

# Sts. Peter and Paul Albanian Orthodox Church

First-enthroned of the apostles, teachers of the universe: Entreat the Master of all to grant peace to the world, and to our souls great mercy!

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## SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN

Today ..... 10:00am Divine Liturgy  
Wed. 09 ..... 7:15pm Vespers Liturgy for  
*Feast of the Ascension*  
Sun. 13 ..... 10:00am Divine Liturgy and  
Baptism

**One must be baptized and chrismated an Orthodox Christian to receive Holy Communion. Guests are invited to receive a blessing at the chalice and partake of the post-Communion bread (Antidoron).**

**Fast Days:** Wednesday and Friday (fasting from meat, fish, eggs, and dairy as you are able. Wine and oil are allowed)

**Troparion – Tone 5**  
**(Resurrection)**

*Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.*

**Kontakion – Tone 4**  
**(Pentecostarion)**

*I come to Thee, O Christ, blind from birth in my spiritual eyes, and call to Thee in repentance: "Thou art the most radiant Light of those in darkness."*

**Prayers for those** in our Sts. Peter and Paul community (parishioners, family, friends) can be listed for remembrance in our litanies during the Liturgy. Feel free to give names to Fr. Nicholas - please indicate how each person listed is connected to us (parishioner, family, friend, etc.), as well as why we are praying for them (health, memory, travel, etc.).

**Confessions can be heard** by appointment. If you need, I will come to you during the week. Please do not hesitate to call for a time to drop by the church or to have me visit you.

**Remembrances** for both the living and the dead during the prayers of preparation of the Eucharistic Lamb and during the Augmented Litany should be given the week before the desired remembrance so that the names can be put into the bulletin and given to the Deacons for the prayers. Any names of the living that are not marked as sick or traveling will be listed under general prayers.

## SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK

### Church Lectionary

#### Today

Acts 16:16-34  
John 9:1-38

#### Monday

Acts 17:1-15  
John 11:47-57

#### Tuesday

Acts 17:19-28  
John 12:19-36

#### Wednesday

Acts 18:22-28  
John 12:36-47

#### Thursday

Acts 1:1-12  
Luke 24:36-53

#### Friday

Acts 19:1-8  
John 14:1-11

#### Saturday

Acts 20:7-12  
John 14:10-21

### Reading the Bible in a Year

June 06: Proverbs 1-4  
June 07: Proverbs 5-8  
June 08: Proverbs 9-12  
June 09: Proverbs 13-16  
June 10: Proverbs 17-20  
June 11: Proverbs 21-24  
June 12: Proverbs 25-28

## A Prayer for the Week

O Lord, I confess I am afraid of the intimacy necessary to actually practice communion with others. I'm afraid of exposure. I'm afraid of betrayal. I'm afraid of disappointment. But all of this You faced as well, and yet You still did everything to enter into communion with us so that we will become like You. Please forgive me for this fear, and strengthen me for the hard work of communion and being in authentic relationships with others that offer me the path to true repentance and the healing of the brokenness of my own soul. Amen.

## Children's Word

### **St. Paul loved his enemies!**

How many times have you heard that you should "Love your enemies"? Well, probably lots. Our Lord Jesus Christ told us to love our enemies, and we read about it in the Bible. When we love our enemies, we show how much we love God. After all, God made everyone, even our enemies!

In today's epistle reading, we hear about two of Jesus's followers. They knew they should love their enemies, and they showed it with their actions too.

Saint Paul and Saint Silas got in trouble with the authorities because they were preaching about Christ. They were beaten up with sticks, their clothes were torn up, and then they were even thrown into prison! The prison guard sat outside their cell and watched them. That prison guard was their enemy, wasn't he?

But that night, an earthquake shook the prison and opened the doors. Paul and Silas could be free, if they wanted to. But these two apostles thought of their enemy, the prison guard. They felt sorry for him because they knew he would be in big trouble if the prisoners escaped. Paul and Silas waited for him, and they told him about the Lord. This enemy now became a follower of Christ too. He wanted to be baptized, along with his whole family!

