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‘DISCIPLES FIRST CALLED THEMSELVES CHRISTIANS IN ANTIOCH.’ ACTS 11:26

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA:
SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN**

*CYRIL, ARCHBISHOP OF ALEXANDRIA; PELAGIA AND THE
THREE VIRGIN-MARTYRS OF CHIOS*
TONE 5/ EOTHINON 8

PRAYER ON ENTERING THE CHURCH

I WILL COME INTO THY HOUSE IN THE MULTITUDE OF THY MERCY: AND IN THY FEAR I WILL WORSHIP TOWARD THY HOLY TEMPLE. Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before me, that with a clear mind I may glorify thee forever, One Divine Power worshipped in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

O Lord, sanctify those who love the beauty of your house.

When you enter the church, please remember that the church is a place of worship. Please do not disturb others as they worship God.

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES.

TROPARION OF THE PATRON SAINT OF THE CHURCH TONE 4:

O Angelic of body the founder and corner stone of the prophets, the second forerunner of the advent of Christ, O Elias, venerable and glorious, thou didst send grace from heaven to thy disciple Elisha to dispel diseases and to purify lepers wherefore he abounds with healing to all those who honor him.

أيها الملاك بالجسم قاعدة الأنبياء وركنهم، السابق الثاني لحضور المسيح، إلياس المجيد الموقر، لقد

أرسلت النعمة من العلى لأليشع ليطرد الأسقام ويطهر البرص، لذلك يُفيض الأشفية بمكرميهِ دائماً"

40 Days of Fasting, 50 Days of Celebration

We fasted for forty days during Great Lent; now we feast for forty days, until Ascension. During the Paschal season, we do not fast, even on Wednesdays and Fridays. Symbolic of how Christ's Resurrection has opened Heaven, the doors and curtains of the ikonostasis remain open. The Paschal candle also remains lit. We stand at all services from the Glorious Feast of Pascha until the feast of Pentecost (50 days after Pascha). We do not kneel until the beginning of the Vespers of the Great Feast of Pentecost, at which we kneel and ask the Lord Jesus Christ to send the Holy Spirit also upon us, to empower us to do His will in all aspects of our lives (often called the "Kneeling Prayers").

**Christ is Risen!
Truly He is Risen!**

WELCOME!

We welcome all of our visitors who are praying with us today. We are eager to share with you our spiritual treasures, and invite you to join us for coffee-hour in the Fellowship Hall following the Divine Liturgy. If you are a first-time visitor, please take a few minutes to sign our Guest Registry book and complete the white VISITORS INFORMATION CARD which may be found in the Narthex, and return it to an usher. As a friendly reminder, **only Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves through fasting, prayer and recent Confession may approach the Holy Chalice to receive Holy Communion. However all may come forward at end of Liturgy and receive blessed Holy Bread.** We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you personally to St. Elias. If you have any questions, please see Fr. Michael.

أهلاً بكم!

نرحب بجميع زوارنا الذين يصلّون معنا اليوم ونحرص على مشاركتكم في كنوزنا الروحية، وندعوكم للانضمام إلينا لتناول القهوة معنا في قاعة الكنيسة بعد القداس الإلهي. إذا كانت هذه أول زيارة لكم، يرجى أخذ القليل من الوقت لتوقيع سجلّ الزوّار واستكمال بطاقة معلومات الزوّار البيضاء والتي توجد في صحن الكنيسة، وإعادتها إلى أحد مُرشدي الكنيسة. وكتذكير وديّ، يُسمح فقط للمسيحيين الأرثوذكس الذين أعدّوا أنفسهم بشكل صحيح من خلال الصوم والصلاة واعتراف من زمن قريب بالاقتراب من الكأس المقدسة لتناول القربان المقدس. ولكن يُسمح للجميع الاقتراب في نهاية القداس لاستلام الخبز المُقدس المُبارك. ونحن نتطلع للقائكم والترحيب بكم شخصياً في كنيسة مار إلياس. يرجى توجيه الأسئلة إلى الأب مايكل مباشرة.

