



# St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church

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## GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME!

**CHRIST IS RISEN!  
ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!**

**TRULY HE IS RISEN!  
ΑΛΗΘΩΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!**

**Sunday, May 9, 2010 6th Sunday of Pascha Sunday of the Blind Man**

**Epistle: Acts 16:16-34 Gospel: John 9:1-38**

**Hours of Services: Orthros at 8:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.**

*"When we seek God we must love our neighbor and when we seek out neighbor we must love God." Metropolitan Anthony of Sovoch*

Please join us in the Great Hall after the Divine Liturgy as the **Youth Ministry** will host the Coffee Hour

The Artoclasia is being offered today for the Health and Welfare of all of the Mother's

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| <b>Today</b>     | Youth Ministries Mother's Day Appreciation ♥ <b>Happy Mother's Day!</b><br>Please stop by the stewardship table as they will answer questions about the presentation that will be held on May 17.<br>Jr. Olympics bowling practice 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. at Brunswick Lanes in Lake Zurich |
| <b>Monday</b>    | Bible Study 10:00 a.m.<br>Jr. GOYA 6:30 p.m./Sr. GOYA 7:00 p.m.  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Greek School 4:15 p.m.<br>Adult catechism class 5:00 p.m.<br>Philoptochos Board meeting 6:30 p.m./general meeting 7:15 p.m.<br>Greek Fest meeting 7:00 p.m.<br>HS Boys SNAP practice 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Bible study 7:00 p.m.<br>GS Boys 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ 8:30 a.m. Orthros/9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy</b><br>Girl's basketball 6:00 p.m. - 7:30/H.S. Boys 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Greek school 4:15 p.m./ice cream social/Greek dance to follow  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | Jr. Olympics practice 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.<br>YM Year End Barb-b-Que 3:00 p.m.   |

Registration forms for **Vacation Church School** are now available. **PLEASE REGISTER YOUR PRE K (4 years old) - 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENT EARLY (by May 31)**. This year's Vacation Church School is titled, **'Mary –The Ark of Salvation'** and will be held from **June 14 to 17 from 9:30 a.m. to noon**. If you are interesting in helping, call **Dimitri Tobias at church** or **Elaine Regopoulos at (847) 277-0711**.

Mark your calendars & join us at these upcoming events:

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| <b>5/16</b> | Sunday school teachers recognition/hot dog lunch for students<br>General Assembly meeting following the Divine Liturgy<br>Jr. Olympics bowling practice 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Brunswick lanes Lake Zurich |
| <b>5/17</b> | Bible study 10:00 a.m. – luncheon to follow<br>Stewardship presentation at 7:00 p.m.<br>Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.  |
| <b>5/18</b> | Greek School 4:15 p.m.<br>Adult catechism class 5:00 p.m.<br>Ministry Leaders meeting 7:00 p.m.<br>HS Boys SNAP practice 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.   |
| <b>5/19</b> | Mommy & Me meeting 10:00 a.m.<br>Bible study 7:00 p.m.<br>GS boys 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  |
| <b>5/20</b> | YM Club Nectarios 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.<br>Girls SNAP practice 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m./HS Boys 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.   |
| <b>5/21</b> | <b>Feast day of SS.Constantine &amp; Helen 8:30 a.m. Orthros/9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy</b><br>Greek School 4:15 p.m./ Greek dance to follow   |
| <b>5/22</b> | <b>Saturday of Souls 8:30 a.m. Orthros/9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy</b><br>Jr. Olympics practice noon - 3:00 p.m.  |
| <b>5/23</b> | <b>Pentacost</b>   |
| <b>5/24</b> | Nectarians guided tour of Chicago's Northside/ meet at church at 9:00 a.m.   |
| <b>5/25</b> | Greek School 4:15 p.m.<br>Adult catechism class 5:00 p.m.  |
| <b>5/27</b> | Parish Council meeting 7:30 p.m.   |
| <b>5/28</b> | Jr. Olympics at SS.Constantine & Helen<br>Greek School 4:15 p.m./ Greek dance to follow  |
| <b>5/29</b> | Jr. Olympics at SS.Constantine & Helen   |
| <b>5/30</b> | <b>All Saints</b><br>Jr. Olympics at SS. Constantine & Helen   |
| <b>6/1</b>  | Greek School graduation 5:00 p.m. at the Concorde in Kildeer   |
| <b>6/7</b>  | Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.  |
| <b>6/8</b>  | Philoptochos Board meeting 6:30 p.m./general meeting 7:15 p.m.<br>Greek Fest meeting 7:00 p.m.   |
| <b>6/10</b> | Altar Boys retreat 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  |
| <b>6/14</b> | Vacation Church School 9:30 a.m. - noon<br>Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.   |
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| <b>6/20</b> | Father's Day<br>Fanari camp begins and ends on 6/26  |
| <b>6/21</b> | Greek Fest set up through to 6/24  |
| <b>6/24</b> | <b>Nativity of St. John the Baptist - service in Des Plaines</b><br>Parish Council meeting 7:30 p.m.   |

