St Sophia’s
Greek Orthodox Church
Syracuse, New York

Weekly Bulletin
Sunday, May 21, 2023
Sunday of the Blind Man
Also
Feast of Sts. Constantine and Helen
Lectionary
Constantine and Helen, Equal-to-the Apostles
Acts of the Apostles 26:1, 12-20

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4
Psalm 18.4,1

Their voice has gone out into all the earth.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God.

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 26:1, 12-20

IN THOSE DAYS, King Agrippa said to Paul, "You have permission to speak for yourself." Then Paul stretched out his hand and made his defense: "I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining round me and those who journeyed with me. And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.' And I said, 'Who are you, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But rise and stand upon your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and bear witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, delivering you from the people and from the Gentiles-to whom I send you to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.' "Wherefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those at Damascus, then at Jerusalem and throughout all the country of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and perform deeds worthy of their repentance."
Ωρολόγιο
Constantine and Helen, Equal-to-the Apostles
Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 26:1, 12-20
Προκείμενον. Ἦχος πλ. δ’' ΨΑΛΜΟI 18.4,1

Εἰς πάσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος αὐτῶν.
Στίχ. Οἱ οὐρανοί διηγοῦνται δόξαν Θεοῦ.

Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 26:1, 12-20 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκείναις, Ἀγρίππας πρὸς τὸν Παῦλον ἔφη, Ἐπιτρέπεται σοι περὶ σεαυτοῦ λέγειν, τότε ὁ Παῦλος ἐκτείνας τὴν χεῖρα ἀπελογεῖτο, Ἐν οἷς καὶ πορευόμενος εἰς τὴν Δαμασκὸν μετ’ ἐξουσίας καὶ ἐπιτροπῆς τῆς παρὰ τῶν ἀρχιερέων, ήκουσα φωνήν λαλοῦσαν πρὸς με καὶ λέγουσαν τῇ Ἐβραϊδί διαλέκτῳ, Σαούλ, Σαούλ, τίς εἶ, κύριε; Ὁ δὲ εἶπεν, Ἐγὼ εἰμὶ Ἰησοῦς ὁν σὺ διώκεις. Αλλὰ ἀνάστηθι, καὶ στήθι ἐπὶ τοὺς πόδας σου, εἰς τούτο γὰρ ὄφθην σοι· προχειρίσθη, καὶ μάρτυρα ὑπηρέτην καὶ μάρτυρα ὑπηρέτην καὶ μάρτυρα ὑπηρέτην καὶ μάρτυρα ὑπηρέτην καὶ μάρτυρα ὑπηρέτην καὶ μάρτυρα ὑπηρέτην καὶ μάρτυρα ὑπηρέτην καὶ μάρτυρα ὑπηρέτην. Ἐγὼ δὲ εἶπον, Τίς εἶ, κύριε; Ἐγώ δὲ εἶπον, Ἐγώ εἰμι Ἰησοῦς ὁν σὺ διώκεις. Αλλὰ ἀνάστηθι, καὶ στήθι ἐπὶ τοὺς πόδας σου. εἰς τούτο γὰρ ὄφθην σοι· προχειρίσθη, καὶ μάρτυρα ὑπηρέτην καὶ μάρτυρα ὑπηρέτην καὶ μάρτυρα ὑπηρέτην. Ἐγὼ δὲ εἶπον, Τίς εἶ, κύριε; Ἐγώ δὲ εἶπον, Ἐγώ εἰμι Ἰησοῦς ὁν σὺ διώκεις. Αλλὰ ἀνάστηθι, καὶ στήθι ἐπὶ τοὺς πόδας σου. εἰς τούτο γὰρ ὄφθην σοι· προχειρίσθη, καὶ μάρτυρα ὑπηρέτην καὶ μάρτυρα ὑπηρέτην καὶ μάρτυρα ὑπηρέτην. Ἐγὼ δὲ εἶπον, Τίς εฑε; Ἐγώ δὲ εἶπον, Ἐγώ εἰμι Ἰησοῦς ὁν σὺ διώκεις. Αλλὰ ἀνάστηθι, καὶ στήθι ἐπὶ τοὺς πόδας σου. εἰς τούτο γὰρ ὄφθην