

Ss. 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. 18 7:15pm Vespers Liturgy
Feast of Ascension
Sun. 29 10:00am Divine Liturgy

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, and eggs, dairy, wine and oil as you are able.)

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.

Troparion – Tone 4 (Pascha)

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming, "Rejoice!" to the Myrrhbearing Women, granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

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

May 29: Psalms 121-124
May 30: Psalms 125-128
May 31: Psalms 129-132
June 01: Psalms 133-136
June 02: Psalms 137-140
June 03: Psalms 141-144
June 04: Psalms 145-148

MAY/JUNE EVENTS

May

29 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy

June

01 – 7:15pm Vespertal Liturgy

Feast of Ascension

04 – 6:00pm Vespers

05 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy

08 – 7:15pm Bible Study with
GoogleMeet

11 – 6:00pm Vespers

12 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Pentecost

15 – 7:15pm Bible Study with
GoogleMeet

18 – 6:00pm Vespers

19 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy

22 – 7:15pm Bible Study with
GoogleMeet

25 – 6:00pm Vespers

26 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy

29 – 7:15pm Bible Study with
GoogleMeet

Coffee Hour

This week's coffee hour is
provided by:

Flower Donation

This week's flowers were
donated by:

Children's Word

The One we were waiting for!

Have you ever had to look for somebody, maybe even somebody you didn't even know? Maybe you knew what kind of car that person was driving, or what color hair, or what he'd be wearing. It's kind of a funny thing. Seven hundred years before Christ was born (and even a long time before that), the Jewish people were waiting for somebody to save them. They didn't know what His name was, or what He would look like. A prophet named Isaiah told them about somebody who was coming. 700 years before Christ was born, Isaiah wrote that God would send somebody to "open the eyes of the blind." Only God could do a huge miracle like that!

Today, you know, is the Sunday of the Blind Man. We hear about how Jesus saw a man who had been blind ever since he was born! Jesus saw him and healed him. He could see for the very first time! After that, some of the authorities were angry and worried. You see, everybody knew the prophecy. Everybody knew that this meant something BIG. Somebody who could "open the eyes of the blind" was the person God sent. And that is exactly what we celebrate today. Jesus Christ is the person that God the Father sent. And He proved then that He is God too!

THE BETTER PART SAINTS MARY AND MARTHA
Nobody likes to work, work, work all the time. Sometimes we complain about it. Sometimes we wonder why we have to do it! Sometimes we might beg for help.

On Saturday, we celebrate the nameday of two sisters, Mary and Martha. They were Jesus' friends, and the sisters of Lazarus (the one Jesus raised from the dead). We hear a story about these two sisters in the Bible.

Once, Jesus came to visit this family. Martha was working hard, probably cleaning up the house, cooking, and doing other things that needed to be done. Her sister, Mary, wasn't doing any of the work. She was just sitting near Jesus' feet, listening to Him talking. When Martha complained, Jesus told her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part."

We can learn from this story too! Sometimes we worry and we are busy with lots of things. But, like Martha, we have to stop sometimes. We can slow down and listen to God. We can pray to Him. We can make some time for Him. Then, Jesus tells us, we have chosen the better part too! Can you tell this story to your parents? We celebrate Sts. Mary and Martha on Sat., June 4th.

A Prayer for the Week

O Lord of Mercy, sometimes I'm weak, and sometimes I'm afraid. But, if I'm honest, most of the time I'm just stubborn. I want my own way and I want to indulge my desires and I don't want to be corrected. And I stumble every time I'm living that way! Please forgive me, Lord, and give me the maturity to grow up and not dig my heels in when You are lovingly correcting me and my choices. Amen.

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.



“It is madness for a Christian to be envious. In Christ we have all received infinitely great blessings.”

-St. John of Kronstadt

Cemetery Blessings

Due to a variety of factors, the blessing of the graves was pushed back. The following is the schedule of cemetery blessings:

05/29 – Lawnview at 1pm

05/30 – Fernwood 10am by Fr. Dennis

06/05 – Magnolia at 1pm

06/12 – Forrest Hills at 2pm

Other cemeteries will be visited by request



Stubborn

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Christ is risen!

It was a dramatic moment in the courtroom. I was a witness for the prosecution since I had been the arresting officer in the case. But I was only one witness and the defendant was insisting he wasn't the one who was driving the car when the accident occurred. Then, another witness came to testify. It was the man's brother who had been in the car with him that fateful night. And the brother testified that, in fact, the defendant was the driver. Case closed!

Corroboration is essential to getting to the truth!

