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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA: SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN  
& THIRD DISCOVERY OF THE FORERUNNER'S HONORABLE HEAD**

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**WORSHIP SERVICE**

Sunday: Matins (Orthros) Service 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. and we should not arrive late

Sunday School: Every other Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

**Prayer Requests and Bulletin News:** All prayer requests and articles for the weekly bulletin must be submitted each week by **Noon, Monday:** emailed to Fr. Leonard at [fatherfaris@comcast.net](mailto:fatherfaris@comcast.net) call 978-452-4816, otherwise, the requests and articles will be published the following week.

**Entrance Hymn**

In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord from the springs of Israel.  
O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, save us who sing unto Thee, Alleluia.

**Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 5**

Let us believers praise and worship the Word, co-eternal 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.

**Troparion of the Forerunner's Head Discovery, Tone 4**

Christ God hath revealed to us thy truly ven'erable head as a divine treasure that had been concealed in the earth, O Prophet and Forerunner. Wherefore, as we gather on the feast of its finding, with our hymns inspired of God, we praise Christ the Savior, Who by thy mighty prayers saveth us from every kind of harm.

**Troparion of St. George, Tone 4**

As deliver of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirmed, champion of kings, victorious great martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, for our souls' salvation.

**Kontakion of Easter in Tone 8**

Though thou, O deathless One, didst descend into the grave, thou didst destroy the power of hell and, as Victor, thou didst rise again, O Christ our God. Thou didst greet the ointment-bearing women, saying, Rejoice! Thou didst bestow peace upon thy Disciples, and resurrection upon those that are fallen.

**THE EPISTLE**

*The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord. O God, hear my voice.*

**The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:6-15)**

Brethren, it is the God Who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," Who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. While we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So, death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that He Who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of 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 worshiped Him.

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## ALTAR BREAD

Today's Altar Bread is being offered in memory of the Servant of God Raymond Mansour, requested by his family. May Raymond's memory be eternal!

Today's Altar Bread is being offered in memory of the Handmaids of God Nahil and Hilda Zananiri by the Zananiri, Hassey, Murray & Lichtenstein Families. May Nahil and Hilda's memories be eternal!

## MEMORIAL SERVICE - Today, May 25th

A 40 Day Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of the Servant of God Raymond Mansour, requested by his family. May Raymond's memory be eternal!

A 7 Year Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the souls of the Handmaids of God Nahil and Hilda Zananiri by the Zananiri, Hassey, Murray & Lichtenstein Families. May Nahil and Hilda's memories be eternal!

## THIS WEEK

Sun 5/25 9:30 AM Final Sunday School class & Perfect Attendance Recognition

Wed 5/28 7:00 pm Divine Liturgy for the Great Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven.  
Please make an effort and come celebrate this Great Feast with us.

## COFFEE HOUR

Today's Coffee Hour is being sponsored in memory of the Handmaids of God Nahil and Hilda Zananiri by the Zananiri, Hassey, Murray & Lichtenstein Families. May Nahil and Hilda's memories be eternal! May God bless the Zananiri, Hassey, Murray & Lichtenstein families with peace, good health and happiness.

## REQUESTS FOR MEMORIAL SERVICES AND ALTAR BREAD

Anyone wishing to offer a Memorial Service and offer the Altar Bread for their loved ones please contact Fr. Leonard to schedule a date.

## COFFEE HOURS

We would like to see a coffee hour each week. For those interested in signing up to host a coffee hour please inform Fr. Leonard and put your name and the reason you are hosting it on the calendar in the back of the hall. If no one sponsors a coffee hour there will NOT be any for that day. Please see Fr. Leonard if you have any questions.

## REMEMBER TO GREET ONE ANOTHER DURING THIS SEASON OF RESURRECTION WITH:

Christ is Risen!  
Al-Masih Qam!  
Kristos Anesti!  
Kristos A Inviat!  
Kristos Voskresy!  
Krisdos Haryav ee Merelotz!

Truly, He is Risen!  
Hagan Qam!  
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Adeverat A Inviat!  
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