This story is so special, because it shows what happened when these men loved their enemy. What can happen when you love your enemies?

***If we weave by day and undo at night, nothing gets woven. If we build by day and destroy by night, nothing is ever built. If we pray to God and do evil before Him, the nothing is woven, and a house for our soul is not built.***

-St. Nicholas of Serbia

VENERABLE ANASTASIOS GORDIOS OF EVRYTANIA, GREECE

Do you have a favorite subject in school? Math, reading, science, social studies, something else? Maybe you like them all!

This week we remember a holy man who was just brilliant in school, and everybody knew it! Anastasios lived almost 400 years ago, in Evrytania, Greece (a place with a lot of mountains).

Anastasios studied from the best teachers around, and then he went to the great city of Athens to learn more. He studied about his Orthodox faith, but he also studied medicine and literature too. Then he went to Rome to study math and physics. Anastasios knew there was more to learn, but he decided to go home. At that time, many people in Greece were starting to forget their precious Orthodox faith. That's because they were ruled by the Ottomans, who were not Christians.

Anastasios went back home to the mountains of Greece. He taught many, many students. He taught them about the Orthodox faith, but he also taught them science and medicine, literature, and other subjects too. He was a special teacher for the people. They didn't have a lot of teachers who had studied so much and who knew so much as Anastasios did!

We call him Venerable Anastasios, because the Church has not proclaimed him a saint yet. The people who live in Evrytania call him a saint though because they know what a wonderful and holy and special person he was.

We remember Venerable Anastasios on Monday, June 7th (OC: June 20th).

### June

06 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy

09 – 7:00pm Vesperal Liturgy for *Feast of the Ascension*

13 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy with Baptism

16 – 7:15pm Bible Study with GoogleMeet

20 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy *Feast of Pentecost*

23 – 7:15pm Bible Study with GoogleMeet

27 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy *Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul*

30 – 7:15pm Bible Study with GoogleMeet

**Acts 16:16-34**

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. 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." 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. But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities. And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe." Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods. And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." Then 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 immediately he and all his family were baptized. Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

**John 9:1-38**

Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 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. 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. Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?" Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he." Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" 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." Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. 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." 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. They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." 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. And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; 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." 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. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." 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." 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." Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" 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?" Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from." 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! Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out. 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?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

# The Soul Forming Power of Communion

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Christ is risen!

It seems we are a society of fads. To say that our modern culture is captured by the immediate and temporary seems to be a bit of an understatement!

But what about a genuine swell of reaction? I have seen in my own life the power of the tipping point when a message becomes so attractive that even those who you would never suspect of buying into a message, do so with great joy! This is very much the case in our Lesson today. The Christian Faith, in a relatively short period of time, really overwhelms the whole Roman Empire!

Look at our lesson today in Acts 14:20-28; 15:1-4:

*IN THOSE DAYS, Paul went on with Barnabas to Derbe. When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconion and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they believed. Then they passed through Pisidia, and came to Pamphylia. And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia; and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had fulfilled. And when they arrived, they gathered the church together and declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. And they remained no little time with the disciples. But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brethren, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." And when Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question. So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, reporting the conversion of the Gentiles, and they gave great joy to all the brethren. And when they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them.*

OK, here's the situation, Sts. Paul and Barnabas are really racking up the Gentile converts. I mean Gentiles are turning to the Orthodox Christian message in droves. And this is making some of the Jewish converts to the Faith VERY nervous. They are reading the writing on the wall – there are more Gentiles than Jews and if this conversion thing keeps up, we're going to be outnumbered! But that's not these folks' only concern. They also had the legitimate concern about how are the Gentiles being formed in the Faith. They didn't have the centuries of formation in the Way of God the Jews had. They didn't know the Prophets and the Holy Scripture. They were coming into the Faith totally unprepared in these people's minds. So, what was their solution? All the Gentiles had to become Jewish first if they wanted to become Christian!