Father Peter asks **everyone** to respond when he says: «Δοξα τή αύτου τριημέρω έγέρσει». (“Glory to His third-day Resurrection”) by saying: «Προσκυνοϋμεν Αυτοϋ την τριημερον έγερσιν». (“We worship His third-day Resurrection”) Father asks **everyone** to sing “Christ is risen from the dead, by Death, He has trampled upon Death, and to those in the tombs, He is bestowing Life!” The practice of **kneeling has been suspended during the Paschal season** and resumes after the kneeling prayers on **Pentecost**. Please wait for Father’s instructions.

Donations are still being accepted **towards the replacement of the church roof**. Please speak to Father Peter or call the church office if you would like to make a donation.

**The YM Year End B-B-Q Pot Luck** will take place on **May 15**, at **3:00 p.m.** For all YM functions please contact **Dimitri Tobias** at [st.nectarios.layassistant@gmail.com](mailto:st.nectarios.layassistant@gmail.com).

**The Parish Council** has scheduled the next **General Assembly Meeting** for **Sunday, May 16** following the Divine Liturgy. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this important meeting.

The **Stewardship Committee of St. Nectarios** invites everyone to join them in fellowship on **Monday, May 17 at 7 p.m.** to watch a short film, **‘Pilgrimage to the City’**, which is about the **Patriarch**. An informal discussion will follow and refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to the office.

On **Monday, May 24**, the **Nectarians** will be taking a **guided motor coach tour of Chicago's Ethnic Northside**. The tour visits the Polish Corridor, the Irish-American Center, Andersonville for Swedish traditions, a Swedish bakery, and ends at Wrigley Field. A luncheon will be served at Germantown’s, Chicago Brauhaus in Lincoln Square. The bus leaves at **9:00 a.m.** and returns at **4:30 p.m.** The **fee is \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members**. Please **RSVP to Elayne Pappas at 847 882-6023**.

Thank you to those who have signed up to participate in the **Jr. Olympics**. For those who haven’t registered yet, it’s not too late. **Please hurry because the deadline is May 10<sup>th</sup>**. Please visit [www.stnectariosgoc.org](http://www.stnectariosgoc.org) under **SNAP** to register or contact **Steve Raftis: cell 847/274-1453** or email: [sraftis@comcast.net](mailto:sraftis@comcast.net). The **Jr. Olympics** take place on **May 28, 29 & 30** at **SS Constantine and Helen in Palos Hills**.

Preparations are underway for **Greek Fest 2010** which will be held on **June 25, 26 and 27**. We are currently compiling ads for the **Greek Fest Ad Book**. **The deadline for ads is May 29, 2010**. For more info contact Voula @ [voula@premiereventsltd.com](mailto:voula@premiereventsltd.com).

**SAVE THE DATE! The St. Nectarios GREEK FEST 2010 will be held on June 25-26-27!** The hours are: **Friday 4 p.m. - 12 a.m., Saturday and Sunday 3 p.m. - 12 a.m.** Our **Grand Raffle First Prize is \$20,000!** Highlights include wonderful homemade Greek foods, authentic Greek taverna, delicious pastries & loukoumades, unique vendors, fun kid games, Greek music and dancing, AND our convenient food DRIVE-THRU!! For information or to **volunteer** call the church office **847/358-5170**.

