

# Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Catholic Church

*(a parish of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America)*

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## May 17, 2015 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha: The Blind Man (Tone 5)

### Today's Saints

Apostle Andronicus (of the Seventy) and St. Junia; St. Eudoxia, Princess of Moscow; Martyrs Pamphalon, Pamphamirus, and Solochon of Chalcedon; St. Stephen, Patriarch of Constantinople; Virgin-martyr Restituta of Carthage

### Today's Divine Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers & General Confession

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

### Today's Liturgy Readings

*Epistle: Acts 16:16-34 (see Bulletin Insert for Reading)*

*Gospel: John 9:1-38 (see Bulletin Insert for Reading)*

### Announcements & Events

*Parish Events:* Our annual “Spaghetti & Meatball” dinner is scheduled for Sunday, May 31, 2015 at 11:30 AM. Tickets are \$20 per person—see Stephen Wasilewski or Marge Kovach. Next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

*Memorial Day Pilgrimage:* The 111<sup>th</sup> annual Memorial Day Pilgrimage at St. Tikhon’s Monastery in South Canaan, Pennsylvania is scheduled for May 22-25, 2015. To view a detailed schedule of services, click the “News” tab at [www.sttikhonsmonastery.org](http://www.sttikhonsmonastery.org) (the monastery’s website).

*Local Events:* St. Mary’s “Card Party” is today after Divine Liturgy.

## Upcoming Services

### May 20-21, 2015 (Holy Ascension)

6:00 PM (Wednesday) – Great Vespers w. Lity

9:30 AM (Thursday) – Divine Liturgy

### May 23-24, 2015 (Next Weekend)

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

### **Divine Liturgy Variables for Sunday, May 17, 2015**

## **Tone 5 / Sixth Sunday of Pascha - Sunday of the Blind Man**

Apostle Andronicus of the Seventy & St. Junia; St. Eudoxia, Princess of Moscow; Martyrs Pamphalon, Pamphamirus, & Solochon of Chalcedon; Virgin-martyr Restituta of Carthage; St. Stephen, Patriarch of Constantinople; St. Athanasius the New, Archbishop of Christianopolis

- *The Priest begins Divine Liturgy with “Blessed is the Kingdom” and the choir responds “Amen.”*

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! *TWICE*. Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death . . .

- *The Choir then sings “. . . and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!” and the Liturgy continues with the Great Litany.*
- *Now sing these troparia in the following order:*

#### RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION 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.

- *Now sing the troparion of Ss. Peter & Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit*

#### KONTAKION OF THE BLIND MAN IN TONE FOUR

I come to Thee, O Christ, blind from birth in my spiritual eyes, and call to Thee in repentance: Thou art the most radiant Light of those in darkness.

- *Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

#### KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

When Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory Thou didst arise, O Christ God, proclaiming “Rejoice!” to the myrrh-bearing women: granting peace to Thy Disciples and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

#### PROKEIMENON IN TONE EIGHT

Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

*v. In Judah God is known, His name is great in Israel.*

THE EPISTLE

**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.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FIVE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*v. Look upon me and have mercy on me!*

*v. Guide my steps according to Thy word!*

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,

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA

"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 worshiped Him.

#### MEGALYNARION FOR PASCHA IN TONE ONE

*The angel spake to her that is full of grace, saying, O pure Virgin, rejoice; and I say also, Rejoice; for thy Son is risen from the tomb on the third day.*

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem; for the glory of the Lord hath risen upon thee. Rejoice and exult now, O Zion, and thou, O pure one, Theotokos, rejoice at the Resurrection of thy Son.

#### COMMUNION HYMN

Receive ye the body of Christ; taste ye the Fountain of immortality. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- *Instead of "We have seen the true light," sing "Christ is Risen" ONCE.*
- *Dismissal: After the priest intones "Glory to Thee, O Christ . . ." the choir sings "Christ is Risen" THRICE. The Paschal Dismissal is used.*