



St. Philothea Greek Orthodox Church



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May 13 2018 / Sunday of the Blind Man

Sunday Services: Orthros at 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle Reading: Acts 16:16-34

Gospel Reading: John 9:1-38

Saints Commemorated Today: Sunday of the Blind Man; The Holy Martyr Glyceria Sergios the Confessor; Alexandros the Martyr of the Samaritan; Pausikakos, Bishop of Synnada

Word about Communion: Holy Communion is offered in the Orthodox Church only to those individuals baptized and chrismated in the Orthodox Faith. One must also be in good standing with the Church spiritually and properly prepared. If you have any further questions about this, please speak with Fr. Anthony. Women should remove all lipstick when approaching for Holy Communion. Please let the children and elderly approach first, when possible.

OUR MISSION

The mission of St. Philothea Greek Orthodox Church is to be the living witness of Jesus Christ-keeping and proclaiming the Orthodox Christian Faith and sanctifying the faithful through God's grace by celebrating the Divine Liturgy and Sacraments.

OUR VISION

We will strive to fulfill the commission of Jesus Christ and grow in faith and love through worship, witness, fellowship and outreach.

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

GREEK:	Khristós anésti! Alithós anésti!
RUSSIAN:	Khristos voskrese! Voistinu voskrese!
ROMANIAN:	Hristos a înviat! Adevărat a înviat!
ARABIC:	al-Masīḥ qām! Ḥaqqan qām!
TIGRIGNA:	Christos tensiou! Bahake tensiou!
FILIPINO:	Si Kristo ay nabuhay! Totoo! Siya nga ay nabuhay!
SCOTISH GAELIC:	Tha Criosd air èiridh! Gu dearbh, tha e air èiridh!
SPANISH:	¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡En verdad ha resucitado!
INDONESIAN:	Kristus telah bangkit! Dia benar-benar telah bangkit!

Happy Mother's Day to all our Mothers

Sell Nothing Fundraiser Collection Next Sunday after Church, please be generous!

At a Glance

Monday, May 14

6:30pm Grief Support Group
7:30pm Golf Tournament meeting

Tuesday, May 15

10:00am Mother's Day Out
6:00 pm Women's Night Out @ Dominicks Restaurant – all are welcome

Wednesday, May 16 ***Apodosis of Pascha

5:45pm Ascension Divine Liturgy
7:00pm Parish Council

Thursday, May 17 ***Holy Ascension

6:00pm Spaghetti Dinner w/ "The Extension Cords"

Sunday, May 20 St. Philothea Legacy Society Founding Members Induction

8:45am Orthros/Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy 11:30am Coffee Hour

May 20 – 26 The Liturgical Arts Academy @ Diakonia Center w/ Fr Anthony

Sunday, May 27 ***Holy Pentecost

8:45am Orthros/Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy 11:30am Coffee Hour

Wednesday, May 29

6:30pm Homecoming Wkend Mtg

Wednesday, May 30

6:00pm Vespers

Sunday, June 3 The Sunday of All Saints

8:45am Orthros/Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy 11:30am Coffee Hour

Tuesday, June 5 14th Anniversary of Our Door Opening 2004

9:00am ACTS
6:30pm Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, June 6

DATE	GREETERS	COFFEE HR HOSTS	EPISTLE READERS	NURSERY MONITORS	
May 13	F. Vlahos N.Herrington	Stiles	Michael McClain	Stacey Cramer	Ruth Fuzman
May 20	S. Demos S.Paninos	Vlahos	Rose Lieffring	Anna Herndon	Tracey O'Malley
May 27	T.Andros J.Hannan	NO COFFEE HR	Steve Duke	Charlotte Chromiak	

Marswood Hall Rehearsal Friday MoD Kurt, Wedding Saturday MoD Kurt, Set up Curtain, take down narthex, Thursday after Spaghetti Dinner.

HYMNS & READINGS: May 13, 2018 Sunday of The Blind Man

Paschal Apolytikion

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

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζῶν ἡρισάμενος!
Christós anésti ek nekron, thanáto thánaton patísas, ké tis en tis mnímasi, zoín charisámenos!