Look at our lesson today in John 8:12-20:

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” The Pharisees then said to him, “You are bearing witness to yourself; your testimony is not true.” Jesus answered, “Even if I do bear witness to myself, my testimony is true, for I know whence I have come and whither I am going, but you do not know whence I come or whither I am going. You judge according to the flesh, I judge no one. Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone that judge, but I and he who sent me. In your law it is written that the testimony of two men is true; I bear witness to myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness to me.” They said to him therefore, “Where is your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither me nor my Father; if you knew me, you would know my Father also.” These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

They thought they had Jesus cornered. You see, the religious leaders of the Lord's day held to the very correct belief that just one man's testimony isn't enough to establish the truth! These religious leaders insisted like we Orthodox insist today, that the testimony of the fathers of the past is necessary to come to the fullness of the truth! But here is where these men failed. They failed to realize that Jesus wasn't speaking on His own. And even if He were, He knew He was telling the truth because He Knew Where He came from and From Whom He came!

Do you remember the baptism of Jesus? The Voice from heaven, and the dove descending on His head? God knows Himself as Persons in Communion, so the Lord was never speaking by Himself but saying everything the Father sent Him to say! And what He said; what He taught, was in complete harmony with all that God had been saying since he said “let there be Light!”

Jesus confronts these religious leaders with their shallow judgment of Him because they didn't know Jesus. They failed to recognize where He was truly from. They judged the Lord wrongly because they had forgotten how to understand their own scriptures because their scriptures told them about Him and they missed it!

That's always the danger when your faith becomes the mere repetition of old words without the underlying power of actually living and loving the wisdom of those words. Jesus was bold enough to reveal this weakness in these men when He tells them that if they really knew Him they would know the Father as well. Jesus spoke exactly like He needed to speak in hopes of awakening in these so very blind leaders a spark of humility and faith that would renew their whole lives. But they stubbornly refused. How sad.

Today, is there a streak of stubbornness that is keeping you from really hearing the Lord's words; His wisdom; His invitation to grow with and in Him? The path away from this destructive selfishness is a willingness to come face to face with Christ and lovingly submit to being Orthodox on Purpose.

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

Edhe kur po vinim ne për t'u lutur, u takua me ne një shërbëtores që kishte frymë Pitoni, e cila u jepte shumë fitim zotërinjve të saj duke u rrëfyer njerëzve fatin. Ajo duke shkuar pas Pavlit e nesh, bërtiste, duke thënë: Këta njerëz janë shërbëtorë të Perëndisë së lartë, të cilët na tregojnë udhën e shpëtimit. Edhe këtë e bënte shumë ditë me radhë. Edhe Pavli si u rëndua, u kthye e i tha frymës: Të urdhëroj në emër të Jisu Krishtit të dalësh prej saj. Edhe doli që atë orë. Edhe zotërinjtë e saj, kur panë se u humbi shpresa e fitimit të tyre, zunë Pavlin dhe Silën e i sollën në treg tek të parët. Edhe si i prunë ata përpara të mëdhenjve, thanë: Këta njerëz, duke qenë Judenj, turbullojnë qytetin tonë, edhe mësojnë zakone që s'është e udhës t'i pranojmë ne; as t'i bëjmë, sepse jemi Romakë. Edhe turma bashkërisht u sul mbi ta, edhe të mëdhenjtë u grisën rrobat e urdhëruan t'i rrahin me shkopinj. Edhe si i bënë me shumë plagë, i vunë në burg, edhe porositën rojen e burgut t'i ruajë me siguri. Ky si mori një porosi të këtillë, i vuri në burgun e brendshëm e u shtrëngoi këmbët në dru. Edhe në mes të natës Pavli dhe Sila luteshin e i këndonin himne Perëndisë; dhe të lidhurit u mbanin vesh atyre. Edhe papandehur u bë një tërmet i madh, kaq sa u tundën themelet e burgut; edhe përnjëherë u hapën të gjitha dyert, dhe të gjithëve iu zgjidhën hekurat. Edhe roja i burgut kur u zgjua, edhe pa dyert e burgut të hapura, nxori thikën e donte të vriste veten, sepse pandehte se kishin ikur të lidhurit. Po Pavli thërriti me zë të madh, duke thënë: Mos i bëj ndonjë të keqe vetes sate, sepse të gjithë jemi këtu. Atëherë ai kërkoi dritë e kërcëu brenda, edhe duke u dridhur u ra ndër këmbë Pavlit dhe Silës. Edhe si i nxori ata jashtë, tha: Zotërinj, ç'duhet të bëj unë, që të shpëtoj? Edhe ata i thanë: Beso Zotin Jisu Krisht, dhe do të shpëtosh ti dhe shtëpia jote. Edhe i folën fjalën e Zotit atij dhe gjithë atyre që ishin në shtëpinë e tij. Edhe ai i mori me vete që në atë orë të natës e u lau plagët; edhe përnjëherë u pagëzua ai dhe gjithë të tijtë. Edhe si u ngjit sipër në shtëpinë e tij, u shtroi tryezë, edhe u gëzua me gjithë shtëpinë, sepse besoi Perëndinë.

