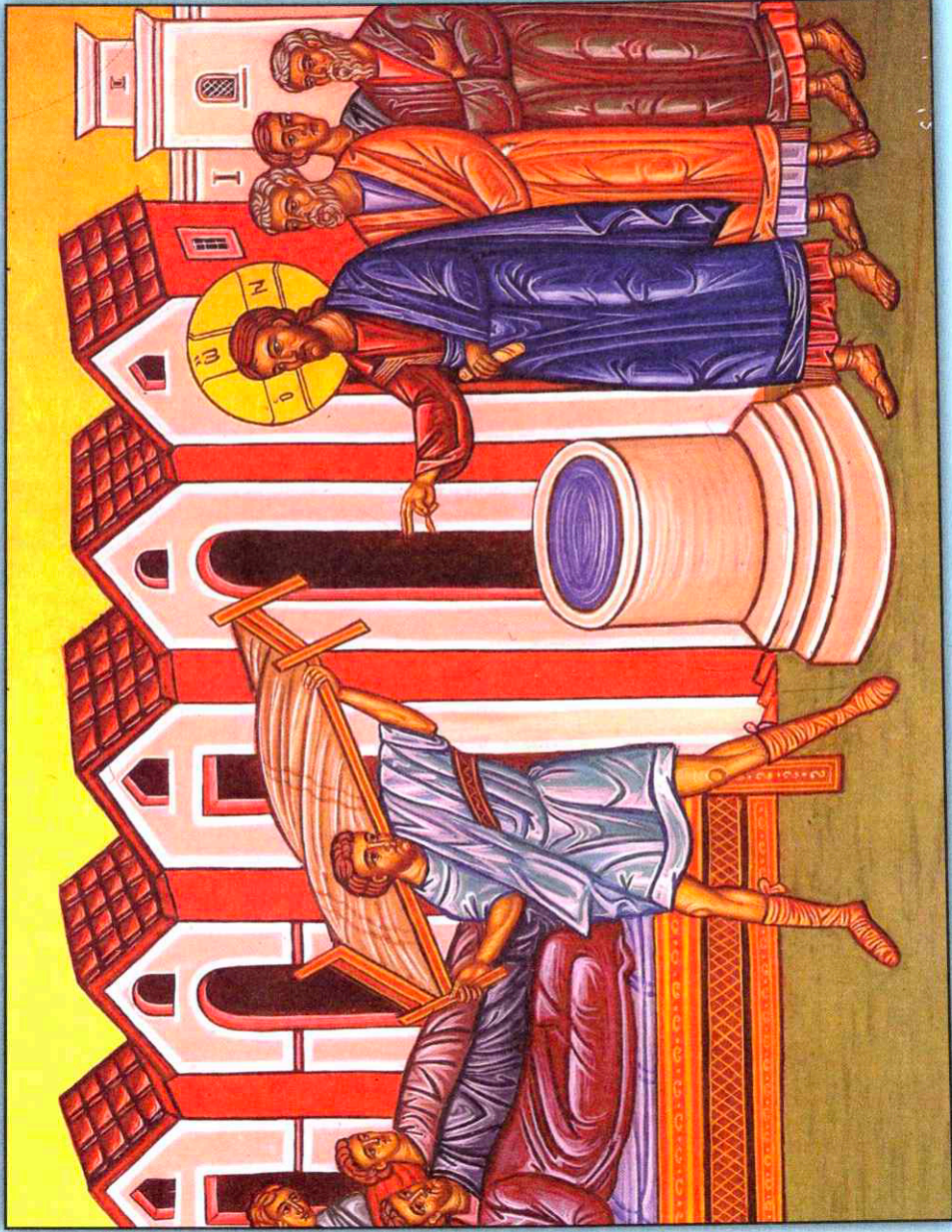


SIXTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



Icon of Healing the Paralytic

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Our purpose is to lead people to the Kingdom of God.

*Our mission is to provide a place of worship
where people actively gather to practice their authentic
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SUNDAY—THE LORD'S DAY—JULY 12, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Matthew | Feast of St. Paisios

Musical Mode: Plagal of First Mode

Sixth Eothinon Gospel: Luke 24: 36-53

Readings of the Day: Romans 12: 6-14 & Matthew 9: 1-8

Today's Saints: Proclus & Hilary the Martyrs of Ancyra; Holy Fr. Michael of Maleinus; Gerasimos of Byzantium & Akakios the young ascetic; Paisios the Athonite; Veronica, the woman with the issue of blood who was healed by Jesus; Andre the Commander & his Companion Martyrs

APOLYTIKION OF THE PARISH

Μετεμορφώθης ἐν τῷ ὄρει Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, δείξας τοῖς Μαθηταῖς σου τὴν δόξαν σου, καθὼς ἠδύναντο. Λάμπσον καὶ ἡμῖν τοῖς ἀμαρτωλοῖς, τὸ φῶς σου τὸ αἰδῖον, πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, φωτοδότα δόξα σοι.

