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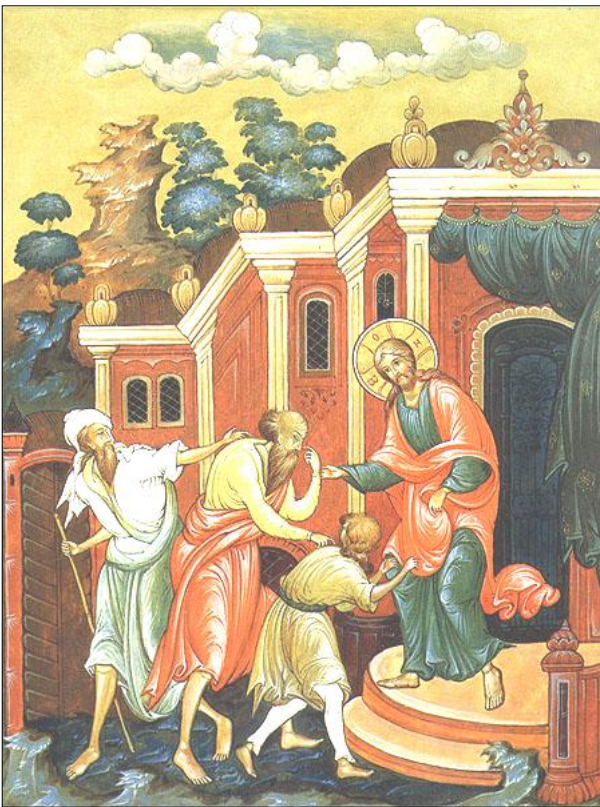
Every **Saturday** in our Cathedral there is a *Vigil* at 5:00 PM (English and Slavonic). *Divine Liturgy* in English is at 9:00 AM and in Church Slavonic – at 10:45 AM on **Sunday**. We also have Akathist in Georgian at 1:00 PM.

A warm **welcome** to St. Nicholas Cathedral! We are glad to have you worship with us today.

To place a notice in the church bulletin: Call Lisa Morris in the church office between 9:00-2:00 Tuesday-Friday (202)-333-5060, or to leave a message press 10 at menu, e-mail the church at office@stnicholasdc.org or pick up a form in the basement of the church on the bulletin board. Notices must be submitted no later than Thursday for the following Sunday.

Blind Man

June 9, 2002. SUNDAY.



Readings

Matins Gospel: (8) **John 20:11-18;**

Liturgy: Epistle: **Acts 16:16-34;**

Gospel: **John 9:1-38.**

Schedule of Services

Next Week *

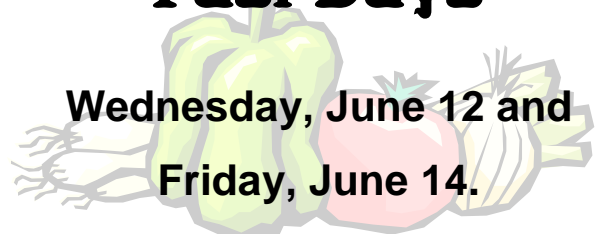
12 Wed	10:00	Liturgy (E.S)	Leavetaking Pascha
12 Wed	19:00	Vigil (E.S)	
13 Thursday	10:00	Liturgy (E.S)	Ascension
15 Saturday	17:00	Vigil (E. S. G.)	
16 Sunday	9:00	Divine Liturgy (E.)	
16 Sunday	10:00	Divine Liturgy (S. G.)	
16 Sunday	13:00	Akathist (S. G.)	

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Fast Days

**Wednesday, June 12 and
Friday, June 14.**



ATTENTION PARISH MEMBERS! George Nartsissov, Chair of the Building Expansion Committee, will hold an informational meeting following each liturgy today Sunday, June 9th, in the church annex. Bring your coffee over and catch up on the latest expansion information! (Next meeting will be June 30th)

* E=English, S=Church Slavonic, G=Georgian, **O.C.** – Old Calendar.

Troparions & Kontakions

Priest: Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit now and ever and unto ages of ages. Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death. And upon those in the tombs bestowing life (2 ½ times).

Choir/Congregation: And upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

(Liturgy begins this way until the Leavetaking of Pascha.)

Troparia (Tone 5): Let us the faithful, praise and worship the Word, coeternal 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.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakia Feast (Tone 4): 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!

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Pascha (Tone 8): Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of death! In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming “Rejoice” to the myrrhbearing women, granting peace to thy apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

Prokeimenon (Tone 8): Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!
Verse: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Alleluia (Tone 8): Look upon me and have mercy upon me. Verse: Guide my steps according to Thy word.

Hymn to the Theotokos: 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, all 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 Hymn: Receive the Body of Christ. Taste 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...”: Christ is risen from the dead. Trampling down death by death. And upon those in the tombs bestowing light.



Acts 16:16-34

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

John 9:1-38

And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing. The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged? Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he. Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened? He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight. Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not. They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind. And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes. Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see. Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them. They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine 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 that had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? How then doth 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 seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself. These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him. Then again called they the man that was blind and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner. He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see. Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? How opened he thine eyes? He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? Will ye also be his disciples? Then

they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is. The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes. Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth. Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind. If this man were not of God, he could do nothing. They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

Announcements

2002 F.O.C.A. Junior Essay Contest: Get a gift certificate just for entering! For ages 10 to 18. The topic is "Making Good Out of Evil; How God can take a terrible thing and make something positive out of it". See the poster on the bulletin board downstairs or contact Lisa Morris in the church office for more information.

Junior O Club Contest: create an ad for the National Convention's Souvenir Ad Book by and submit it. The creator of the chosen ad will win a \$50.00 U.S. Savings Bond. The theme is the Metropolitan's 25th Anniversary and his retirement. We will be submitting a 1/2-page ad. See poster on downstairs bulletin board and pick up a submission form now! Deadline is July 1, 2002. All Orthodox youth ages 10-18 are eligible.

Orioles Game Outing: Join the R Club and the Junior O Club for an outing to a Baltimore Orioles game on July 11th. Game begins at 7:05 p.m. Cost will be between \$5.00 and \$10.00 plus any spending money you wish to bring. For more information please contact Greg Coogan at 301-947-0599.

Parishioners: Do you know of a *graduating senior* from the Cathedral Parish? The Cathedral will honor High School and College graduates in June. Please contact the church office at 202-333-5060 or Michael Shandor at 301-421-9467 with the following information: name of graduate; school of matriculation, major (if college) and date of graduation if known. If your high school senior has decided on a college or university to attend in the fall please include this also!

Choir Search Committee: The Search Committee has begun receiving resumes from candidates for the Choir Director vacancy. The goal is to have a permanent director selected and in place by September of this year. Anyone interested in being considered for the position should submit their resume to the Very Reverend Constantine White, Dean at the Cathedral's address: 3500 Massachusetts Ave NW Washington, DC 20007. Our fax number is 202-965-3788 and our email is office@stnicholasdc.org.

Pro-Life Vespers: On Monday, June 10th, 7:30 p.m., the OCLife-DC will hold the Pro-Life Vespers at Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, Democracy Blvd, Potomac, MD. We will pray on behalf of the unborn, for mothers in difficult pregnancies and for all who seek to protect innocent life. Please join us! OCLife-DC is an organization dedicated to educating and organizing Orthodox Christians to defend innocent life against the threats of abortion and euthanasia.

Wedding Banns: Christopher Anthony Pagent to Kristin Ann Ringas on June 15, 2002.