σοι· προχειρίσθη, καὶ μάρτυρα ὑπηρέτην καὶ μάρτυρα ὑπηρέτην καὶ μάρτυρα ὑπηρέτην. Ἐγὼ δὲ εἶπον, Τίς εἶ, κύριε; Ἐγώ δὲ εἶπον, Ἐγώ εἰμί Ἰησοῦς ὁν σὺ διώκεις. Αλλὰ ἀνάστηθι, καὶ στήθι ἐπὶ τοὺς πόδας σου. εἰς τούτο γὰρ ὄφθην σοι· προχειρίσθη, καὶ μάρτυρα ὑπηρέτην καὶ μάρτυρα ὑπηρέτην καὶ μάρτυρα ὑπηρέτην. Ἐγώ δὲ εἶπον, Τίς εὐθείας τῆς ὑποστρέφειν ἀπὸ σκότους εἰς φῶς καὶ τῆς ἐξουσίας τοῦ Σατανᾶ ἐπὶ τὸν θεόν, τοῦ λαβεῖν αὐτοὺς ἀφεσιν ἀμαρτιῶν, καὶ κλήρον ἐν τοῖς ἡγιασμένοις πίστει τῇ εἰς ἐμέ. Ὅθεν, βασιλεῦ Ἀγρίππα, ὡς ἐγενόμην ἀπειθής τῇ οὐρανίῳ ὀπτασίᾳ· ἀλλὰ τοῖς ἐν Δαμασκῷ πρῶτον καὶ Ἰεροσολύμοις, εἰς πάσαν τὴν χώραν τῆς Ἰουδαίας, καὶ τοῖς ἐθνοῖς ἐπιστρέφειν ἐπὶ τὸν θεόν, ἄξια τῆς μετανοίας ἔργα πράσσοντας.
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.
Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, παράγον ἄνθρωπον τυφλὸν ἐκ γενετῆς. Καὶ ἤρωταν αὐτὸν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ λέγοντες· Ῥαββί, τίς ἤμαρτεν, οὗτος οἶκος τυφλός, ίνα τυφλὸς γεγεννηθή; ἀπεκρίθη Ἡσυκός· οὗτος οὗτος ἠμαρτήσει οὗτος οἰκεῖς αὐτοῦ, ἀλλ᾽ ἤνεα φανερωθῇ τὰ ἔργα τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐν αὐτῷ. ἐμὲ δὲ ἐργάζομαι τὰ ἔργα τοῦ πέμψαντός με ἕως ἡμέρᾳ ἐστίν· ἐμὲ δὲ ἐργάζομαι ἐργάζομαι ἐργάζομαι, ὡς ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ ὃς, φῶς εἰμι τοῦ κόσμου, ταῦτα εἰπὼν ἐπιστεύει χαμά καὶ ἐποίησε πηλὸν ἐκ τοῦ πτύσματος, καὶ ἐπέχρισε τὸν πηλὸν ἐπὶ τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς τοῦ τυφλοῦ καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ὕπαγε νίψαι εἰς τὴν κολυμβήθραν τοῦ Σιλωάμ, ὃ ἑρμηνεύεται ἀπεσταλμένος. ἀπῆλθεν οὖν καὶ ἐνίψατο, καὶ ἦλθε βλέπων. Οἱ οὖν γείτονες καὶ οἱ θεωροῦντες αὐτὸν τὸ πρότερον ὅτι τυφλὸς ἦν, ἔλεγον· οὐχ οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ καθήμενος καὶ προσαιτῶν; ἄλλοι ἔλεγον· οὗτός ἐστιν; ἄλλοι δὲ ἔλεγον· ὅμοιος αὐτῷ ἐστιν. ὁ δὲ ἔλεγεν· ἐγώ εἰμι. ἔλεγον οὖν αὐτῷ· πῶς ἀνεῴχθησάν σου οἱ ὀφθαλμοί; ἀπεκρίθησαν καὶ εἶπαν· ἂν αὐτός ἐστιν παρὰ Θεοῦ, ἢ ἠδύνατο ποιεῖν τοῖς ὀφθαλμοῖς τυφλοῦ, ἢ ἠδύνατο ἄνθρωπος τοιαῦτα σημεῖα ποιεῖν; καὶ σχίσμα ἦν ἐν αὐτοῖς. λέγουσι τῷ τυφλῷ πάλιν· σὺ τί λέγεις περὶ αὐτοῦ, ὅτι ἤνοιξέ σου τοὺς ὀφθαλμούς; ὁ δὲ εἶπεν· ἂν αὐτός ἐστιν ἢ ἠδύνατο τοῖς ὀφθαλμοῖς τυφλοῦ τὸ σάββατον οὐ τηρεῖ. ἄλλοι δὲ ἔλεγον· ὅτι τύφληκεν αὐτὸς ἐπὶ τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς καὶ ἐνιψάμην, καὶ βλέπω. ἔλεγον οὖν ἐκ τῶν Φαρισαίων τινές· οὗτος ὁ ἄνθρωπος οὐκ ἔστι παρὰ τοῦ Θεοῦ, ἢ ἠδύνατο τὸ σάββατον τηρεῖ. ἄλλοι δὲ ἔλεγον· ὅπως δύναται ἄνθρωπος ἁμαρτωλὸς τοιαῦτα σημεῖα ποιεῖν; καὶ σχίσμα ἦν ἐν αὐτοῖς. ἐφώνησαν οὖν τὸν ἄνθρωπον ὃς ἦν τυφλὸς, καὶ εἶπον αὐτῷ· δὸς δόξαν τῷ Θεῷ· ἡμεῖς οἴδαμεν ὅτι ὁ ἄνθρωπος οὗτος ἁμαρτωλός ἐστι. ἀπεκρίθη οὖν ἐκείνος καὶ εἶπεν· ἐὰν ἢμαρτωλός ἐστιν οὐκ οἶδα· θαυμάστων ἐστιν, ὅτι ἠνόιξαν αὐτοῦ τοὺς ὀφθαλμούς. ἀπεκρίθησαν καὶ εἶπον αὐτῷ· σὺ ἐγεννήθης ἀνάμικτος, καὶ σὺ διδάσκεις ἡμᾶς; καὶ ἐξέβαλον αὐτὸν ἔξω.
Sunday—May 21, 2023