Metemorfóthis en to óri, Hristé o Theós, dixas tis Mathités sou, tin dóxan sou kathós idinanto; lampson ke imin tis amartolis, to fos sou to aidion, presvies tis Theotókou, Fotodóta dóxa si.

You were transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples, Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also in us, sinners though we may be, shine Your everlasting light, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to You.

TODAY'S HYMNS

Entrance Hymn. Second Mode.

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ.
Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Please sing along with us after the Small Entrance, as you are able.

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Plagal of the First Mode.

As the Father and Spirit are unoriginate, * so the Word, who was born from the Virgin for us.
* Let us praise Him, O believers, and let us worship Him. * For our salvation He was pleased
* to be crucified in the flesh, * and to undergo death, * and to resurrect the dead, by His
glorious resurrection.

Apolytikion of the Parish. Grave Mode.

[See inside front cover]

Kontakion of Feast. Second Mode.

O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we
sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you,
quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and
hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.

WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION ABOUT ORTHODOXY

Trisagion Films: On YouTube, Facebook and website, www.trisagionfilms.com

Follow our Podcasts: *"An Imperfect Podcast"* - You can now listen to the entire series on
iTunes, Spotify, GooglePlay, PlayerFM, and Sticher. You can find the entire series on iTunes here as
well: <http://tinyurl.com/y5ved9lk>

For audio of spiritual discussions: **Ancient Faith Radio:** www.ancientfaith.com
Visit our **Church Bookstore** for books, icons and other spiritual items for your home.

Visit our **Library** at <https://holytransfiguration.info/ministries/education/library/>
To learn more about the Orthodox Faith, speak to Father Panayiotis and he will guide you.
Email him at frpanayiotis@holytransfiguration.info to schedule an appointment.

Readings of the 6th Sunday of Matthew

Αναγνώσματα Στ' Κυριακῆς Ματθαίου

Πρὸς Ῥωμαίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου (12.6-14)

Ἀδελφοί, ἔχοντες χαρίσματα κατὰ τὴν χάριν τὴν δοθεῖσαν ἡμῖν διάφορα, εἴτε προφητείαν κατὰ τὴν ἀναλογίαν τῆς πίστεως, εἴτε διακονίαν ἐν τῇ διακονίᾳ, εἴτε ὁ διδάσκων ἐν τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ, εἴτε ὁ παρακαλῶν ἐν τῇ παρακλήσει, ὁ μεταδιδούς ἐν ἀπλότῃ, ὁ προϊστάμενος ἐν σπουδῇ, ὁ ἐλεῶν ἐν ἰλαρότητι. Ἡ ἀγάπη ἀνυπόκριτος. ἀποστυγοῦντες τὸ πονηρὸν, κολλώμενοι τῷ ἀγαθῷ· τῇ φιλαδελφίᾳ εἰς ἀλλήλους φιλόστοργοι, τῇ τιμῇ ἀλλήλους προηγούμενοι, τῇ σπουδῇ μὴ ὀκνηροί, τῷ πνεύματι ζέοντες, τῷ κυρίῳ δουλεύοντες, τῇ ἐλπίδι χαίροντες, τῇ θλίψει ὑπομένοντες, τῇ προσευχῇ προσκαρτεροῦντες, ταῖς χρείαις τῶν ἁγίων κοινωνοῦντες, τὴν φιλοξενίαν διώκοντες. Εὐλογεῖτε τοὺς διώκοντας, εὐλογεῖτε καὶ μὴ καταρᾶσθε.