Well, needless to say, when Paul got wind of this, there was "no small debate." Yeah, no kidding. Paul argues that these Gentiles don't have to become Jewish converts first. He says the Holy Spirit is strong enough to make up whatever may be deficient in the formation of the Gentiles. This dispute becomes so strong that it will lead to the very first Council of the Church in Acts 16 where all the Apostles gather and discuss "seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things." (See Acts 16:28)

Today, the path to Christian unity lies in dialogue. The path to healing in a parish, a church, a family, always must include face-to-face meetings and discussion. We cannot escape the soul-forming power of communion in honest, and even sometimes strenuous, debate based on two immovable attitudes – our love for Christ and our love for one another. We cannot move ancient foundation stones of wisdom that harm the very people Christ meant to save, but neither can we assume we know everything the Holy Spirit means to say to us all! Being Orthodox on Purpose always includes being willing to talk!

### Деяния 16:16-34

Случилось, что, когда мы шли в молитвенный дом, встретила нас одна служанка, одержимая духом прорицательным, которая через прорицание доставляла большой доход господам своим. Идя за Павлом и за нами, она кричала, говоря: сии человеки--рабы Бога Всевышнего, которые возвещают нам путь спасения. Это она делала много дней. Павел, вознегодовав, обратился и сказал духу: именем Иисуса Христа повелеваю тебе выйти из нее. И [дух] вышел в тот же час. Тогда господа ее, видя, что исчезла надежда дохода их, схватили Павла и Силу и повлекли на площадь к начальникам. И, приведя их к воеводам, сказали: сии люди, будучи Иудеями, возмущают наш город и проповедуют обычаи, которых нам, Римлянам, не следует ни принимать, ни исполнять. Народ также восстал на них, а воеводы, сорвав с них одежды, велели бить их палками и, дав им много ударов, ввергли в темницу, приказав темничному стражу крепко стеречь их. Получив такое приказание, он ввергнул их во внутреннюю темницу и ноги их забил в колоду. Около полуночи Павел и Сила, молясь, воспевали Бога; узники же слушали их. Вдруг сделалось великое землетрясение, так что поколебалось основание темницы; тотчас отворились все двери, и у всех узы ослабели. Темничный же страж, пробудившись и увидев, что двери темницы отворены, извлек меч и хотел умертвить себя, думая, что узники убежали. Но Павел возгласил громким голосом, говоря: не делай себе никакого зла, ибо все мы здесь. Он потребовал огня, вбежал [в темницу] и в трепете припал к Павлу и Силе, и, выведя их вон, сказал: государи [мои]! что мне делать, чтобы спастись? Они же сказали: веруй в Господа Иисуса Христа, и спасешься ты и весь дом твой. И проповедали слово Господне ему и всем, бывшим в доме его. И, взяв их в тот час ночи, он омыл раны их и немедленно крестился сам и все [домашние] его. И, приведя их в дом свой, предложил трапезу и возрадовался со всем домом своим, что уверовал в Бога.

