

## CALENDAR

**Sunday 5/17: NO FASTING**

**Sunday of the Blind Man**

8:45a Orthros (Matins)

9:00a Church School (last day)

10:00a Divine Liturgy

**Monday 5/18: NO FASTING**

**Martyrs Peter, Dionysios, Paul, Christina, Erakleios, Paulinos & Benedimos**

**Tuesday 5/19: NO FASTING**

**Ieromartyr Patrick of Prousa**

6:00p Divine Liturgy (Vigil)

**Wednesday 5/20: FISH ALLOWED**

**Apodosis of Pascha**

6:30p Great Vespers

**Thursday 5/21: NO FASTING**

**Holy Ascension of our Lord**

9:00a Orthros & Divine Liturgy

**Friday 5/22: WINE/OIL**

**New-Martyrs Demetrios & Paul of Tripoli**

**Saturday 5/23: NO FASTING**

**Michael the Confessor**

6:30p Great Vespers

**Sunday 5/24: NO FASTING**

**Sunday of the Fathers of the**

**1<sup>st</sup> Ecumenical Council**

8:45a Orthros (Matins)

10:00a Divine Liturgy

**HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO  
OPERATE OUR PARISH?**

**\$2,942 EVERY WEEK**

**Please keep your Stewardship current!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ Today is the last day of Church School before the summer break.
- ♦ The Monday evening **Small Compline and Bible Study** will resume tomorrow (May 18) at 7:10p.
- ♦ Next Sunday afternoon, the **Daniels family will be received into the Holy Orthodox Church through Holy Baptism.** Please keep them, and all of our catechumens, in your prayers!

What could equal these souls? These men had been scourged, had received many stripes, they had been misused, were in peril of their lives, were thrust into the inner prison, and set fast in the stocks: and for all this they did not suffer themselves to sleep, but kept vigil all the night. Do you mark what a blessing tribulation is? ...That the earthquake should not seem to have come of itself, there was this concurrent circumstance, bearing witness to it: "the doors were opened, and all their bonds were loosed." And it appears in the night-time; for the Apostles did not work for display, but for men's salvation...Here, they did but show the doors standing open, and it opened the doors of his heart, it loosed two sorts of chains; that (prisoner) kindled the (true) light; for the light in his heart was shining. "And he sprang in, and fell before them;" and he does not ask, How is this? What is this? but straightway he says, "What must I do to be saved?" What then answers Paul? "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, thou and thine house." (v. 31.) For this above all, wins men: that one's house also should be saved...

**St. John Chrysostom**

*Homily 36 on Acts 16, 4th Century*



# HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



METROPOLIS OF  
SAN FRANCISCO

**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA:  
ON WHICH WE CELEBRATE THE MIRACLE THAT OUR  
LORD, GOD & SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST PERFORMED ON  
THE MAN BORN BLIND**

**Holy Apostles Andronikos & Iounia. Holy Theophanes &  
Nektarios, Builders of the Sacred Monastery of Varlaam in  
Meteora. Holy New-Martyr Nikolaos of Metsovo in Epiros**

**May 17, 2015**

### **WELCOME VISITORS!**

We are pleased that you have joined us today. **In order to receive Holy Communion in the Greek Orthodox Church, one must be Baptized and/or Chrismated in the Christian Orthodox Faith.** The Orthodox Church understands Holy Communion as a sign of unity. If you are interested in learning more about Christian Orthodoxy, please contact our priest, Father Andreas. Communicants should prepare themselves through fasting, prayer and confession. All Christians are invited to come forward at the dismissal of the Divine Liturgy to receive the holy bread, called *Antidoron*, which is offered to everyone as a blessing when they leave.

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*Our hierarch is His Eminence the Most Reverend GERASIMOS, Metropolitan of San Francisco.*

# TROPARIA AND READINGS

## **Apolytikon of Pascha Plagal 1<sup>st</sup> Mode**

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

### **Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Πάσχα Ἦμος πλ. α΄**

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζωὴν χαρισάμενος.

## **Resurrectional Apolytikion Plagal 1<sup>st</sup> Mode**

Eternal with the Father and the Spirit is the Word, Who of a Virgin was begotten for our salvation. As the faithful we both praise and worship Him, for in the flesh did He consent to ascend unto the Cross, and death did He endure and He raised unto life the dead through His all glorious resurrection.

## **Apolytikon of our Temple 1<sup>st</sup> Mode**

Save, O Lord Your people, and bless Your inheritance; grant victory to the faithful against the adversaries of the Faith, and protect Your people by the power of Your Cross.

## **Hymn of the Church in Greek & phonetics**

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαὸν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

SO-son KEE-ri-e ton la-ON soo, keh ev-LO-ye-e-son teen klee-ro-no-MEE-an soo, NEE-kas tees va-see-lef-SEE ka-TA var-VAR-on tho-ROO-me-nos, keh to son fee-LA-ton thi-A too stav-ROO soo po-LEE-tev-ma.

## **Kontakion of Pascha Plagal 4<sup>th</sup> Mode**

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.

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## **8<sup>th</sup> Orthros Reading: Gospel according to St. John 20:11-18**

### **Prokeimenon: Plagal 1<sup>st</sup> Mode. Psalm 11**

You shall guard us, O Lord; You shall preserve us from this generation forever.

**Στίχ:** *Save me, O Lord, for the holy man has ceased; the truthful are diminished from among the sons of men.*

### **Apostolic 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

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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.

## **Alleluarian: Plagal 1<sup>st</sup> Mode. Psalm 88**

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Στίχ 1:** *O Lord, I will sing of Your mercies forever; I will proclaim Your truth with my mouth from generation to generation.*

**Στίχ 2:** *For You said, Mercy shall be built up forever; Your truth shall be prepared in the heavens.*

## **Holy Gospel Reading: Gospel according to St. 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.