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαίου ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκεῖνῳ ἐμβὰς ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς πλοῖον διεπέρασεν καὶ ἦλθεν εἰς τὴν ἰδίαν πόλιν. Καὶ ἰδοὺ προσέφερον αὐτῷ παραλυτικὸν ἐπὶ κλίνης βεβλημένον. καὶ ἰδὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὴν πίστιν αὐτῶν εἶπεν τῷ παραλυτικῷ· Θάρσει, τέκνον· ἀφέωνταί σοι αἱ ἁμαρτίαι σου. καὶ ἰδοὺ τινες τῶν γραμματέων εἶπον ἐν ἑαυτοῖς· Οὗτος βλασφημεῖ. καὶ εἰδὼς ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὰς ἐνθυμήσεις αὐτῶν εἶπεν· Ἴνα τί ὑμεῖς ἐνθυμεῖσθε πονηρὰ ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ὑμῶν; τί γὰρ ἔστιν εὐκοπώτερον, εἰπεῖν, ἀφέωνταί σοι αἱ ἁμαρτίαι, ἢ εἰπεῖν, ἔγειρε καὶ περιπάτει; ἵνα δὲ εἰδῆτε ὅτι ἐξουσίαν ἔχει ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἀφιέναι ἁμαρτίας – τότε λέγει τῷ παραλυτικῷ· Ἐγερθεὶς ἄρῳ σου τὴν κλίνην καὶ ὑπάγε εἰς τὸν οἶκόν σου. καὶ ἐγερθεὶς ἀπῆλθεν εἰς τὸν οἶκόν αὐτοῦ. ἰδόντες δὲ οἱ ὄχλοι ἐθαύμασαν καὶ ἐδόξασαν τὸν Θεὸν τὸν δόντα ἐξουσίαν τοιαύτην τοῖς ἀνθρώποις.

From the Epistle to the Romans (12.6-14)

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

The Gospel according to Matthew (9.1-8)

In those days, Jesus getting into a boat crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he then said to the paralytic—"Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

Parish Council On Duty: Eleni Reese/Alex Miltiades

Greeters On Duty: Chris & Ken Farrey

Ushers On Duty: Ken Bilson/Steve Kargas/Pat Koutouzis/Dennis Koutouzis

Prosforo Bakers: Tina Johansen/Christopher Hansard/Christine Sprouse/Jamie Hughes

Sun. July 12

Sixth Sunday of Matthew | Feast of St. Paisios

8:45 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Artoklasia is offered by the Gavalas & Neocleous family in honor of St. Paisios

12:30 pm Fellowship Coffee Hour

3:30 pm Wedding of Tyler (Vladimir) & Danielle (Katherine)

Tue. July 14

10:45 am Kafenion-PLC Atrium

6:00 pm Great Vespers-St. Kyrikos and his mother Ioulita

7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting-PLC Library (St. Basil Conf.)

7:00 pm Mixed Choir Practice

Feast of Saint Kyrikos & his mother Ioulita

Wed. July 15

9:00 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

7:00 pm Intro to Orthodoxy-PLC Banquet Hall

Sat. July 18

10:00 am Philoptochos Calendar Meeting-PLC Library

10:00 am Rental: Hampton Reception-PLC Banquet Hall

1:30 pm Baptism of Joseph Giamou

3:30 pm Baptism of Jeremy and Elizabeth Drennan & children

5:00 pm Great Vespers

Sun. July 19

Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council

8:45 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

A 1 year Memorial Service for Harry Karetas is given by Michele Bourquin (daughter) and family. May his memory be eternal!

A Memorial Service is given for those who died during the Turkish invasion of Cyprus, July and August, 1974. May their memory be eternal!

12:30 pm Fellowship Coffee Hour sponsored by Friends of Cyprus

1:30 pm YA Bible Study-Lighthouse

3:30 pm Wedding of Jeremy & Elizabeth Drennan

4:30 pm Rental: Drennan Reception

5:00 pm Great Vespers-Feast of the Prophet Elias

See full calendar for the rest of the schedule: www.holytransfiguration.info/calendar

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial Service Sponsored by the Friends of

Cyprus: On the 52nd anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus, the honorary Consulate of Cyprus and the Friends of Cyprus Association cordially invite you to attend a memorial service honoring those who perished during the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in 1974. The Memorial service will take place at the end of Divine Liturgy on **Sun. July 19** followed by coffee hour hosted by Friends of Cyprus. Please join us! If you're able to assist by providing food and drinks to serve please contact Maria Alberts at maria.alberts29@gmail.com. Thank you!

Transfiguration Orthodox Academy

— **Come Teach with Us:** Transfiguration Orthodox Academy is hiring & also accepting new students. Scan above QR code to access flyer on Ministry News page.

— **2026-2027 School Year:** Enrollment is open! Visit www.toamarietta.com for more info.

TOA Offering Middle School Courses:

Transfiguration Orthodox Academy is excited to offer new Middle School Courses in Math, Science, Composition, and History. Scan above QR code to access flyer on Ministry News page.