The **Grand Raffle tickets for Greek Fest** have been mailed to your homes. We will not sell more than 2,000 tickets so the odds of winning are good. Our goal is to sell over 1,500 tickets, earn a profit of over \$110,000 and close the deficit. **Tickets will cost \$100**. We are giving away **\$35,000 in prizes**. **On May 30 there will be an early bird drawing for \$3,000 and the winning ticket will go back into the drum. The Grand Prize is \$20,000.** As you sell tickets, please complete the ticket stubs and return the stubs with a check for payment to the Church office. More raffle tickets are available in the office.

The **Great Hall of our new addition** is available for all types of events. To reserve it please contact **Tammy Stergiou-Linardatos** at [tstergiou@comcast.net](mailto:tstergiou@comcast.net).

**Fanari Camp 2010** will take place from **June 20-26** at **Green Lake Conference center in Green Lake, WI**. Fanari camp is for children entering **grades 6-11**. For more information call **312 337-4130**.

To register for the **Ionian Village Summer Camp 2010** contact their office at **646 519- 6190**.

## Parish Council President

### Why a second basket

Christos Anesti!

Many parishioners have asked a very fair question, “why is there a second basket passed at the end of Liturgy after Fr. Peter’s sermon?” The answer to that question is a very fair one. The second basket is passed to assist with the overall operational expenses of the church. As operational expenses continue to grow for the church, we as a community need to consider the simple question, “Does a dollar buy today what it did 20 years ago, or even just 10 years ago?” Of course, many of us know the simple answer to that question, but have we increased what we put in the donation tray from years past?

As one community we can make a difference by taking into consideration what we donate when we are lighting candles in the narthex, what we decide to place into the baskets when they are passed after liturgy, and even what we decide to pledge in annual stewardship.

I ask that everyone consider what is given during the second basket to reach our goals as a community. Together, we can reach all of our goals for and beyond!

In His work,  
Ted Pappas, Parish Council President

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### Stewardship News & Notes

#### **MOVIE NIGHT @ St. Nectarios: Pilgrimage to the City**

Through the efforts of His All Holiness, Bartholomew, Archbishop of Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch, the Patriarchate has become transformed not only as the head of 300,000 million Orthodox Christians around the world, but also as a symbol of peace, synonymous with religious freedom and environmental activism.

Yet the plight of the Patriarchate is a dire one today. Due to the conditions placed by the secular government of Turkey, our Church and the Orthodox community struggle to survive. However, thanks to the Internet and other global media, there is a new awareness of the challenges faced by our Patriarch.

In this spirit of awareness, The Stewardship Committee of St. Nectarios invites you to watch a short video about the Patriarchate called, *Pilgrimage to the City* on **Monday, May 17th at 7:00PM**. Stay for coffee and dessert thereafter, where we will moderate an informal discussion for sharing thoughts and reactions to the movie.

To reserve a seat, call the church office at (847) 358-5170.  
Hope you can make it!

