

Today is the Sunday of the Blind Man; the Gospel of John is read, 9:1-38. Within the Gospel reading, Jesus Christ heals a man who had been blind since birth. The blind man witnesses saying, "He put clay on my eyes and I washed, and I see." The blind man's parents witnessed that he was blind since birth as well since there was unbelief of the miracle which had occurred. Regardless of these testimonies, the man was cast out and afterwards Jesus Christ asked him if he believed in Him. The man said, "Lord, I believe," and worshiped He who cured him from his blindness.

Dearest ones, do we suffer from a spiritual blindness? Are we unable to be open to the truth of our God? Do we sometimes harden our hearts, are cynical or maybe are ignorant making us unable to have eyes to see or ears to hear that to which God proclaims to us? Made in the image and likeness of God, it is given to us to decide whether we want to see and hear the Gospel, to pick up our cross and follow Him. The choice is ours, and ours alone; a choice which we make daily, hourly and by the minute.

Let us pray to our loving God with repentance like the blind man in today's Gospel asking as the Kontakion Hymn states, "I come to You, O Christ, as the man blind from birth. With the eyes of my soul blinded, I cry out to You in repentance, "You are the resplendent Light of those in darkness." May our loving God hear our prayer leading us to a path of righteousness; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever, amen.