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MAY 25TH, 2025 SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN 6TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA

ORTHROS 9:00 A.M.

DIVINE LITURGY 10A.M.

EPISTLE: II CORINTHIANS 4:6-15 (pg. 1323)

GOSPEL: JOHN 9:1-38 (pg. 1246)

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN! ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ! ΑΛΗΘΩΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!

Orthodox Christians greet each other with the joyous greeting of “Christ is Risen” and the response is “Truly (indeed) He has Risen”. During the Paschal period, we do not kneel during our worship, as kneeling is a symbol of penitence, whereas, standing is the sign of Christ’s victory and joy in our midst.

SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN

The sixth Sunday of Holy Pascha is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of the Blind Man. The day commemorates the miracle of Christ healing the man who was blind since birth. The biblical story of this event is found in the Gospel of Saint John 9:1-38. For more info visit <https://www.goarch.org/sunday-of-the-blind-man>

WELCOME! *If you are a visitor or a guest, please let us know you better by completing the blue welcome card. You are invited to join us next door for the fellowship hour. **We are happy to have you with us!*** The call for Holy Communion (Eucharist) is the highest point of the Divine Liturgy. Please comply with the ushers’ instructions.
Patience until ushers directs you out of the pews. *“All things are done in proper order.” – Saint Paul*

MEMORIAL: A 40 day memorial for Asterios Diamantopoulos, beloved husband of Ioanna, father of Maria and her husband Costa, and George and his wife Carol and Elias and his wife Josie. Adored grandfather of Jeannie, Aris, Steven, Matthew and Hope. Beloved brother and uncle to many dear family members.
May his memory be eternal. Fellowship hour is prepared and offered by our Saint Nicholas Ladies Philoptochos.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: NO Religious Education classes today due to the Memorial Day weekend. All families are expected to participate in the worship services. **A reminder, next Sunday, June 1st is our Religious Education Graduation ceremony.**

GOYA OLYMPICS: This weekend our Saint Nicholas GOYAns participated in the Annual Metropolis of NJ GOYA Olympics held at Monmouth University in West Long Branch, NJ.

OFFICE CLOSED: The parish office is closed tomorrow, Monday, May 26th for Memorial Day.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND: We remember all who sacrificed their lives and shed their blood to secure our freedom. We are mindful of our responsibility to ensure the peace and well-being not only of this generation but future generations as well. Christ our Lord is the Prince of Peace! Pray for those who were lost in wars in all parts of the world. Remember the souls of these brave men and women and honor these heroes whose acts of bravery have inspired us all. Pray for the families of the fallen too.

FEAST OF HOLY ASCENSION: This Thursday, May 29th we celebrate the Major feast day of Holy Ascension. Orthros (Matins) starts at 9:00a.m. and Divine Liturgy at 10:00a.m. The Ascension G.O. Church in Fairview, NJ will be celebrating Great Vespers on Wednesday, May 28th, at 7:00p.m. His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos will be officiating.

FOR STEWARDS IN GOOD CANONICAL & FINANCIAL STANDING: PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY: Sunday, June 1st after worship services.

KALI PAREA (SENIOR FELLOWSHIP): Our end-of-year luncheon will be Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025, 12 Noon. at Limoncello’s on Franklin Tpke. in Waldwick, NJ. Event is open to all and we hope you will join us for lunch and fellowship. For additional information please call Christine Triant (201) 788-1382.

FOR EVERYONE: SATURDAY OF SOULS: June 7th the Saturday before Pentecost, is designated as a Saturday of Souls. On that day Orthros and Divine Liturgy will be observed beginning at 9a.m. Prayer forms have been placed in the Narthex on which you may list the **Baptismal first** names of your **departed** loved ones.

LADIES PRAYER GROUP (LPG), meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm VIA ZOOM, and on the 4th Friday of each month in person in our Theotokos Chapel at 1:00 PM. **LADIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN US** as we pray informally for our nation, community and specifically for all who need the Lord’s help and healing. Prayer moves God’s hand! Call the Parish Office or contact Irene Ayvas at 201-803-2307 (iayvas@yahoo.com), if you wish to attend and/or request prayer.

E-MAIL URGENT PRAYER CHAIN: Contact the Church Office or Irene Ayvas 201-803-2307 (iayvas@yahoo.com) if you wish to join the 100 faithful on our prayer chain, who are committed to praying for those facing sudden crisis and urgent needs. Emails requesting urgent prayers are circulated as needs arise. It is a simple and powerful way to show our love for others and do “God’s Work”!

FOR THOSE IN NEED: CENTER FOR FOOD ACTION (CFA) REQUESTS: Supermarket Gift Cards, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Mac & Cheese, Canned Meat, Tuna & Beans, White & Brown Rice, Pasta & Spaghetti Sauce, Hearty Soups/Low Sodium Soups, Canned Fruit & Vegetables, Low Sugar Cereal, 100% Juice, Coffee, Diapers-sizes 2, 3, & 4, Infant Formula & Baby Food, Ensure or Similar Nutritional Drink, Dental Hygiene Products and Toilet paper. A collection basket is placed under the community bulletin board. Thank you for your support!

FOR CHILDREN AGES 5-11: Our Saint Nicholas Vacation Church School (VCS) is June 23-27 on site, right HERE! ***Kids have registered! New: extended hours:*** 8:30am to 2:30PM! New: Hellenic Cultural Activities. Register with Tina Mouikis at Mouikis@gmail.com or use the QR code in the attached VCS flyer & register now!

FOR EVERYONE: SAINT NICHOLAS CHARITY GOLF & PICKLEBALL CLASSIC: sign up! **Monday, June 30, 2025** @ Edgewood Country Club, River Vale, NJ. Don't miss this 28th annual Saint Nicholas-sponsored celebration with longtime golf and racquet friends as well as new players and supporters. Not a golfer or a pickleball player, not a problem. Join us as a dinner guest at the country club and help us commemorate our "Guest of Honor", longtime committee member; Fr. James C. Moulketis for a wonderful night of dinner, drinks, raffles, auctions and fun. Contact Jason Fink: 201-206-7310 or Charlie Charllis: 201-245-6057 or info@stnicholasgolf.org or Michael Kalliotzis 201661-0755 for more information.

FOR PERSONAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH: We thank all those who have made their Stewardship commitment for 2025! Offer your Stewardship pledge & join the 284 households that have already done so... Let’s reach 300! Your pledged/fulfilled 2025 stewardship offering provides the majority of funding for our parish ministries and empowers followers of Christ to aid people on their path to grow in the grace & knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Pledge Cards are available in the Narthex. You can also make your 2025 pledge online by visiting our parish website <https://www.stnicholasnj.org/>