The Stewardship Team

**ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΙΚΗ ΕΠΙΣΤΟΛΗ Πράξεις Αποστόλων 16:16-34**

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκεῖναις, ἐγένετο δὲ πορευομένων ἡμῶν εἰς τὴν προσευχὴν παιδίσκην τινὰ ἔχουσαν πνεῦμα πύθωνα ὑπαντήσῃα ἡμῖν, ἣτις ἐργασίαν πολλὴν παρείχεν τοῖς κυριοῖς αὐτῆς μαντευομένη. Αὕτη κατακολουθοῦσα τῷ Παύλῳ καὶ ἡμῖν ἐκραζεν λέγουσα, Οὗτοι οἱ ἄνθρωποι δούλοι τοῦ θεοῦ τοῦ ὑψίστου εἰσίν, οἵτινες καταγγέλλουσιν ὑμῖν ὁδὸν σωτηρίας. Τοῦτο δὲ ἔποιει ἐπὶ πολλὰς ἡμέρας. διαπονηθεὶς δὲ Παῦλος καὶ ἐπιστροφάς τῷ πνεύματι εἶπεν, Παραγγέλλω σοι ἐν ὀνόματι Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ ἐξελθεῖν ἀπ' αὐτῆς· καὶ ἐξῆλθεν αὐτῇ τῇ ὥρᾳ. Ἰδόντες δὲ οἱ κύριοι αὐτῆς ὅτι ἐξῆλθεν ἡ ἑλπίς τῆς ἐργασίας αὐτῶν ἐπιλαβόμενοι τὸν Παῦλον καὶ τὸν Σίλαν εἰλκυσαν εἰς τὴν ἀγορὰν ἐπὶ τοὺς ἄρχοντας, καὶ προσαγαγόντες αὐτοὺς τοὺς στρατηγοὺς εἶπαν, Οὗτοι οἱ ἄνθρωποι ἐκταράσσουσιν ἡμῶν τὴν πόλιν Ἰουδαῖοι ὑπάρχοντες, καὶ καταγγέλλουσιν ἔθῃ ἃ οὐκ ἔξεστιν ἡμῖν παραδέχεσθαι οὐδὲ ποιεῖν Ῥωμαίοις οὖσιν. Καὶ συνεπέστη ὁ ὄχλος κατ' αὐτῶν, καὶ οἱ στρατηγοὶ περιορίζαντες αὐτῶν τὰ ἱμάτια ἐκέλευον ῥαβδίειν, πολλὰς τε ἐπιθέντες αὐτοῖς πληγὰς ἔβαλον εἰς φυλακὴν, παραγγείλαντες τῷ δεσμοφύλακι ἀσφαλῶς τηρεῖν αὐτούς· ὃς παραγγελίαν τοιαύτην λαβὼν ἔβαλεν αὐτούς εἰς τὴν ἐσωτέραν φυλακὴν καὶ τοὺς πόδας ἠσφαλίσατο αὐτῶν εἰς τὸ ξύλον. Κατὰ δὲ τὸ μεσονύκτιον Παῦλος καὶ Σίλας προσευχόμενοι ὕμνουν τὸν θεόν, ἐπηκροῶντο δὲ αὐτῶν οἱ δέσμοιοι ἄφνω δὲ σεισμοῦ ἐγένετο μέγας ὥστε σαλευθῆναι τὰ θεμέλια τοῦ δεσμοτηρίου, ἠνεώχθησαν δὲ παραχρημα αἱ θύραι πάσαι, καὶ πάντα τὰ δεσμὰ ἀνέθη. Ἐξυπνος δὲ γενόμενος ὁ δεσμοφύλαξ καὶ ἰδὼν ἀνεωγμένας τὰς θύρας τῆς φυλακῆς, σπασάμενος [τῆν] μάχαιραν ἠμέλλεν ἑαυτὸν ἀναιρεῖν, νομίζων ἐκπεφευγέναι τοὺς δεσμοίους. Ἐφώνησεν δὲ Παῦλος μεγάλη φωνῇ λέγων, Μὴδὲν πράξῃς σεαυτῷ κακόν, ἅπαντες γὰρ ἔσμεν ἐνθάδε. Αἰτήσας δὲ φῶτα εἰσεπήδησεν, καὶ ἔντρομος γενόμενος προσέπεσεν τῷ Παύλῳ καὶ [τῷ] Σίλᾳ, καὶ προαγαγῶν αὐτούς ἔξω ἔφη, Κύριοι τί με δεῖ ποιεῖν ἵνα σωθῶ; οἱ δὲ εἶπαν, Πίστευσον ἐπὶ τὸν κύριον Ἰησοῦν, καὶ σωθήσῃ σὺ καὶ ὁ οἶκός σου. Καὶ ἠλάλησαν αὐτῶ τὸν λόγον τοῦ κυρίου σὺν πᾶσιν τοῖς ἐν τῇ οἰκίᾳ αὐτοῦ. Καὶ παραλαβὼν αὐτοὺς ἐν ἐκείνῃ τῇ ὥρᾳ τῆς νυκτὸς ἔλουσεν ἀπὸ τῶν πληγῶν, καὶ ἔβαπτίσθη αὐτός καὶ οἱ αὐτοῦ πάντες παραχρημα, ἀναγαγῶν τε αὐτοὺς εἰς τὸν οἶκον παρέθηκεν τράπεζαν, καὶ ἠγαλλιάσατο πανοικεῖα πεπιστευκῶς τῷ θεῷ.