PRAYER ON LEAVING THE CHURCH

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people: a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Bread of Oblations today is being offered by the Antiochian Women for the spiritual and physical wellbeing of the Antiochian Women. **Also being offered in loving memory of the** departed members of the Antiochian Women. **May their memories be eternal.**

- **Please pray for all the sick** and suffering, hospitalized and shut-ins of our community, especially Rana, Shadi, Simon Abboud, Janet Saba, Siham Ayoub, Salwa Makhlof, Kawthar Shomar, Elias Shamieh, Nada Tadros, Evelyn Gabriel, Jamil Koussa, Jewel Gabriel.
- **Please pray for all those** who have suffered and lost loved ones in Palestine and the Middle East.

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On June 9 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate Cyril, archbishop of Alexandria; and Pelagia and the three Virgin-martyrs of Chios.

On this day, the sixth Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the miracle wrought by our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ upon the man who was blind from his birth.

The Savior met this man, born blind and incurable after every human effort, while leaving the Temple on the Sabbath. Saints John Chrysostom, Basil the Great and Irenaeus teach that the man was born without eyeballs. Jesus spat into the dirt, made clay, rubbed it in his eye sockets and told him to wash in the pool of Siloam, a famous water spring in Jerusalem. The Savior did not send him there because his eye sockets were filled with clay, nor did the pool have healing power, but instead to test his faith and obedience. Jesus fashioned the eyes of the blind man from the dirt as God fashioned man from the dirt. The blind man proclaimed that Jesus healed him, but this confession caused him to be cast out by the enemies of the truth. Even his own parents would not defend him. However, the blind man followed Jesus from that moment forward.

By Thine infinite mercy, O Christ our God, Giver of light, have mercy on us. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

Priest: Let us attend.

Reader: *Thou, O Lord, shalt keep us and preserve us.*

Save me, O Lord, for the godly man is no more.

Reader: The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (16:16-34)

In those days, while we the apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination, who brought her masters much gain by soothing. She followed Paul and us, and cried out saying: "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." And she did this 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 masters saw that the hope of their gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said: "These men are disturbing our city, and they, being Jews, are setting forth customs which are not lawful for us to receive or observe, since we are Romans." The multitude then rose up together against them, and the magistrates tore their garments off them, and commanded to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received such a charge, he cast 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. And the jailer, being roused out of sleep and seeing the prison doors open, drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried out with a loud voice saying: "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and fell down before Paul and Silas trembling with fear, and brought them out and said: "Masters, what must I do to be saved?" And they said: "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him, and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes, and was baptized, he and his entire household. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, with his entire house, in that he had believed in God.

أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ تَحَفَظُنَا وَتَسْتُرُنَا مِنْ هَذَا الْجِيلِ.

خَاصَّنِي يَا رَبُّ، فَإِنَّ الْبَارَّ قَدْ فَنِيَ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ أَعْمَالِ الرُّسُلِ الْقِدِّيسِينَ الْأَطْهَارِ. (16:16-34)