Cartersville Divine Liturgy: All are invited to the Orthodox Divine Liturgy in Cartersville, GA on **Sat. Aug. 1** at 10:00 am at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 850 Douthitt Ferry Rd, Cartersville, GA 30120.

Parish Feast Day Services: Join us on **Wed. Aug. 5** at 6:00 pm for Vespers for the Feast of the Transfiguration followed by a light meal in the parish hall. Then, **Thur. Aug. 6** Orthros begins at 8:45 am followed by Divine Liturgy. Scan above QR code to access flyer on Ministry News page

Homecoming Picnic: Join us on **Sun. Aug. 16** for our Annual Homecoming Picnic & Ministry Kickoff with food sponsored by Yeero Village. We will have ministry sign-ups and fun kid's activities. Scan above QR code to access flyer on Ministry News page in order to access the volunteer sign-up.

Parish Weekend Retreat: with Pres. Constantina Palmer, author of "The Scent of Holiness" & other books. **Fri. Aug. 28 & Sat. Aug. 29.** Scan QR code to access flyer on Ministry News page.

5th Annual Pan-Orthodox Cross Dive: Save the Date for **Sat. Sept. 19** as Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church in Macon is hosting their annual cross dive. Scan QR code to access flyer on Ministry News page.

RECURRING MINISTRY EVENTS

Adult Catechism and Bible Study:

— **Intro to Orthodoxy** next meets on **Wed. Jul. 15** and continues every Wednesday through Aug. 26 (except Aug. 5). Fr. John will lead the meeting in PLC Banquet Hall (upstairs) from 7:00-8:30 pm.

— **Bible Study** (Colossians) starts on **Wed. Aug. 19** and continues every Wednesday through Sept. 16 (except for Aug. 26). Fr. John will lead the meeting in the PLC Library from 11:00 am-12:30 pm.

Chair Exercise Program: Our next meeting will be **Wed. Jul. 22, at 10:00 am** in PLC Classroom #127. Please text Ann Zakreski at 770.329.7421 if you plan to come.

GOYA: For rising 6th-graders thru High schoolers. Weekly meetings for fun and fellowship on Wednesdays. Email goya@hollytransfiguration.info to join our email list. **Next meeting July 22.**

Greek School: Greek language and culture classes for youth and adults, funded through tuition. The 2026-2027 school year will begin in August. Registration will open later this year and run through Aug. 14. Scan above QR code to access flyer on Ministry News page.

Hellenic Dance: Greek dance troupes for Pre-K through adults. On summer break. Email Paulina Vastakis at hellenicdance@hollytransfiguration.info with questions.

Mixed Choir: Next practice **Tues. July 14** from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Church.

Men's Choir: Next practice **Thur. Aug. 20** from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Church. Singing the Divine Liturgy on **Sun. Aug. 23.**

Parea: Our next meeting is on **Thur. Sept. 17.** Join us as all are welcome.

Philoptochos 2026 Membership Drive: renew or join for the first time, <https://holytransfiguration.info/philoptochos>

Philoptochos Book Club: Calling ALL Book Lovers! Come join the Philoptochos Book Club! We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 11 am in the PLC Library followed by optional lunch out. ALL book lover readers are welcomed to come. **NEXT MEETING - Tue. Sept. 1**, at 11:00 am. Book - *My Friends* by Frederick Bachman.

Spiritual Book Club: We are reading *Everyday Saints* (available in church bookstore). Join us on **Mon. August 10 at 7pm** in the PLC Library Email mgavalas@holytransfiguration.info to register. Scan above QR code to access flyer.

Young Adults in their 20's and 30's meet twice a month for continuing education & fellowship. Want to learn more? Join the HTGOC Young Adults GroupMe chat for notifications on events. Contact: Fr. Chris (frchris@holytransfiguration.info) or Ministry Lead (youngadults@holytransfiguration.info). **Next meeting: Sun. Aug. 9** (Second Sunday).

LINKS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

2026 Annual Membership Campaign: see the Stewardship section to learn more.

Clergy or Pastoral Assistant Home Visit: Are you or someone you know unable to attend church due to illness or some other reason? Would you or someone you know like a visit from a member of our clergy team or lay volunteer? Scan QR code (on left page) to access further details on Ministry News page.

Driver Ministry: The Driver Ministry is here to support our parish family by offering transportation to those who need assistance getting to: Medical/personal appts., Grocery stores/errands, Church services/parish events, & other essential local needs. Scan QR code (on left page) to access further details on Ministry News page.

Fellowship/Coffee Hour Sponsorship is a great way to honor someone's birthday, nameday, memory, or a significant event with your church family. For ministries, it is a great opportunity to bring awareness to your group and gain members. Scan QR code (on left page) to access further details on Ministry News page.

