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SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017

Sunday of the Blind Man

Orthros 8:30 am; Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle Reading: Acts 26:1, 12-20

Gospel Reading: John 9:1-38 **Red Divine Liturgy Book Pg. 58**

ALTAR SERVER TEAM:

St. Basil: Cap: Stefan Kleinhenz, Michael Angeles, John Burell, Demetri Giannousopoulos, Demetri Gilpin, Vasilios Gilpin, John Woodworth, Nicholas Woodworth, Alexander Vasiliou.

NARTHEX DUTY TEAM:

St. Athanasios: Evan Arapostathis, Anthony Kyriakidis, Nektarios Tradas, Christine Tradas.

The Hymn of St. Spyridon: can be found on the **back cover** of the red Divine Liturgy book.

Pre-Communion Prayers: offered **before** receiving Holy Communion can be found on **page 29** of the **red Divine Liturgy book.**

Thanksgiving Prayers: offered **after** receiving Holy Communion can be found on **page 40** of the **red Divine Liturgy book.**

The Memorial Service: can be found on **page 164** of the **red Divine Liturgy book.**

WELCOME - AND A FEW WORDS ABOUT COMMUNION... We warmly welcome all visitors and seekers in our midst today, trusting that your experience here will be an uplifting and enriching one. The Greek Orthodox Churches are the ancient and native communities of the biblical world, with centers in the Holy Lands, Syria, Egypt and Asia Minor, and by extension in Greece, Cyprus and throughout the world. Like the ancient Christians, we engage the whole person, heart, mind and all senses in Divine Worship. This experience has been so powerful to seekers in the past that it was often said "We knew not whether we were in heaven or on earth. We knew only that there God dwelt among human beings." That communion experience of heaven on earth and God in our midst forms the heart of all Orthodox worship. It culminates in the sharing of Holy Communion, which not only unites us with the Divine, but also expresses the deep unity in faith and life between all Orthodox believers. Since Holy Communion expresses that deep unity in belief and practice alike, it is reserved for observant Orthodox Christians. This does not mean, however, that non-Orthodox are 'excluded' - rather, the Orthodox choose not to make an external display of unity when actual unity does not exist. While working to restore the full communion that did exist in antiquity, today we offer the sign of the blessed bread at the service's conclusion as a symbolic gift of hospitality and growing unity that is offered to all present. If you would like to learn more about the Orthodox way of life, or have any questions about worship or Holy Communion, please approach Fr. Andrew following services. We welcome you all.

THE ORDER OF PROCESSION WHEN RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION: (When Sunday School is in session). Please wait to allow our **Sunday School children and their teachers to be the first to receive so they can depart for their lessons.** Then, allow the choir to approach from the right side. Then, quietly, row by row, at the direction of the Parish Council members. Those remaining in the pews are asked to move into the center aisle, receive Holy Communion **and return to their pew for the remaining Thanksgiving Prayers using the side aisles.**

CHRIST IS RISEN!

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!

WEEKLY SERVICES: Thursday, May 25th

Ascension of the Lord
Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

SUNDAY'S MEMORIALS: Theodore Huntalas - 6 months

**FELLOWSHIP HALL
& COFFEE HOUR:**

Today's fellowship and coffee hour is generously offered by the Sunday School to celebrate our Sunday School Graduates, and our valuable teachers for their dedication throughout the 2016-2017 school year and beyond! A humble THANK YOU! Ice cream with all the fixings will be served to all!

ST. SPYRIDON CHURCH NEWS, EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Condolences - to the family and friends of **Helen Platis** who passed away on May 7th. The Funeral Service was held at St. Spyridon GOC on Saturday, May 13th. May her memory be eternal.

Philoptochos Board Elections will be held today - All current members are invited to come elect our next Board of Directors (for the 2017-2019 term). **Please join us in the hall lounge immediately following the Divine Liturgy (approx. 12:15 pm).** Your participation is encouraged and appreciated.

2017 Greek Festival Baking/Cooking Schedule: **TOMORROW, Monday, May 22nd** - Koulourakia & Paximathia 9:00 am; **Tuesday, May 30th** - Baklava 9:00 am; **Wednesday, May 31st** - Kataifi 9:00 am.

Festival Volunteers Needed! - Please sign up with Soula De La Riva to volunteer for the festival. There are over 500 three-hour shifts that still need filling. **To sign up over the phone, by email, or in person, contact Soula at soula.delariva@cox.net or 760-521-0471. To sign up online, visit <http://sdgreekfestival.com/volunteer>.** Only 4 weeks left until June 9, 10, and 11. **Sign up today!** Thank you!

MOCHAS for MISSIONS - To date, we've raised \$1,832! **We are 92% to our goal with only \$168 to go!** We have **TWO** more Sundays to collect. If every family gives only \$20, we can reach our \$2,000 goal by June 4th! Kindly place your donation in the canisters on Sundays or mail to the church, payable to St. Spyridon Orthodox Church (note Mochas for Missions). **With questions contact Soula De La Riva at soula.delariva@cox.net or (760) 521-0471.**

Rock-n-Roll Marathon Directions to the Church for Sunday, June 4th - Please spread the word about the marathon and please use the following directions to get to church on Sunday, June 4th: **Get to highway 163, and drive Southbound on 163; then exit Park Blvd. and turn left onto Park. Continue north on Park Blvd. toward St. Spyridon. It's that easy!** More information is available on the website <http://www.runrocknroll.com/san-diego/the-races/road-closures>.

GOYA SAVE THE DATE End of the year Potluck Pool Party - Attention GOYAnS please join us on **Saturday, June 3rd at 4:00 pm** at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Demos - 6130 Soledad Mt. Rd La Jolla, 92037 for our end of the year Potluck Pool Party and Elections. Want to be an officer next year - you **MUST** attend the June 3rd event. **Please RSVP to Mr. and Mrs. Navrides by May 31st at 619-992-6775 or navridesfamily@gmail.com.**

SAVE THE DATE! - **16th Hellenic Fairways Golf Classic. Friday, October 27th** at Willowbrook Golf Course. **For more information contact Rhad Brown: brownrhad@gmail.com or 619-573-2304.**

Philoptochos and Coffee Hour - The Philoptochos would like to extend a huge thank you to all the families and organizations of the St. Spyridon community that have offered the coffee hour over the past several years. This has been a beautiful tradition for many years where the community has time to visit with their family and friends after the Divine Liturgy. We thank you for your continued participation and would like to ask if you are interested in offering for an upcoming name day, birthday, anniversary, memorial, etc, **please email Marian Dougenis at mkdougenis@prodigy.net to check the available dates.** There will be a fellowship calendar in the hall so please pick a date that works for you. Thank you for your participation.

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