هُوَ كَامِلُ السِّنِّ فَاسْأَلُوهُ، فَهُوَ يَتَكَلَّمُ عَنْ نَفْسِهِ. قَالَ أَبُوَاهُ هَذَا، لِأَنَّهَا كَانَا يَخَافَانِ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ، لِأَنَّ الْيَهُودَ كَانُوا قَدْ تَعَاهَدُوا أَنَّهُ إِنْ اعْتَرَفَ أَحَدٌ بِأَنَّهُ الْمَسِيحُ، يُخْرَجُ مِنَ الْمَجْمَعِ. فَلِذَلِكَ قَالَ أَبُوَاهُ، "هُوَ كَامِلُ السِّنِّ، فَاسْأَلُوهُ." فَدَعَا ثَانِيَةَ الْإِنْسَانِ الَّذِي كَانَ أَعْمَى وَقَالُوا لَهُ: أَعْطِ مَجْدًا لِلَّهِ، فَإِنَّا نَعْلَمُ أَنَّ هَذَا الْإِنْسَانَ خَاطِيٌّ. فَأَجَابَ ذَلِكَ وَقَالَ: أَخَاطِيٌّ هُوَ لَا أَعْلَمُ، إِنَّمَا أَعْلَمُ شَيْئًا وَاحِدًا، أَنِّي كُنْتُ أَعْمَى، وَالْآنَ أَنَا أَبْصِرُ. فَقَالُوا لَهُ أَيْضًا: مَاذَا صَنَعَ بِكَ؟ كَيْفَ فَتَحَ عَيْنَيْكَ؟ أَجَابَهُمْ: قَدْ أَخْبَرْتُمْ فَلَمْ تَسْمَعُوا، فَمَاذَا تُرِيدُونَ أَنْ تَسْمَعُوا أَيْضًا؟ أَلَعَلَّكُمْ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا تُرِيدُونَ أَنْ تَصِيرُوا لَهُ تَلَامِيذًا؟ فَسْتَمَوْهُ وَقَالُوا لَهُ: أَنْتَ تَلْمِذُ ذَلِكَ، وَأَمَّا نَحْنُ فَإِنَّا تَلَامِيذُ مُوسَى، وَنَحْنُ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ كَلَّمَ مُوسَى، فَأَمَّا هَذَا، فَلَا نَعْلَمُ مِنْ أَيْنَ هُوَ. أَجَابَ الرَّجُلُ وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: إِنْ فِي هَذَا عَجَبًا أَنْتُمْ مَا تَعْلَمُونَ مِنْ أَيْنَ هُوَ وَقَدْ فَتَحَ عَيْنِي، وَنَحْنُ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَسْمَعُ لِلْخَطَاةِ، وَلَكِنْ إِذَا أَحَدٌ اتَّقَى اللَّهَ وَعَمِلَ مَشِيئَتَهُ، فَلَهُ يَسْتَجِيبُ. مِنْذُ الدَّهْرِ لَمْ يَسْمَعْ أَنَّ أَحَدًا فَتَحَ عَيْنِي مَوْلُودٍ أَعْمَى. فَلَوْ لَمْ يَكُنْ هَذَا مِنَ اللَّهِ، لَمْ يَقْدِرْ أَنْ يَفْعَلَ شَيْئًا. أَجَابُوهُ وَقَالُوا لَهُ: إِنَّكَ فِي الْخَطَايَا قَدْ وُلِدْتَ بِجُمْلَتِكَ، أَفَأَنْتَ تَعْلَمُنَا؟ فَأَخْرَجُوهُ خَارِجًا. وَسَمِعَ يَسُوعُ أَنَّهُمْ أَخْرَجُوهُ خَارِجًا، فَوَجَدَهُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: أَتُؤْمِنُ أَنْتَ بِإِنِّ اللَّهَ. فَأَجَابَ ذَلِكَ وَقَالَ: فَمَنْ هُوَ يَا سَيِّدُ الْأُومِنِ بِهِ؟ فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: قَدْ رَأَيْتَهُ وَالَّذِي يَتَكَلَّمُ مَعَكَ هُوَ هُوَ. فَقَالَ لَهُ: قَدْ آمَنْتُ يَا رَبُّ، وَسَجَدَ لَهُ.

THE DOXASTICON OF THE BLIND MAN IN TONE EIGHT

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Who can tell of Thy mighty works, O Christ, or who can number the multitudes of Thy wonders? For even as Thou, in Thy goodness, didst appear on earth twofold of nature, so didst Thou grant twofold healings to the sick; for Thou didst open not only the bodily eyes of the man who was blind from the womb, but those of his soul also. Wherefore, he confessed Thee, the hidden God, Who grantest great mercy unto all.

الْمَجْدُ لِلآبِ وَالْإِبْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُّوسِ.

أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ، مَنْ ذَا يُحَدِّثُ بِقُدْرَتِكَ؟ أَوْ مَنْ يُخْصِي كَثْرَةَ عَجَائِبِكَ؟ لِأَنَّكَ كَمَا شَوَّهَدْتَ بِصَلَاحِكَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ مُضَاعَفًا، كَذَلِكَ مَنَحْتَ السَّقَمَاءَ أَشْفِيَةً مُضَاعَفَةً، لِأَنَّكَ مَا شَفَيْتَ عَيْنِي جِسْمَ الْكَفِيفِ مِنَ الْحَسَا فَقَطْ، بَلْ وَحَدَّقْتَنِي النَّفْسَ أَيْضًا. إِذَا اعْتَرَفَ أَنَّكَ إِلَهٌ حَقٌّ، وَمَانِحُ الْكُلِّ الرَّحْمَةَ الْعُظْمَى.

