

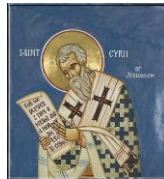
REMEMBRANCE OF THE APPEARANCE IN THE HEAVENS OF THE CROSS OF THE LORD AT JERUSALEM (351)

Commemorated on May 7

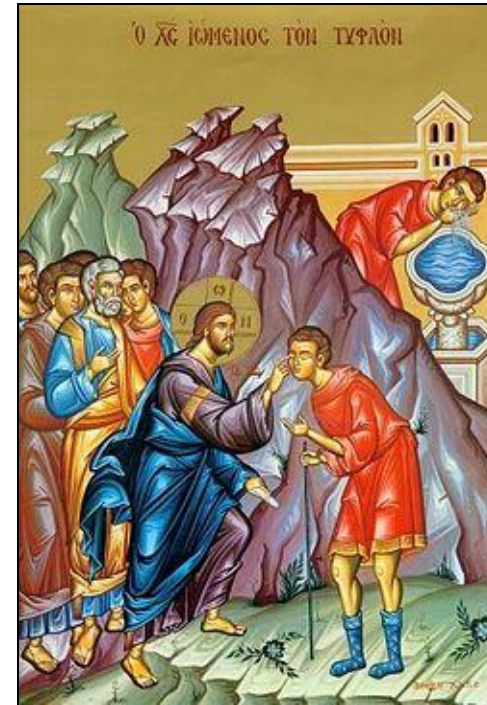


Remembrance of the Appearance in the Heavens of the Cross of the Lord at Jerusalem (351): After the death of the first Christian emperor, Constantine the Great, the imperial throne was occupied by his son Constantius, who inclined towards the heresy of Arius, which denied the one self-same essence of the Son of God with the Father. In the reaffirming of holy Orthodoxy, the Lord manifest at Jerusalem a wondrous sign. On the day of Holy Pentecost, 7 May 351, at the third hour of the morning in the heavens there appeared the image of the equal-proportioned Cross of the Lord, shining with an inexpressible light, and brighter than the light of the sun. All the people were eye-witness to this, and they were struck with great dread and amazement. The appearance of the Sign of the Cross began over holy Mount Golgotha, whereupon it was that the Lord had been crucified (Mt. 27: 32-33; Jn. 19: 17, 41; Heb. 13: 12), and it reached to the Mount of Olives (Jn. 8: 1; 18: 1-2), extending from Golgotha a distance of 15 stadia. The Sign was transfused with all the colours of the rainbow and it caught the sight of all the people. Many of the people, leaving off from whatever they were doing, went outside the houses and with awe stood contemplating the wondrous sign. Then a numerous throng of the people of Jerusalem with trembling and joy hastened to the holy Church of the Resurrection.

The holy Jerusalem Patriarch Cyril (350-387) advised the emissary of the emperor Constantius about this miraculous occurrence of the appearance of the Sign of the Cross, and he urged him to return to the Orthodox faith. And Sozomen, an historian of the Ancient Church, likewise testifies, that through this appearance of the Holy Cross many of the Jews and pagan Greeks came to the true faith, repenting in Christ God, and accepted Holy Baptism.



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American Independent Catholic Church Mission



Jesus heals the blind man!
John 9:1-38

Mystery of the Jesus Prayer (Coming Soon!)

CTGS will be hosting a spiritual retreat, centering on the Mystery of the Jesus Prayer. All are welcome to attend and details will be provided in the next coming weeks. Announcements on place and time will be sent



Prayer Requests

- The CTGS mission so that it will continue to grow with God's grace.
- End of wars and peace to all people of the world.
- Those traveling for a safe journey.
- St Elias Seminary & Graduate school.
- For unemployed especially those needing to feed families.
- For the all the unborn and their salvation.
- For Bishop Frank Adams



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Sixth Sunday of Pascha – May 20, 2012

ACTS 16:16-34

- ¹⁶ Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling.
- ¹⁷ This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation."
- ¹⁸ And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour....(continue)

JOHN 9:1-38

- ¹ Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth.
- ² And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"
- ³ Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.
- ⁴ I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.
- ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.
- ⁶ When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.
- ⁷ And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.
- ⁸ Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?"
- ⁹ Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he."
- ¹⁰ Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?"
- ¹¹ He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight."
- ¹² Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know."
- ¹³ They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees.
- ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes.
- ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see."
- ¹⁶ Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them.
- ¹⁷ They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

- ¹⁸ But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight.
- ¹⁹ And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"
- ²⁰ His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind;
- ²¹ but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself.
- ²² His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue.
- ²³ Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."
- ²⁴ So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner."
- ²⁵ He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see."
- ²⁶ Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?"
- ²⁷ He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?"
- ²⁸ Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples.
- ²⁹ We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from.
- ³⁰ The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes!
- ³¹ Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him.
- ³² Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind.
- ³³ If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing.
- ³⁴ They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out.
- ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?"
- ³⁶ He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?"
- ³⁷ And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you."
- ³⁸ Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

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