**ΣΗΜΕΡΙΝΟ ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ**

Τον συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρί καὶ Πνεύματι, τον εκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοί, καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν. Ὅτι ηὑδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνεβλήεν εν τῷ Σταυρῷ καὶ θάνατον υπομεῖναι, καὶ γεραίρει τους θεθνεώτας, εν τῇ ενδόξῃ ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

**ΚΟΝΤΑΚΙΟΝ**

Εἰ καὶ εν τάφῳ, κατήλθες, ἀθάνατε, ἀλλά του Ἄδου, καθεῖλες τὴν δύνανειν; Καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητῆς, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, γυναίξει μυροφόροις, φθεγξάμενος. Χαίρετε, καὶ τοις σοις Αποστόλοις, εἰρήνην δωροῦμενος, Ο τοις πεσοῦσι, παρέχων ἀνάστασιν

**ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΚΗ ΠΕΡΙΚΟΠΗ, Εκ του Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 9.1-38**

**Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, παρήγων ὁ Ἰησοῦς, εἶδεν ἄνθρωπον τυφλὸν ἐκ γενετῆς. Καὶ ἠρώτησαν αὐτὸν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ λέγοντες, Ραββί τίς ἡμαρτεν, οὗτος ἢ οἱ γονεῖς αὐτοῦ, ἵνα τυφλὸς γεννηθῆ;ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς, Οὔτε οὗτος ἡμαρτεν οὔτε οἱ γονεῖς αὐτοῦ, ἀλλ' ἵνα φανερωθῇ τὰ ἔργα τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐν αὐτῷ. Ἡμᾶς δεῖ ἐργάζεσθαι τὰ ἔργα τοῦ πέμψαντός με ἕως ἡμέρας ἐστίν· ἔρχεται νῦξ ὅτε οὐδεὶς δύναται ἐργάζεσθαι. Ὅταν ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ ᾶ, φῶς εἰμι τοῦ κόσμου. Ταῦτα εἰπὼν ἔπτυσεν χαμαὶ καὶ ἐποίησεν πηλὸν ἐκ τοῦ πύσματος, καὶ ἐπέχρισεν αὐτοῦ τὸν πηλὸν ἐπὶ τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς·καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ, Ὑπαγε νίψαι εἰς τὴν κολυμβήθραν τοῦ Σιλωάμ (ὃ ἔρμηνεύεται Ἀπεσταλμένοις). ἀπήλθεν οὖν καὶ ἐνίψατο, καὶ ἤλθεν βλέπων. Οἱ οὖν γέροντες καὶ οἱ**

**ΕPISTLE READING: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.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

O Faithful, let us sing a hymn of praise and worship to the Logos who is co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, who was born of the Virgin for our salvation. Of His own will, He went upon the Cross in the flesh and suffered death, to raise the dead through His glorious Resurrection.