DOXASTICON FOR PASCHA IN TONE FIVE

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

It is the day of Resurrection; let us be radiant for the festival, and let us embrace one another. Let us say, O brethren, even to those that hate us: Let us forgive all things on the Resurrection. And thus let us cry: Christ is risen from the dead; trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ. آمِينَ.

الْيَوْمَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ، فَسَبِيلُنَا أَنْ نَتَلَأَّ بِالْمَوْسِمِ، وَنُصَافِحَ بَعْضُنَا بَعْضًا، وَلِنُقَلَّ يَا إِخْوَةُ، وَلِنُصَفِّحَ لِمُبْغِضِينَا عَنْ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ فِي الْقِيَامَةِ، وَلِنَهْتِفَ هَكَذَا قَائِلِينَ:

الْمَسِيحُ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأُمُوتِ دَائِسًا الْمَوْتَ بِمَوْتِهِ، وَالَّذِينَ فِي الْقُبُورِ وَهَبَهُمُ الْحَيَاةَ.

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 God?" 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.

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ يُوْحَنَّا الْإِنْجِيلِي الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ. (1:9-38)

في ذَلِكَ الزَّمانِ، فيما يَسوعُ مُجْتَازٌ، رَأَى إِنسانًا أَعْمَى مُنْذُ مَوْلِدِهِ. فَسَأَلَهُ تَلَامِيذُهُ قَائِلِينَ: يَا رَبِّ، مَنْ أَخْطَأَ أَهَذَا أَمْ أَبَوَاهُ حَتَّى وُلِدَ أَعْمَى؟ أَجَابَ يَسوعُ: لَا هَذَا أَخْطَأَ وَلَا أَبَوَاهُ، لَكِنْ لِنَظَرِ أَعْمَالِ اللَّهِ فِيهِ. يَنْبَغِي لِي أَنْ أَعْمَلَ أَعْمَالَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَنِي مَا دَامَ نَهَارٌ. يَأْتِي لَيْلٌ حَيْثُ لَا يَسْتَطِيعُ أَحَدٌ أَنْ يَعْمَلَ. مَا دُمْتُ فِي الْعَالَمِ، فَأَنَا نُورُ الْعَالَمِ. قَالَ هَذَا، وَتَقَلَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ، وَصَنَعَ مِنْ ثَقَلْتِهِ طِينًا، وَطَلَى بِالطِّينِ عَيْنَيَّ الْأَعْمَى، وَقَالَ لَهُ: اذْهَبْ وَاغْتَسِلْ فِي بَرْكَةِ سِلْوَامَ (الَّذِي تَفْسِيرُهُ الْمُرْسَلُ). فَمَضَى وَاغْتَسَلَ وَعَادَ بَصِيرًا. فَالْجِيرَانُ وَالَّذِينَ كَانُوا يَرَوْنَهُ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنَّهُ كَانَ أَعْمَى قَالُوا: أَلَيْسَ هَذَا هُوَ الَّذِي كَانَ يَجْلِسُ وَيَسْتَعْطِي؟ فَقَالَ بَعْضُهُمْ هَذَا هُوَ، وَآخَرُونَ قَالُوا "إِنَّهُ يُشْبِهُهُ". وَأَمَّا هُوَ فَكَانَ يَقُولُ "إِنِّي أَنَا هُوَ". فَقَالُوا لَهُ: كَيْفَ انْفَتَحَتْ عَيْنَاكَ؟ أَجَابَ ذَاكَ وَقَالَ: إِنسانٌ يُقَالُ لَهُ يَسوعُ، صَنَعَ طِينًا وَطَلَى عَيْنَيَّ وَقَالَ لِي "اذْهَبْ إِلَى بَرْكَةِ سِلْوَامَ وَاغْتَسِلْ". فَمَضَيْتُ وَاغْتَسَلْتُ، فَأَبْصَرْتُ. فَقَالُوا لَهُ: أَيْنَ ذَاكَ؟ فَقَالَ: لَا أَعْلَمُ. فَأَتَانَا بِهِ، أَيُّ بِالَّذِي كَانَ قَبْلًا أَعْمَى إِلَى الْفَرِيسِيِّينَ. وَكَانَ حِينَ صَنَعَ يَسوعُ الطِّينَ وَفَتَحَ عَيْنَيْهِ يَوْمَ سَبْتٍ. فَسَأَلَهُ الْفَرِيسِيُّونَ أَيْضًا، كَيْفَ أَبْصَرَ؟ فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: جَعَلَ عَلَى عَيْنَيَّ طِينًا ثُمَّ اغْتَسَلْتُ، فَأَنَا الْآنَ أَبْصِرُ. فَقَالَ قَوْمٌ مِنَ الْفَرِيسِيِّينَ: هَذَا الْإِنسانُ لَيْسَ مِنَ اللَّهِ، لِأَنَّهُ لَا يَحْفَظُ السَّبْتَ. آخَرُونَ قَالُوا: كَيْفَ يَقْدِرُ إِنسانٌ خَاطِئٌ أَنْ يَعْمَلَ مِثْلَ هَذِهِ الْآيَاتِ؟ فَوَقَعَ بَيْنَهُمْ شِقَاقٌ. فَقَالُوا أَيْضًا لِلْأَعْمَى: مَاذَا تَقُولُ أَنْتَ عَنْهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ إِنَّهُ فَتَحَ عَيْنَيْكَ؟ فَقَالَ: إِنَّهُ نَبِيٌّ. وَلَمْ يُصَدِّقِ الْيَهُودُ عَنْهُ أَنَّهُ كَانَ أَعْمَى فَأَبْصَرَ حَتَّى دَعَا أَبَوِي الَّذِي أَبْصَرَ وَسَأَلُوهُمَا قَائِلِينَ: أَهَذَا هُوَ ابْنُكُمَا الَّذِي تَقُولَانِ إِنَّهُ وُلِدَ أَعْمَى؟ فَكَيْفَ أَبْصَرَ الْآنَ؟ أَجَابَهُمْ أَبَوَاهُ وَقَالَا: نَحْنُ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّ هَذَا وَوَلَدَنَا، وَأَنَّهُ وُلِدَ أَعْمَى، وَأَمَّا كَيْفَ أَبْصَرَ الْآنَ فَلَا نَعْلَمُ، أَوْ مَنْ فَتَحَ عَيْنَيْهِ، فَنَحْنُ لَا نَعْلَمُ،