Trisagions

Veta Georgiades (7 Years)
Theodore Georgiades (7 Years)

MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL
Church Services & Events for Today & the Upcoming Week

Today ~ Sunday of the Blind Man
8:45 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

AHEPA DAY

Monday—May 22, 2023
5:30 pm Jesus Prayer Group

Tuesday—May 23, 2023
10:00 am Bible Study
5:00 pm Orthodoxy 101

Wednesday—May 24, 2023
6:00 pm Vespers of the Ascension
7:00 pm Bible Study

Thursday ~ May 25, 2023
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
HOLY ASCENSION

Saturday—May 27, 2023
5:00 pm Great Vespers

The Bookstore will be closed for the next three weeks and will reopen for the Greek Festival
COFFEE HOUR TODAY
IN MEMORY OF
VETA GEORGIADES
THEODORE GEORGIADES
SPONSORED BY THE FAMILY

Members Volunteering To Serve Coffee Hour
A special thank you to the following members of our community who have volunteered to donate their time to serve coffee today:
Sofia Vasiliou & Aliki Anastasiou
REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE

June 26 to July 1
Oswegatchie Educational Center
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2023 GREEK FESTIVAL

Thursday, June 8th
Friday, June 9th
Saturday, June 10th
Sunday, June 11th
2023 GREEK FESTIVAL

CALLING ALL BAKLAVA MAKERS !!!!!!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

BAKLAVA WILL BE MADE ON :

**Monday—May 22**
5 PM TO 8 PM

**Tuesday—May 23**
8 AM TO NOON & 5 PM TO 8 PM

**Wednesday—May 24**
8 AM TO NOON & 5 PM TO 8 PM

**Thursday—May 25**
8 AM TO NOON & 5 PM TO 8 PM

AND IF NEEDED.....