**ΚΟΝΤΑΚΙΟΝ**

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

**GOSPEL READING: Sunday of the Blind Man, 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

θεωροῦντες αὐτὸν τὸ πρότερον ὅτι προσαιτῆς ἦν ἔλεγον, Οὐχ οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ καθημένος καὶ προσαιτῶν·ἄλλοι ἔλεγον ὅτι Οὗτός ἐστιν· ἄλλοι ἔλεγον. Οὐχί, ἀλλὰ ὅμοιος αὐτῷ ἐστιν. ἐκεῖνος ἔλεγεν ὅτι Ἐγὼ εἰμι. Ἐλεγον οὖν αὐτῷ, Πῶς [οὖν] ἠνεώχθησάν σου οἱ ὀφθαλμοὶ;ἀπεκρίθη ἐκεῖνος, Ὁ ἄνθρωπος ὁ λεγόμενος Ἰησοῦς πηλὸν ἐποίησεν καὶ ἐπέχρισέν μου τοὺς ὀφθαλμούς καὶ εἶπέν μοι ὅτι Ὑπαγε εἰς τὸν Σιλωάμ καὶ νίψαι· ἀπελθὼν οὖν καὶ νιψάμενος ἀνέβλεψα. Καὶ εἶπαν αὐτῷ, Ποῦ ἐστιν ἐκεῖνος; λέγει, Οὐκ οἶδα. Ἄγουσιν αὐτὸν πρὸς τοὺς Φαρισαίους τὸν ποτε τυφλόν. Ἦν δὲ ἄβραβτον ἐν ἡ ἡμέρα τὸν πηλὸν ἐποίησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς καὶ ἀνέωξεν αὐτοῦ τοὺς ὀφθαλμούς. Πάλιν οὖν ἠρώτων αὐτὸν καὶ οἱ Φαρισαῖοι πῶς ἀνέβλεψεν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς, Πηλὸν ἐπέθεκέν μου ἐπὶ τοὺς ὀφθαλμούς, καὶ ἐνίψαμιν, καὶ βλέπω. Ἐλεγον οὖν ἐκ τῶν Φαρισαίων τινές, Οὐκ ἐστὶν οὗτος παρὰ Θεοῦ ὁ ἄνθρωπος, ὅτι τὸ σάββατον οὐ τηρεῖ. ἄλλοι [δὲ] ἔλεγον, Πῶς δύναται ἄνθρωπος ἁμαρτωλὸς τοιαῦτα σημεῖα ποιεῖν; καὶ σχίσμα ἦν ἐν αὐτοῖς. Λέγουσιν οὖν τῷ τυφλῷ πάλιν, Τί σὺ λέγεις περὶ αὐτοῦ, ὅτι ἠνέωξέν σου τοὺς ὀφθαλμούς; ὁ δὲ εἶπεν ὅτι Προφήτης ἐστίν. Οὐκ ἐπίστευσαν οὖν οἱ Ἰουδαῖοι περὶ αὐτοῦ ὅτι ἦν τυφλὸς καὶ ἀνέβλεψεν, ἕως ὅτου ἐφώνησαν τοὺς γονεῖς αὐτοῦ τοῦ ἀναβλέψαντος·καὶ ῥώτησαν αὐτοὺς λέγοντες, Οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ υἱὸς ὑμῶν, ὃν ὑμεῖς λέγετε ὅτι τυφλὸς ἐγεννήθη; πῶς οὖν βλέπει ἄρτι;ἀπεκρίθησαν οὖν οἱ γονεῖς αὐτοῦ καὶ εἶπαν, Οἶδαμεν ὅτι οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ υἱὸς ἡμῶν καὶ ὅτι τυφλὸς ἐγεννήθη·πῶς δὲ νῦν βλέπει οὐκ οἶδαμεν, ἢ τίς ἤνοιξεν αὐτοῦ τοὺς ὀφθαλμούς ἡμεῖς οὐκ οἶδαμεν· αὐτὸν ἐρωτήσατε, ἡλικίαν ἔχει, αὐτός περὶ ἑαυτοῦ λαλήσει. Ταῦτα εἶπαν οἱ γονεῖς αὐτοῦ ὅτι ἐφοβοῦντο τοὺς Ἰουδαίους, ἥδη γὰρ συνετέθειντο οἱ Ἰουδαῖοι ἵνα ἐάν τις αὐτὸν ὁμολογήσῃ Χριστὸν, ἀποσυνάγωγος γένηται. Διὰ τοῦτο οἱ γονεῖς αὐτοῦ εἶπαν ὅτι Ἡλικίαν ἔχει, αὐτὸν ἐπερωτήσατε. Ἐφώνησαν οὖν τὸν ἄνθρωπον ἐκ δευτέρου ὃς ἦν τυφλὸς καὶ εἶπαν αὐτῷ, Δὸς δόξαν τῷ θεῷ· ἡμεῖς οἶδαμεν ὅτι