في تِلْكَ الْأَيَّامِ، فيما نَحْنُ الرُّسُلُ مُنْطَلِقُونَ إِلَى الصَّلَاةِ، اسْتَقْبَلْتَنَا جَارِيَةٌ بِهَا رُوحُ عِراقَةٍ. وَكَانَتْ

تُكْسِبُ مَوَالِيهَا كَسْبًا جَزِيلًا بِعِراقَتِهَا، فَطَفَقَتْ تَمْشِي فِي إِثْرِ بولُسَ وَإِثْرِنَا، وَتَصِيحُ قَائِلَةً: هَوْلَاءِ الرِّجَالِ هُمْ عبيدُ اللَّهِ العَلِيِّ، وَهُمْ يُبَشِّرُونَكُم بِطَرِيقِ الْخِلاصِ. وَصَنَعَتْ ذَلِكَ أَيَّامًا كَثِيرَةً، فَتَضَجَّرَ بولُسُ، وَانْتَقَتَ إِلَى الرُّوحِ وَقَالَ: إِنِّي أَمْرُكَ بِاسْمِ يَسوعِ الْمَسِيحِ أَنْ تَخْرُجَ مِنْهَا. فَخَرَجَ فِي تِلْكَ السَّاعَةِ. فَلَمَّا رَأَى مَوَالِيهَا أَنَّهُ قَدْ خَرَجَ رَجَاءً مَكْسِبِهِمْ، قَبَضُوا عَلَى بولُسَ وَسِيلا وَجَرَّوهُمَا إِلَى السُّوقِ عِنْدَ الْحُكَّامِ، وَقَدَّمُوهُمَا إِلَى الْوَلَاةِ قَائِلِينَ: إِنَّ هَذَيْنِ الرَّجُلَيْنِ يُبْلِلَانِ مَدِينَتَنَا وَهُمَا يَهُودِيَّانِ، وَيُنَادِيانِ بِعَادَاتٍ لَا يَجُوزُ لَنَا قَبُولُهَا، وَلَا الْعَمَلُ بِهَا إِذْ نَحْنُ رومانِيَّونَ. فَقَامَ عَلَيْهِمَا الْجَمْعُ مَعًا، وَمَرَّقَ الْوَلَاةُ ثِيَابَهُمَا، وَأَمَرُوا بِأَنْ يُضْرَبَا بِالْعِصِيِّ. وَلَمَّا أَتَخَنُوهُمَا بِالْجِرَاحِ أَلْقَوْهُمَا فِي السِّجْنِ، وَأَوْصُوا السَّجَّانَ بِأَنْ يَحْرُسَهُمَا بِضَبْطٍ. وَهُوَ إِذْ أُوصِيَ بِمِثْلِ تِلْكَ الْوَصِيَّةِ، أَلْقَاهُمَا فِي السِّجْنِ الْداخِلِيِّ، وَضَبَطَ أَرْجُلَهُمَا فِي الْمِقْطَرَةِ. وَعِنْدَ نِصْفِ اللَّيْلِ، كَانَ بولُسُ وَسِيلا يُصَلِّيَانِ وَيُسَبِّحَانِ اللَّهَ، وَالْمَحْبُوسُونَ يَسْمَعُونَهُمَا، فَحَدَّثَتْ بَعْتَهُ زَلْزَلَةٌ عَظِيمَةٌ حَتَّى تَرَعَرَعَتْ أُسُسُ السِّجْنِ. فَانْفَتَحَتْ فِي الْحَالِ الْأَبْوَابُ كُلُّهَا، وَانْفَكَّتْ قُيُودُ الْجَمِيعِ. فَلَمَّا اسْتَيْقَظَ السَّجَّانُ، وَرَأَى أَبْوَابَ السِّجْنِ أَهَّهَا مَفْتُوحَةً، اسْتَلَّ السَّيْفَ وَهَمَّ أَنْ يَقْتَلَ نَفْسَهُ، لِظَنِّهِ أَنَّ الْمَحْبُوسِينَ قَدْ هَرَبُوا. فَنَادَاهُ بولُسُ بِصَوْتٍ عَالٍ قَائِلًا: لَا تَعْمَلْ بِنَفْسِكَ سُوءًا، فَإِنَّا جَمِيعُنَا هَهُنَا. فَطَلَبَ مُصْبِحًا، وَوَتَّبَعَ إِلَى دَاخِلِ، وَخَرَّ لِبولُسَ وَسِيلا وَهُوَ مُرْتَعِدٌ، ثُمَّ خَرَجَ بِهِمَا وَقَالَ: يَا سَيِّدَيَّ مَاذَا يَنْبَغِي لِي أَنْ أَصْنَعَ لِكِي أَخْلَصَ؟ فَقَالَا: آمِنِ بِالرَّبِّ يَسوعِ الْمَسِيحِ، فَتَخَلَّصْ أَنْتَ وَأَهْلُ بَيْتِكَ. وَكَلِمَاهُ هُوَ وَجَمِيعَ مَنْ فِي بَيْتِهِ بِكَلِمَةِ الرَّبِّ. فَأَخَذَهُمَا فِي تِلْكَ السَّاعَةِ مِنَ اللَّيْلِ، وَغَسَلَ جِرَاحَهُمَا، وَاعْتَمَدَ مِنْ وَقْتِهِ، هُوَ وَدَوُوهُ أَجْمَعُونَ. ثُمَّ أَصْعَدَهُمَا إِلَى بَيْتِهِ وَقَدَّمَ لَهُمَا مَائِدَةً، وَابْتَهَجَ مَعَ جَمِيعِ أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ، إِذْ كَانَ قَدْ آمَنَ بِاللَّهِ.

GOSPEL

Priest: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (9:1-38)

At that time, when Jesus was passing, 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. I 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