**Friday—May 26**
8 AM TO NOON & 5 PM TO 8 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME!
Training will be provided for those new at making Baklava!
See you then!
Greek Festival
Yiayia’s Jewelry Shop

Ladies….Check your jewelry boxes and consider making a donation of costume jewelry to Yiayia’s Jewelry Shop.

In preparation for the upcoming Greek Festival, Philoptochos is now collecting costume jewelry items.

All donations are appreciated!

Proceeds fund the numerous philanthropic projects of Philoptochos!
2023 Festival Volunteer Online Sign-up

Our Greek Festival is a combined effort and we need your help to make it a successful event again this year. Please give your time and talents by volunteering.

Last year for certain volunteer dinner line positions, we utilized an online volunteer signup software system with great success. With this online signup we were able to balance our staff volunteers to provide better coverage that ultimately made it more efficient to manage the large number of attendees. This year, we are expanding this online volunteer sign-up to more positions. Below are just some of the positions that will utilize the online sign-up:

### Outside Tent Dinner Line Volunteers Online Sign-up

**Cashiers**- take customers orders, input their selections into the computer system and take payment

**Food Order Takers**- take written food orders in line prior to the customers arrival to the cashier

**Food Runners**- prepare customers food orders by gathering all ordered items and handing it to the customer

**Main Dinner Food Assemblers**- assemble precooked foods into food combination containers

**Gyro Cooks & Assemblers**– cook gyro meat and assemble gyros with toppings

To volunteer for positions, please go to our volunteer sign-up website at:

[https://signup.com/go/XFZeUgU](https://signup.com/go/XFZeUgU)
Were you there?
First Greek Fest in 1973

To commemorate our 50th year, the Greek Festival Planning Committee is seeking memorabilia from our first Greek Festival in 1973.

The committee is looking for items from the first festival in 1973, but will accept any item from 1973-1978:

♦ Pictures, newspaper clippings, and videos
♦ Festival newsletters, programs and documents.
♦ Any other memorabilia related to any of the past festivals from the first five years (1973-1978).

So take a close look in your closets and attics! Tell us what you may be willing to lend for our display. Photos or media may be sent electronically to parishcouncil@stsophias.org. Photos and items may also be dropped off at the church office. Please place your name and phone number with each item, so that we may return the item to you.

We will also be marking this fifty-year milestone by honoring living parishioners who volunteered at the first festival in 1973. If you or someone you may know was a chairperson, part of a committee, or department volunteer, please email us with your name and a brief description of your role in the first festival.

Contact Chris Shiromos at parishcouncil@stsophias.org with any questions or call the church office at (315) 446-5222.

Deadline to submit items is May 21st.
MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES
MONDAY—MAY 29, 2023

WOODLAWN CEMETERY
8:30 AM SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL

OAKWOOD CEMETERY
10:00 AM SERVICE UNDER THE TENT

If you would like Father David to pray for your loved ones on Memorial Day please provide your list of names by emailing frdavid@stsofhias.org

Forms are available at the candle stand
Archbishop Elpidophoros has declared TODAY—Sunday May 21st as AHEPA Day for the Greek Orthodox parishes in the USA. Our local AHEPA Syracuse Chapter 37 invites all parishioners and their families to the luncheon May 21st which will take place immediately at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy at the gym and lobby.

Our special guest will be the Honorable Ben Walsh, Mayor of the City of Syracuse.

At the event we will be presenting also the annual AHEPA Scholarship Awards.

For additional information, contact Fr. David, Peter Manolakos, George Nardone, Dr. Chris Shiomos, Dr. James Telonis or Mike Labatos.