οὗτος ὁ ἄνθρωπος ἁμαρτωλὸς ἐστίν. Ἀπεκρίθη οὖν ἐκεῖνος, Εἰ ἁμαρτωλὸς ἐστιν οὐκ οἶδα· ἐν οἶδα, ὅτι τυφλὸς ὦν ἄρτι βλέπω. Εἶπον οὖν αὐτῷ, Τί ἐποίησέν σου πῶς ἤνοιξέν σου τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς;ἀπεκρίθη αὐτοῖς, Εἶπον ὑμῖν ἥδη καὶ οὐκ ἠκούσατε· τί πάλιν θέλετε ἀκοῦειν; μὴ καὶ ὑμεῖς θέλετε αὐτοῦ μαθηταὶ γενέσθαι;καὶ ἐλοιδόρησαν αὐτὸν καὶ εἶπον, Σὺ μαθητῆς εἰ ἐκείνου, ἡμεῖς δὲ τοῦ Μωϋσέως ἐμὸν μαθηταί·ἡμεῖς οἶδαμεν ὅτι Μωϋσεὶ λελάληκεν ὁ θεός, τοῦτον δὲ οὐκ οἶδαμεν πόθεν ἐστίν. Ἀπεκρίθη ὁ ἄνθρωπος καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς, Ἐν τούτῳ γὰρ τὸ θαυμαστόν ἐστιν ὅτι ὑμεῖς οὐκ οἶδατε πόθεν ἐστίν, καὶ ἤνοιξέν μου τοὺς ὀφθαλμούς. Οἶδαμεν ὅτι ἁμαρτωλὸν ὁ θεός οὐκ ἀκούει, ἀλλ' ἐάν τις θεοσεβῆς ἢ καὶ τὸ θέλημα αὐτοῦ ποιῇ τούτου ἀκούει. Ἐκ τοῦ αἰῶνος οὐκ ἠκούσθη ὅτι ἤνοιξέν τις ὀφθαλμούς τυφλοῦ γεγεννημένου·εἰ μὴ ἦν οὗτος παρὰ Θεοῦ, οὐκ ἠδύνατο ποιεῖν οὐδέν. Ἀπεκρίθησαν καὶ εἶπον αὐτῷ, Ἐν ἁμαρτίαις σὺ ἐγεννηθης ὅλος, καὶ σὺ διδάσκεις ἡμᾶς; καὶ ἐξέβαλον αὐτὸν ἔξω. Ἦκουσεν Ἰησοῦς ὅτι ἐξέβαλον αὐτὸν ἔξω, καὶ εὐρῶν αὐτὸν εἶπεν [αὐτῷ], Σὺ πιστεύεις εἰς τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου;ἀπεκρίθη ἐκεῖνος καὶ εἶπεν, Καὶ τίς ἐστιν, κύριε, ἵνα πιστεύσω εἰς αὐτόν;εἶπεν αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς, Καὶ ἐώρακας αὐτὸν καὶ ὁ λαλῶν μετὰ σοῦ ἐκεῖνος ἐστιν. Ο ὁ δὲ ἔφη, Πιστεύω, κύριε· καὶ προσεκύνησεν αὐτῷ.

**ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΕΚΤΑΡΙΟΥ**

Σηλυθρίας τον γόνον καὶ Αιγίνης τον ἔφορον, τον εσχάτους χρόνοις φανέντα, αρετῆς φίλον γνήσιον, Νεκτάριον τιμησόμεν πιστοί, ὡς ἔνθεον θεράποντα Χριστοῦ. Αναβλύζει γαρ ἰάσεις παντοδαπάς, τοις ευλαβῶς κραυγάζουσι. Δόξα τῷ σε δοξάσαντι Χριστῷ, δόξα τῷ σε θαυμαστῶσαντι, δόξα τῷ ενεργούντι δια σου πᾶσιν ἰάματα.

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.

**HYMN OF ST. NECTARIOS**

O faithful, let us honor Nectarios, divine servant of Christ, offspring of Silivria and guardian of Aegina who in these latter years was manifested as the true friend of virtue. All manner of healing wells forth for those who is piety cry out, "Glory to Christ who glorified you; glory to Him who, through you, wrought wonders; glory to Him who, through you, works healing for all."