# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Schedule of Services

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| **Mon. May 26** | **Memorial Day** | **Ronald McDonald house** |
| **Wed. May 28** | **6:30 pm** | **Ascension Vespers** |
| **Thurs May 29** | **9 am** | **Ascension Liturgy** |
| Sat. May 31 | 5 pm | Great Vespers |
| Sun. June 1 | 9 am | Divine Liturgy |
| Wed. June 4 | 6:30 pm<br>7 pm | Akathist to ASONA<br>Bible Study |
| Thurs. June 5 | 9 am | Divine Liturgy |
| Sat. June 7 | 5 pm | Great Vespers |
| Sun. June 8 | 9 am | Divine Liturgy |
| Tues. June 10 | 6:30 pm | Theology 101 |
| Wed. June 11 | 6:30 pm<br>7 pm | Akathist to ASONA<br>Bible Study |
| Thurs. June 12 | 9 am | Divine Liturgy |
| Sat. June 14 | 5 pm | Great Vespers |
| Sun. June 15 | 9 am | Divine Liturgy |

## Pray for peace!

## Pray for each other!

## Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

Russian: Khristos voskrese! Voistinu voskrese!

## ASONA Text Alerts

*Sign up easily!* **Text ASONA to 84576**

And get on our parish text alerts list, and stay up to date via email or text alerts. Text STOP to 84576 to stop text notifications at any time. There is no charge for this service, but carrier message and data rates may apply.

All Saints of North America Orthodox Church

Sun. May 25,, 2025 Sunday of the Blind Man Tone 5

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## Ascension Day

*On the fortieth day after His Resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven to be glorified on the right hand of God (Acts 1.9–11; Mk 16.19; Lk 24.51). The ascension of Christ is His final physical departure from this world after the resurrection. It is the formal completion of His mission in this world as the Messianic Savior. It is His glorious return to the Father Who had sent Him into the world to accomplish the work that He had given him to do (Jn 17.4–5).*

> *. . . and lifting His hands He blessed them. While blessing them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy (Lk 24.51–52).*

*The Lord leaves in order to be glorified with God the Father and to glorify us with himself. He goes in order to "prepare a place" for and to take us also into the blessedness of God's presence. He goes to open the way for all flesh into the "heavenly sanctuary . . . the Holy Place not made by hands" (see Hebrews 8–10). He goes in order send the Holy Spirit, Who proceeds from the Father, to bear witness to Him and His Gospel in the world, making Him powerfully present in the lives of disciples. Don't miss this important feast!*



# 2025 Arizona
# ICON WORKSHOP

*with iconographer*

Shayne Swenson

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Orthodox Christian Iconography and Fine Art
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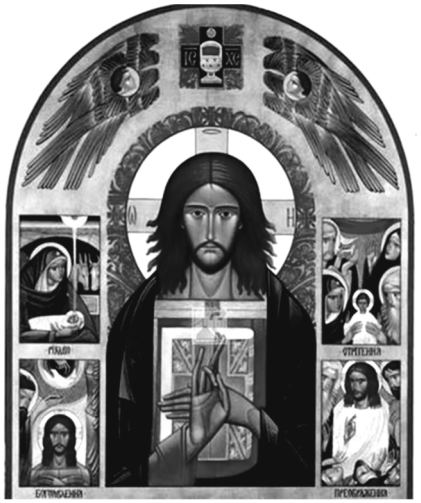
## MON. JULY 14 - FRI. JULY 18

See Mka Rachel for Registration information

# Theology 101

an introductory course of study
in Orthodox Theology



Starting
Tues, June 10 at 6:30 pm
ASONA will be hosting an
introductory class in
Orthodox Theology.

The class is free,
but you must register.

*Sign up sheet is*
*on the bulletin board.*

Services at ASONA for

# ASCENSION DAY

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| Wed. May 28 | 6:30 pm | Great Vespers for Ascension |
| **Thurs. May 29** | **9 am** | **Festal Liturgy for Ascension** |

**Pascha comes to an end**

**with the celebration of Ascension!**



**Prokeimenon in Tone 8 (Ps 76)**
Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!
In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel!

## Epistle: Acts 16:16-34

**AT THAT TIME,** as we apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did 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 owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put 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. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.+

**Alleluia in Tone 8** (Ps 95)

Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with psalms!

## Gospel: John 9:1-38

**AT THAT TIME**, as Jesus passed by, 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. We 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 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 man?" 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.+