### От Иоанна 9:1-38

И, проходя, увидел человека, слепого от рождения. Ученики Его спросили у Него: Равви! кто согрешил, он или родители его, что родился слепым? Иисус отвечал: не согрешил ни он, ни родители его, но [это для] [того], чтобы на нем явились дела Божии. Мне должно делать дела Пославшего Меня, доколе есть день; приходит ночь, когда никто не может делать. Доколе Я в мире, Я свет миру. Сказав это, Он плюнул на землю, сделал брение из плюновения и помазал брением глаза слепому, и сказал ему: пойдй, умойся в купальне Силоам, что значит: посланный. Он пошел и умылся, и пришел зрячим. Тут соседи и видевшие прежде, что он был слеп, говорили: не тот ли это, который сидел и просил милостыни? Иные говорили: это он, а иные: похож на него. Он же говорил: это я. Тогда спрашивали у него: как открылись у тебя глаза? Он сказал в ответ: Человек, называемый Иисус, сделал брение, помазал глаза мои и сказал мне: пойдй на купальню Силоам и умойся. Я пошел, умылся и прозрел. Тогда сказали ему: где Он? Он отвечал: не знаю. Повели сего бывшего слепца к фарисеям. А была суббота, когда Иисус сделал брение и отверз ему очи. Спросили его также и фарисеи, как он прозрел. Он сказал им: брение положил Он на мои глаза, и я умылся, и вижу. Тогда некоторые из фарисеев говорили: не от Бога Этот Человек, потому что не хранит субботы. Другие говорили: как может человек грешный творить такие чудеса? И была между ними распря. Опять говорят слепому: ты что скажешь о Нем, потому что Он отверз тебе очи? Он сказал: это пророк. Тогда Иудеи не поверили, что он был слеп и прозрел, доколе не призвали родителей сего прозревшего и спросили их: это ли сын ваш, о котором вы говорите, что родился слепым? как же он теперь видит? Родители его сказали им в ответ: мы знаем, что это сын наш и что он родился слепым, а как теперь видит, не знаем, или кто отверз ему очи, мы не знаем. Сам в совершенных летах; самого спросите; пусть сам о себе скажет. Так отвечали родители его, потому что боялись Иудеев; ибо Иудеи сговорились уже, чтобы, кто признает Его за Христа, того отлучать от синагоги. Посему-то родители его и сказали: он в совершенных летах; самого спросите. Итак, вторично призвали человека, который был слеп, и сказали ему: воздай славу Богу; мы знаем, что Человек Тот грешник. Он сказал им в ответ: грешник ли Он, не знаю; одно знаю, что я был слеп, а теперь вижу. Снова спросили его: что сделал Он с тобою? как отверз твои очи? Отвечал им: я уже сказал вам, и вы не слушали; что еще хотите слышать? или и вы хотите сделаться Его учениками? Они же укорили его и сказали: ты ученик Его, а мы Моисеевы ученики. Мы знаем, что с Моисеем говорил Бог; Сего же не знаем, откуда Он. Человек [прозревший] сказал им в ответ: это и удивительно, что вы не знаете, откуда Он, а Он отверз мне очи. Но мы знаем, что грешников Бог не слушает; но кто чтит Бога и творит волю Его, того слушает. От века не слышано, чтобы кто отверз очи слепорожденному. Если бы Он не был от Бога, не мог бы творить ничего. Сказали ему в ответ: во грехах ты весь родился, и ты ли нас учишь? И выгнали его вон. Иисус, услышав, что выгнали его вон, и найдя его, сказал ему: ты веруешь ли в Сына Божия? Он отвечал и сказал: а кто Он, Господи, чтобы мне веровать в Него? Иисус сказал ему: и видел ты Его, и Он говорит с тобою. Он же сказал: верую, Господи! И поклонился Ему.