Joanit 9:1-38

Edhe duke kaluar andej, pa një njeri të verbër që prej lindjes. Edhe nxënësit e tij e pyetën, duke thënë: Rabbi, cili mëkatoi, ky apo prindërit e tij, që të lindë i verbër? Jisui u përgjigj: As ky mëkatoi, as prindërit e tij, po që të tregohen punët e Perëndisë tek ai. Unë duhet të bëj punët e atij që më dërgoi, deri sa është ditë; vjen nata, kur asnjë s'mund të punojë. Sa të jem në botë, jam drita e botës. Pasi tha këto, pështyu përdhe dhe bëri baltë prej pështymës, edhe leu sytë e të verbërit me baltën. Edhe i tha atij: Shko e lahu në pellgun e Siloamit, që e përkthyer do me thënë i Dërguar. Shkoi pra e u la, edhe erdhi duke parë. Fqinjët pra, edhe ata që e kishin parë më përpara se ishte i verbër, thoshin: A nuk është ky ai që rrinte e lypte? Të tjerë thoshin se ky është; edhe të tjerë se i shëmbëllen. Ai u thoshte se unë jam. I thoshin, pra: Si t'u hapën sytë? Ai u përgjigj e tha: Një njeri që quhet Jisu bëri baltë dhe më leu sytë e më tha: Shko në pellgun e Siloamit dhe lahu. Edhe si shkova e u lava, hapa sytë. I thanë, pra: Ku është ai? Thotë: Nuk e di. E sjellin te Farisenjtë atë që ishte njëherë i verbër. Edhe ishte e shtunë, kur bëri baltën Jisui dhe i hapi atij sytë. Përsëri pra e pyesnin edhe Farisenjtë se si pa përsëri. Edhe ai u tha atyre: Vuri baltë mbi sytë e mi, edhe u lava, edhe shoh. Disa, pra, prej Farisenjve thoshin: Ky njeri nuk është nga Perëndia, se nuk ruan të shtunën. Të tjerë thoshin: Si mund të bëjë të tilla çudira një njeri mëkatar? Edhe kishte një përçarje në mes tyre. I thonë përsëri të verbërit: Ti ç'thua për atë, se të hapi sytë? Edhe ai tha se është profet. Judenjtë pra nuk besuan për atë se ishte i verbër dhe pa përsëri, deri sa thirrën prindërit e atij që iu Edhe i pyetën duke thënë: Ky është biri juaj, për të cilin ju thoni se ka lindur i verbër? Si sheh pra tani? Prindërit e atij iu përgjigjën atyre, e thanë: E dimë se ky është biri ynë, edhe se ka lindur i verbër. Po si sheh tani nuk e dimë; ose cili i hapi sytë, ne nuk e dimë; ai moshën e ka, pyeteni. Ai do të flasë për veten e tij. Këto thanë prindërit e tij, sepse kishin frikë nga judenjtë; se judenjtë tani kishin lidhur fjalë, që ai që ta rrëfejë për Krisht të nxirret jashtë sinagogës. Prandaj prindërit e tij thanë se moshën e ka, pyeteni. Thirrën pra për së dyti njeriun që kishte qenë i verbër, edhe i thanë: Jepi lavdi Perëndisë; ne e dimë se ky njeri është mëkatar. Ai pra u përgjigj e tha: Në është mëkatar, nuk e di; një gjë di, se qeshë i verbër, edhe tani shoh. Edhe i thanë përsëri: Ç'të bëri? Si t'i hapi sytë? Iu përgjigj atyre: Tashmë jua thashë juve, edhe nuk dëgjuat; ç'doni përsëri të dëgjoni? Mos edhe ju doni të bëheni nxënës të tij? E shanë pra, dhe thanë: Ti je nxënës i atij, po ne jemi nxënës të Moisiut. Ne dimë se Perëndia i foli Moisiut, po këtë nuk e dimë nga është. Njeriu u përgjigj e u tha atyre: Në këtë është me të vërtetë çudia, se ju s'e dini nga është, edhe mua më hapi sytë. Edhe e dimë se Perëndia nuk dëgjon mëkatarë; po në pastë ndonjë frikë Perëndie dhe të bëjë dëshirën e tij, këtë e dëgjon. Që prej fillimit të jetës nuk është dëgjuar se hapi njeri sytë e ndonjërit që ka lindur i verbër. Po të mos ishte ky nga Perëndia, nuk do të mund të bënte asgjë. U përgjigjën e i thanë: Ti ke lindur i tëri në mëkate, edhe ti na mëson? Edhe e nxorën jashtë. Jisui dëgjoi se e nxorën jashtë; edhe si e gjeti, i tha: Ti i beson Birit të Perëndisë? Ai u përgjigj e tha: Po cili është ai, o Zot, që t'i besoj? Edhe Jisui i tha: Edhe e ke parë, dhe ai që flet me ty, ai është. Edhe ai tha: Besoj, o Zot, dhe iu fal.