Parish Life Committee Seeks Team Members!

Parish Life, the behind-the-scenes group that brings the community together, is looking for volunteers to help with Sunday coffee hour and other events. Please contact:

Eleni: EReese@holytransfiguration.info

Cherie: CCookorinis@holytransfiguration.info

Lela: LBridgers@holytransfiguration.info

Philoptochos Assistance: If you or someone who's part of your community is in need, Philoptochos is here to help. Please contact Jamie Hughes at 770-710-7733 or jahughes421@gmail.com for details.

Phishing Scam Awareness: The church (priests, staff, Parish Council, ministry leads) will NEVER email or text asking you to buy gift cards or send money for any reason. If you receive such a message, IT IS A SCAM. Please disregard the request and report it to the church office (office@holytransfiguration.info or 770-924-8080). Always verify requests for financial assistance through direct communication with the church office. Protect yourself, your personal information, fellow parishioners, & the church by being cautious of these fraudulent attempts.

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2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

How to submit your 2026 Membership/Stewardship Card:

1. PAPER: Grab a paper Stewardship form from a Parish Council member in the Narthex on Sunday. You may mail back the completed paper form to the Church or drop the completed form in the offering tray.

2. ONLINE: You may complete the Online Membership/Stewardship Form on the website's Stewardship page (<https://holytransfiguration.info/join/>).

3. SCAN: use this QR code. Simply point your camera at the QR code and click the yellow link that appears in the image frame.



SO YOU KNOW	
GENERAL FUND (GF) INCOME AND EXPENSES 01/01/26-07/08/26	
Stewardship Contributions:	\$499,979
Other GF Income:	\$135,276
Total GF Income	\$630,073
Total GF Expenses:	—\$621,022
Net General Fund Balance:	\$9,051
2026 STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF 07/08/26	
# of Pledged Households:	448
2026 Budget:	\$1,030,102
Total Pledge Amount:	\$948,392
Stewardship Shortfall:	—\$81,710

KEEP UP TO DATE ON MINISTRY NEWS

1. To keep up with events digitally, please register with our email database if you haven't already at <https://tinyurl.com/yudcpubr>. If you're on our list, make sure you've added office@holytransfiguration.info to your safe senders list and contact list.
2. Ministry News is emailed every Wednesday complete with flyers and details about special events, recurring ministries, and events beyond Holy Transfiguration. Scan the QR code on the right to access the most recent email.
3. The Church Website has an up-to-date calendar and ministry pages and can be found at <https://holytransfiguration.info>.
4. Weekend Email with livestream links and a weekend schedule reminder goes out every Friday.
5. Check out the Ministry Bulletin Boards on the upper and lower level of the Parish Life Center for details about upcoming events.



RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Orthodox Christians who have prepared spiritually are invited to come forward “with the fear of God, with faith, and with love” to receive Holy Communion. Non-Orthodox Christians may receive the blessed bread (*antidoron*) offered at the conclusion of the service, but not Holy Communion. They may come up to receive a blessing during Holy Communion if they wish. Preparation for Holy Communion includes confession of sins (even of sinful thoughts) and repentance, making peace with those around us, forgiving those who hurt us, asking for forgiveness from those we have hurt, and prayer. There is a special set of prayers called "Preparation for Holy Communion" to help prepare. If you have further questions regarding the proper preparation for Holy Communion, please speak with Fr. Panayiotis.

They Marveled and Glorified God

Do you see how He is shown to be Creator of both souls and bodies? He heals the paralysis in both soul and body. The healing of the soul is made evident through the healing of the body, even while the body still remains a creature crawling on the ground. The crowds were slow to recognize who He was: “When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to humans.” ... He proceeded by His daily actions to arouse them and lift up their thinking. It would have been no small thing for Him to be thought greater than all others, as having come from God. If they had established this adequately in their own minds, they would have known in due order that He was indeed the Son of God.

But they did not grasp these things clearly. Because of this they did not come close to recognizing who He was. For again they were saying, “This man is not from God! How can this man be from God?” Their minds churned over these statements continuously. Which thing many now also do; and thinking to avenge God, fulfill their own passions, when they ought to go about all with moderation. For even the God of all, having power to launch His thunderbolt against them that blaspheme Him, makes the sun to rise, and sends forth the showers, and affords them all other things in abundance; whom we ought to imitate, and so to entreat, advise, admonish, with meekness, not angry, not making ourselves wild beasts.

St. John Chrysostom