## Veprat e Apostujve 16:16-34

Dhe, kur po shkonim për lutje, na doli para një skllave e re që kishte një frymë falli, e cila, duke u treguar fatin njerëzve, u sillte shumë fitime zotërinjve të saj. Ajo u vu të ndjekë Palin dhe ne, dhe bërtiste duke thënë: “Këta njerëz janë shërbëtorë të Perëndisë Shumë të Lartë dhe ju shpallën udhën e shpëtimit.” Dhe ajo e bëri këtë shumë ditë me radhë, por Pali, i mërziur, u kthye dhe i tha frymës: “Unë të urdhëroj në emër të Jezu Krishtit të dalësh prej saj.” Dhe fryma doli që në atë çast. Por zotërinjtë e saj, kur panë se u humbi shpresa e fitimit të tyre, i kapën Palin dhe Silën dhe i tërhoqën te sheshi i tregut përpara arkondëve; dhe si ua paraqitën pretorët, thanë: “Këta njerëz, që janë Judenj, e turbullojnë qytetin tonë, dhe predikojnë zakone që për ne, që jemi Romakë, nuk është e ligjshme t’i pranojmë dhe t’i zbatojmë.” Atëherë turma u lëshua e gjitha bashkë kundër tyre: dhe pretorëve, ua grisën atyre rrobat dhe urdhëruan t’i rrahin me kamxhik. Dhe si i rrahën me shumë goditje, i futën në burg duke urdhëruar rojtarin e burgut t’i ruajë me kujdes. Ky, si mori një urdhër të tillë, i futi në pjesën më të brendshme të burgut dhe ua shtrëngoi këmbët në dru. Aty nga mesnata Pali dhe Sila po luteshin dhe i këndonin himne Perëndisë; dhe të burgosurit i dëgjonin. Befas u bë një tërmet i madh, sa që u tundën themelet e burgut; dhe në atë çast u hapën të gjitha dyert dhe të gjithëve iu zgjidhën prangat. Rojtari i burgut, kur u zgjua dhe pa dyert e burgut të hapura, nxori shpatën dhe donte të vriste veten, duke menduar se të burgosurit kishin ikur. Por Pali thirri me zë të lartë: “Mos i bëj ndonjë të keqe vetes, sepse ne të gjithë jemi këtu.” Atëherë ai kërkoi një dritë, u turr brenda dhe duke u dridhur i tëri u ra ndër këmbë Palit dhe Silës; pastaj i nxori jashtë dhe tha: “Zotërinj, ç’duhet të bëj unë që të shpëtohem?” Dhe ata i thanë: “Beso në Zotin Jezu Krisht dhe do të shpëtohesh ti dhe shtëpia jote.” Pastaj ata i shpallën fjalën e Zotit atij dhe gjithë atyre që ishin në shtëpinë e tij. Dhe ai i mori që në atë orë të natës dhe ua lau plagët. Dhe ai dhe të gjithë të tijtë u pagëzuan menjëherë. Mbasi i çoi në shtëpinë e vet, ua shtroi tryezën dhe u gëzua me gjithë familjen e tij që kishte besuar në Perëndinë.

