive ye the body of Christ; taste ye the Fountain of immortality.

**The Mission of St Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church is to love and worship God, to grow closer to Him, and to proclaim and to spread the Good News of the salvation of Jesus Christ to our parishioners, our neighbors and people everywhere.**

**We worship and pray in English. We experience the beauty and joy of living the Holy Orthodox Christian faith – sharing love and fellowship, teaching and leading by example, growing together through service, education, stewardship and forgiveness.**

**A NOTE REGARDING HOLY COMMUNION:** *Since we understand Communion to mean we have all things in common, sharing an identical Faith, only those who are members of the Orthodox Church and who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession may participate in Holy Communion. We invite all present to partake of the blessed bread distributed at the end of the service.*

**UNLESS YOU ARE INJURED OR UNABLE, PLEASE REMAIN STANDING DURING COMMUNION**

<b><u>Sunday, May 24</u></b>	9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
<b><u>Thursday, May 28</u></b>	9:00 AM Divine Liturgy for the Ascension
<b><u>Saturday, May 30</u></b>	7:00 PM Vespers
<b><u>Sunday, May 31</u></b>	9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

*Albanian:* Krishti Ungjall! Vertete Ungjall!  
*Arabic:* Al Maseeh Qam! Haqqan Qam!  
*English:* Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!  
*Greek:* Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!

*Polish:* Khristus Zmartvikstau! Zaiste Zmartvikstau!  
*Portuguese:* Christo Ressuscitou! Em Verdade Ressuscitou!  
*Romanian:* Hristos a Inviat! Adevarat a Inviat!  
*Russian:* Khristos Voskres! Voistinu Voskres!

**\*\*\*In case of emergency, there are emergency numbers posted next to the telephones in the coat room and in the kitchen\*\*\***

PLEASE SEE ST MICHAEL HAPPENINGS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS AND CHARITABLE NEEDS OVER THE COMING WEEKS. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU!

**\*\*\* DON'T FORGET NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS FOR FOOD PANTRY \*\*\***

THANK YOU to Jasmine & Paul Andrews. Jourdan & Charlie Clough and to Anna Lemanis for their tireless efforts in purchasing /delivering food donations!

**NO COFFEE HOUR**

**Please let us know if you are interested in being included on the coffee hour rotation schedule!**

***Our People are our Choir! We love to hear you sing with us! WELCOME!  
We are glad to have you worship with us today!***

Father Ben Kjendal is available to visit with you in your home for pastoral care, counseling and inquiries regarding Orthodoxy by appointment. His cell number is (978) 397-3285.

If you need anyone remembered during services (in Memory of or for Good Health of), please let Fr. Ben know **AT LEAST ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE** so they can be included in all the prayers during Vespers, Orthros (Matins) and Liturgy

## THE EPISTLE

*Thou, O Lord, shalt keep us and preserve us.  
Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.*

### **The Reading from the 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.

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (9:1-38)**

At that time, when Jesus was passing, 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. I 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 God?" 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 worshipped Him.



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### ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

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ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND HIS CHURCH

#### **Re-opening schedule and requests**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, Christ is Risen! Χριστός Ανέστη! Христос Воскресе! المسيح قام

Beginning with Orthros and Liturgy this Sunday, May 24th, we will be able to have more people in attendance at our services! We will be following the guidelines put forth by our Archdiocese and in adherence to the directives from our state.

We understand that some of you have been anxiously waiting to return to church, while some aren't yet comfortable doing so. To help facilitate an orderly approach to returning, while keeping within the safe standards of social distancing within the church, we should be able to have approximately 20 people at each service. Please, SEND ME AN EMAIL BY FRIDAY if you are ready and able to return to church with the names of those who will be coming when scheduled. I will send out a parish wide email each Saturday morning, with the list of people/families able to attend Liturgy on Sunday. This will be in alphabetical order for the time being, based on who is ready to return.

We will continue live-streaming the services - realize there will be a little more background noise once there are others in the church celebrating the services with us!

Some reminders and requests as we return to church:

1. As anxious as we are to see you, and as you are to return, if you or anyone in your home is sick or has a fever, DO NOT return to church until all are healthy.
2. Please wear a mask when you come to church. During communion you will take off your mask when you come up to receive, and then put it back on after you have received the antidoron. If you don't have one, please let me know in your email as some have been donated to the church for this purpose.
3. Please use the hand sanitizer as you enter the church and as you leave the church.
4. For easier traffic flow, we are asking that everyone who is able to enters the church through the front doors, and exits through the side door. Of course if you need to use the ramp for both entering and exiting do so.
5. The basement will be closed off. Please do not go downstairs for any reason. The bathroom on the main floor, by the conference room, will be accessible to all.
6. If you would like to light a candle in prayer before the service, request a candle from the usher. You may pray before the icons, but please refrain from kissing them. The offering tray will be on a table as you exit the church, not passed during the service.
7. We have removed the cloth chairs from the upstairs, but do have some of the metal chairs ready to be put out for anyone who wants them. These are easier to clean after each service. Please ask the usher when you enter if you would like a chair.
8. At the time for communion ushers will direct you - please remain standing where you are until you are guided forward. The same will be true at the end of church after the dismissal and announcements.

This list is by no means exhaustive, and I imagine a more thorough list will come out later this week, but for now helps to guide us as we prepare to join together again. Let us abide by them willingly and lovingly, out of obedience to those in authority over us and out of love for our neighbor.

I look forward to seeing you all soon. We will have Vespers on Saturday evening, at 7PM. This allows for extra time for me to hear confessions by appointment before hand (please send me an email if you would like to schedule this). We will also have at least one midweek service next week, and perhaps two. That schedule will be out later. These will provide for more opportunities for us to all have the opportunity to worship together and receive the Holy Mysteries.

Peace and joy in Christ.

Fr. Ben