Resurrectional Apolytikion Tone: 5

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To the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation, let us the faithful give praise and worship. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh to endure death and raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Apolytikion for St. Philothea: Tone 4

The famed city of Athens does honor Philothea, the righteous martyr whose relics it now reverts with joy, for while living in sobriety and holiness, she has exchanged all earthly things for the everlasting life through great contest as a martyr. And she entreateth the Savior to grant His mercy unto us.

Kontakion

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Into the grave You descended, Immortal One, yet You destroyed the power of Hades, and as victor You arose, O Christ our God; You proclaimed to the myrrh bearing women a greeting of joy, You brought peace to Your holy apostles, and to the fallen You granted resurrection.

Megalynarion

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The angel cried out to the woman full of grace: Rejoice, O pure Virgin; again I say, rejoice, for your Son is risen from the tomb on the third day, Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you. Exalt and be glad, O Zion. Be radiant, pure Theotokos, in the resurrection of your Son.

Page numbers are from the Divine Liturgy Hymnal. AGES take from <http://www.agesinitiatives.com>

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 1. Psalm 117,1

You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

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 According to 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.

Planned Giving Form Thank you to those who have turned them in: Dr. Bill & Nina Herrington, Stacey & Paul Cramer, Fr. Anthony & Presvy. Christine, Mike Carter, Rose & Alan Lieftring, Nina and Ken Lamson, Dr. Stellios Kefalas, Fr. Theodore & Presvy. Stacey Ehmer and Christopher & Leslie Hansard. ***Unless otherwise noted, this is how your names will appear on the plaque.*** We will be reaching out to our seniors for interviews for the archives on "What St. Philothea means to you" and discuss their Legacy for St. Philothea. ***Our St. Philothea Legacy Society Founding Member Induction day will be Sunday May 20 after the Divine Liturgy. We are looking for 100% Parishioner Participation – all levels of giving qualify.***

Ministry Meetings* *For more information see the Council of Ministries chart*

Men's Lunch	Every Wed 12:00 pm at Mannaweenta Rest.		
Grief Support	Mon	TBA	6:30 pm
Spaghetti Dinner	Thu	May 17	6:00 pm <i>"The Extension Chords"</i>
Mother's Day Out	Tue	May 15	10:00-1:00 pm / Pot-Luck
Parish Council	Wed	May 16	7:00 pm
Marswood Hall Mtg	Thu	TBA	
A.C.T.S.	Tue	June 5	9:00 -1:00 pm in Bogart
Finance Committee	Thur	TBA	
Planned Giving	Tue	TBA	
Stewards of the Earth	Sun	tba	

Welcome to our Guests Today –We look forward to meeting you after the Divine Liturgy and for a delicious lunch today in our social hall.

VCS June 12 – 14 Save the Date! For ages 3 to 3rd grade

Homecoming Weekend 1st Planning Meeting TUES May 29 at 6:30 pm for all Committees– look for info-email for where you can help.

Spaghetti Dinner Last one of the year, May 17. “Extension Cords” will play.

Spring Cleaning Thanks to Presvytera Christine, Alan and Kate for coming.

Women’s Night—Tue May 15, 6:00 pm, Dominick's in Watkinsville will be a social and relaxing outing for the WOMEN of St. Philothea Greek Orthodox Church. We are going “Dutch” with self-pay. RSVP required to Presvytera.

The “Sell-Nothing” Fundraiser will take place May 20. Instead of having to sell something or having a food fest, we can all pitch in and leave us in good shape for the summer months. We want to exceed last year’s goal of \$8000.

Ministry Chairs of the Council of Ministries should be setting up meetings with their committees in the near future. See Nina Lamson for guidance.

Lending Library – now open in the back classroom. We have a very good collection of books to borrow. See Katherine Threlkeld or Roy Stamey for info.

Marietta Festival May 18-20, support our sister parish. See flyer for details.

Weekend of Ministry and Missions Holy Trinity Charlotte NC June 21-24

Attendance -----On May 6, 2018 ---- → ADULTS: 40 YOUTH: 20
Receipts → Weekly Receipts: \$2,105 Weekly Expenses \$3,100
Misc. Gifts: \$758 Yard Sale \$500