## Gjoni 9:1-38

Kur po kalonte, pa një njeri që ishte i verbër që nga lindja. Dhe dishepujt e tij e pyetën duke thënë: “Mësues, kush ka mëkatuar, ai apo prindërit e tij, që ai ka lindur i verbër?” Jezusi u përgjigj: “As ai, as prindërit e tij s’kanë mëkatuar, por kjo ndodhi që tek ai të dëftohen veprat e Perëndisë. Unë duhet t’i kryej veprat e atij që më ka dërguar sa është ditë; vjen nata kur askush nuk mund të veprojë. Derisa jam në botë, unë jam drita e botës.” Pasi kishte thënë këto gjëra, pështyu përdhe, bëri baltë me pështymë dhe leu sytë e të verbrit me të. Pastaj i tha: “Shko, lahu në pellgun e Siloamit” (që do të thotë: dërguar); dhe ai shkoi atje, u la dhe u kthye duke parë. Atëherë fqinjët dhe ata që më parë e kishin parë të verbër, thanë: “A s’është ky ai që rrinte ulur dhe lypte?” Disa thoshnin: “Ai është.” Të tjerë: “I përngjan atij.” Dhe ai thoshte: “Unë jam.” I thanë pra: “Si të janë hapur sytë?” Ai u përgjigj dhe tha: “Një njeri, që quhet Jezus, ka bërë baltë, m’i leu sytë dhe më tha: “Shko te pellgu i Siloamit dhe lahu”. Dhe unë shkova atje, u lava dhe m’u kthye drita e syve.” Dhe ata i thanë: “Ku është ai?” Ai u përgjigj: “Nuk e di.” Atëherë ata e çuan te farisenjtë atë që më parë kishte qenë i verbër. Dhe ishte e shtunë kur Jezusi bëri baltën dhe ia hapi sytë. Edhe farisenjtë, pra, e pyesnin përsëri si e fitoi dritën e syve. Dhe ai u tha atyre: “Më vuri baltë mbi sy, u lava dhe shoh.” Atëherë disa farisenj thanë: “Ky njeri nuk është nga Perëndia, sepse nuk e respekton të shtunën!” Të tjerë thoshnin: “Si mund të kryejë shenja të tilla një njeri mëkatar?” Dhe kishte përçarje midis tyre. E pyetën, pra, përsëri të verbrit: “Po ti, ç’thua për atë për faktin që t’i ka hapur sytë?” Ai tha: “Është një profet.” Por Judenjtë nuk besuan se ai kishte qenë i verbër dhe se kishte fituar dritën e syve, derisa thirrën prindërit e atij që kishte fituar dritën e syve. Dhe i pyetën ata: “A është ky djali juaj, për të cilin ju thoni se ka lindur i verbër? Vallë si sheh tani?” Prindërit e tij, duke u përgjigjur atyre, thanë: “E dimë se ky është djali ynë dhe se ka lindur i verbër, por ne nuk dimë se si sheh tani ose se kush ia ka hapur sytë; pyeteni atë; ai moshë ka, do t’ju flasë për veten e vet.” Këto thanë prindërit e tij, sepse kishin frikë nga Judenjtë; sepse Judenjtë kishin vendosur që, nëse dikush do ta rrëfente Jezusin si Krishti, do të përjashtohet nga sinagoga. Prandaj prindërit e tij thanë: “Moshë ka, pyeteni atë.” Atëherë ata e thirrën përsëri njeriun që kishte qenë i verbër dhe i thanë: “Jepi lavdi Perëndisë; ne e dimë se ai njeri është mëkatar.” Ai atëherë u përgjigj dhe tha: “Në është mëkatar, nuk e di, por di një gjë, që isha i verbër dhe tani shoh.” E pyetën përsëri: “Ç’të bëri? Si t’i ka hapur sytë?” Ai u përgjigj atyre: “Unë tashmë ua kam thënë dhe ju nuk keni dëgjuar; pse doni ta dëgjoni përsëri? Doni ndoshta të bëheni edhe ju dishepuj të tij?” Por ata e fyen dhe thanë: “Ti je dishepull i tij, por ne jemi dishepuj të Moisiut! Ne e dimë se Perëndia i foli Moisiut; sa për atë, nuk e dimë se nga është.” Ai njeri u përgjigj dhe u tha atyre: “E pra, është e çuditshme që ju të mos dini nga është ai; megjithatë ai m’i hapi sytë! Dhe ne e dimë se Perëndia nuk i dëgjon mëkatarët, por nëse dikush është i druajtshëm ndaj Perëndisë dhe bën vullnetin e tij, ai atë e dëgjon! Që prej fillimit të botës nuk është dëgjuar që dikush t’ia ketë hapur sytë një të linduri të verbër. Po të mos ishte ky nga Perëndia, nuk do të mund të bënte asgjë.” Ata u përgjigjën dhe i thanë: “Ti ke lindur i tëri në mëkate e don të na mësosh?” Dhe e nxorën jashtë. Jezusi e mori vesh se e nxorën jashtë dhe, kur e gjeti, i tha: “A beson ti në Birin e Perëndisë?” Ai u përgjigj dhe tha: “Kush është, Zot, që unë të besoj në të?” Dhe Jezusi i tha: “Ti e ke parë; është pikërisht ai që po të flet.” Atëherë ai tha: “Unë besoj, o Zot; dhe e adhuroi.