



# St. Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Cathedral

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha. Blind Man.  
Epistle: Acts 16:16-34  
Gospel: St. John 9:1-38  
Prophet Isaiah

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In memory of Allan M. Radinsky and Johanne D. Radinsky. May their memory be eternal!

## Sunday, May 9, 2010

### Today's Announcements

- Happy Mother's Day to our parish mothers and mothers-to-be!
- Today was the last day for this year's Church School classes. Many thanks to Church School Coordinator Debra Boehm and her team of dedicated teachers for a great year!
- Following Veneration of the Cross, prayers will be held for the repose of the souls of Sophie and Elaine Wydo, given by the Glisan family. May their memory be eternal.
- This will be the last day to drop off clothing for the Romanian Clothing Drive. If you haven't been able to donate, please consider making a monetary donation to help with the shipping costs. Please see Carol Namisnak, Debra Boehm, or Donna Katrych for further details.

### Tuesday – May 11

- Women's Association Meeting – 7 pm at the home of Sophia Radinsky. Please note change from previously announced date.

### Wednesday – May 12

- Vespers – 7 pm – Eve of Ascension

### Saturday – May 15

- Vespers – 5 pm

### Next Sunday – May 16

- Divine Liturgy – 10:00 am
- Parish Council

### Coming Events – Mark Your Calendar!

- Charity meal at The Table – May 18
- Women's Association Tea Party – May 22
- Church School Summer Camp – July 26-30
- Women's Association Golf Classic – July 30

**Fundability Tip of the Week:** Now that Spring is upon us, it's time to do some of those indoor and outdoor chores. Remember, whatever supplies you need, you can purchase them with gift cards from St. Alexander Fundability. And don't forget, graduation season is upon us. You can use Fundability cards to buy a gift for that special graduate, or you can just give the card and let the graduate make the selection – you never know what they want anyway! Thanks for your support of this important fundraiser.

**The Holy Prophet Isaiah** was of royal lineage. Isaiah was born in Jerusalem of Amoz his father who was the brother of Amaziah, the king of Judah. By the great grace of God that was in him, Isaiah was made worthy to see the Lord Sabaoth on the throne in heaven surrounded by six-winged Seraphim who continuously sing: "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of Hosts [Sabaoth]" (Isaiah 6:3). Isaiah prophesied many things to individual men as well as to the people. On one occasion, he walked naked around the streets of Jerusalem for three days prophesying the imminent fall of Jerusalem by the Assyrian King Sennacherib, reminding the king and the leaders of the people not to hope in assistance from the Egyptians or Ethiopians for they, also, will be subjugated by the same Sennacherib, but rather to trust in help from God the Most High. This prophesy, as well as other prophecies, were literally fulfilled.

Isaiah's most important prophecies are the ones concerning the Incarnation of God, the conception of the All-Holy Virgin, John the Forerunner and about many other events of the life of Christ. ["Therefore, the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Emmanuel" (Isaiah 7:14). "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). "The voice of him that cries in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord and make straight in the desert a highway for our God" (Isaiah 40:3).]

This discerning man, because of the purity of his heart and because of his zealousness toward God, also received the gift of working miracles. Thus, when the besieged Jerusalem suffered from drought, Isaiah prayed to God and water flowed from beneath Mount Zion. This water was called Siloam which means: "sent." Later, the Lord directed the man, blind from birth to bathe in this water in order for him to see. During the reign of King Manasses, when Isaiah thundered against the pagan customs of the king and the leaders comparing that generation with Sodom and Gomorrah, the anger of the leaders and the people rose up against this great prophet. He was captured, led out of Jerusalem and was sawed in half. Isaiah lived and prophesied about seven-hundred years before Christ.

### **Troparion** (Tone 4)

With a great voice like that of a trumpet, you proclaimed the coming of Christ to the world. You were revealed as a swiftly-writing scribe of the things to come; therefore, we acclaim you with hymns, most illustrious prophet Isaiah.

### **Kontakion** (Tone 2)

Endowed with the gift of prophecy, prophet-martyr Isaiah, herald of God, you made clear to all the incarnation of Christ by proclaiming with a great voice: "Behold, the Virgin shall conceive in her womb."