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Sunday Worship: Orthros 9:00 AM, Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM.

Sunday, May 9, 2010

Sunday of the Blind Man

The Tone for this day is the Plagal 1- The Morning Gospel of the Orthros is the Eighth (John 20:11-18)

Epistle Reading: Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34

Gospel Reading: John 9:1-38;



Memorial Services:

† **Peter Pelecanos**

† **Nicholas James and Anastasia Albanes**

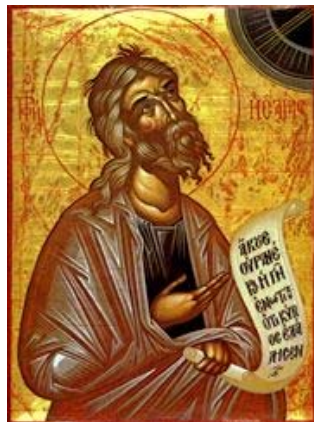
Today's Coffee Hour is sponsored by the Pelecanos and Albanes families.



During the reading of the Gospel and during the consecration of the Holy gifts (Se ymnoumen), movement within the Church should cease, even of the lighting of candles. These are especially holy moments and we should assume a more prayerful attitude.



ISAIAH THE PROPHET



The Prophet Esaias, the son of Amos, was descended from a royal tribe. He prophesied in the days of Ozias (who is also called Azarias), Joatham, Ahaz, and Hezekias, Kings of Judah. About 681 B.C, in the reign of Manasses, the son and successor of the most pious Hezekias, when this Prophet was censuring Manasses' impiety and lawlessness, he was sawn asunder with a wooden saw, and thus received a martyr's end.

Of all the Prophets, he is called the most eloquent because of the beauty and loftiness of his words. His book of prophecy, divided into sixty-six chapters, is ranked first among the greater Prophets. The Fifth Ode of the Psalter, "Out of the night my spirit waketh at dawn unto Thee, O God . . ." is taken from his book. It was this holy Prophet who foretold that a Virgin would conceive in the womb (7:14); that not an ambassador, nor an angel, but the Lord Himself would save fallen man (63:9); that the Messiah had suffer, bearing our sins (ch. 53). His name means "Yah is helper."

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FESTIVAL COMMITTEE



Our Annual Spring Festival to be held on **May 14, 15 and 16** is just around the corner. The Festival Committee is asking for your generous financial support to help defray the costs of the event. We receive only a few donations of food products and financial donations in the past have been nominal. Please make a generous contribution to help us make the festival profitable. A receipt for tax deduction purposes will be provided. For more information please call the office at 202-333-4730.

ATTIC TREASURES ARE BACK!!

Please bring any items at home that you want to contribute to the Attic Treasures Tent to the Cathedral office prior to the Spring Festival. Sample items of things to bring are books, jewelry, working electrical items, and Knick Knacksalso, please clean items before you bring them to .

ORTHODOX ICONS

Many of you have ICONS in your possession, which are not actively venerated. The Cathedral will welcome donations of the these Icons for sale at the Spring Festival. Proceeds will benefit the general fund of the Cathedral. Please call Presvytera Harriett Tavlarides at 202-966-2960.

ANNUAL MERCEDES-BENZ RAFFLE

Only 1,000 tickets will be sold so you have a terrific chance of winning a brand new 2010 Mercedes-Benz GLK 350 4-Matic Luxury SUV or \$40,000 in CASH!

The drawing will be held at the Saint Sophia Cathedral on May 16th at 8:00 P.M. The tickets are \$100 each and all proceeds go to the Cathedral general operating fund. The winner need not be present to win. Licensed by the D.C. Lottery and Charitable Games Control Board. free. Please bring your own drinks. The cookout will be held from 1:00-4:30 pm outside.

PIANO LESSONS

For children and adults now offered in the Frosene Center. Contact Linda Fotis 301-529-3802 or e-mail he at: linda.fotis@gmail.com.

PHILOPTOCHOS

Last General Membership meeting till the fall will be Monday, May 10th at 7:30 pm. After the business meeting, Father Steve will lead a discussion based on Barbara Brown Taylor's book "Leaving Church: A Memoir of Faith". Please join us!

SILENT AUCTION AT FESTIVAL:

Philoptochos will have a booth under the tent at the Festival. If you have any sports events tickets or concert tickets that you would like to donate, please contact Pat Gogos at pagogos@aol.com or 202 333-0738.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GOYA

KINGS DOMINION TRIP

SATURDAY MAY 22, 2010

In order to secure a group rate for the tickets, we need to know how many will be able to attend by April 18th. The ticket price is \$35.00 per participant, and all family members are welcome. GOYA will again be providing lunch for everyone. No bus transportation will be provided. However, we have several families with large vehicles who will be happy to provide transportation. Please either e-mail Eleni Planzos at esplanzos@verizon.net, or call her at 301-871-9196, for more info.



GREEK LANGUAGE SCHOOL



Saint Sophia Greek Language School Graduation Ceremony will be held at the Cathedral auditorium on May 22nd at 10AM.

Save the Date

Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral Presents

The 2010 Holiday Dance "WHITE CHRISTMAS"

Saturday, November 13, 2010

Dinner, Dancing to Greek and American Music And more!

Details and Invitations coming soon!

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Blessed are You, O Christ our God. You showed the fishermen to be wise
in all things when You sent down the Holy Spirit on them; and through them
You drew the world into Your net. O Lover of humanity, glory to You.



Hospital Calls: Our priests make hospital calls upon request. However, to avoid misunderstandings, they will only respond to the call of an immediate family member of the hospitalized person.

Change of Address and Phone Number. Please inform the Church office for change of address and phone number prior to your moving. Thank you!



CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE



Visit the Cathedral Bookstore in the Auditorium after Liturgy today for a large selection of theological and liturgical books, icons, Byzantine music CDs, and tapes. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Anastasia Boudouvas about our Easter Specials on books and CDs. Some items are also available online.

Please note:

Deadline for announcements for the Sunday Bulletin is **THURSDAY 12:00 Noon.**

Please submit notices to the Church Office by mail, fax or e-mail.