

HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC John 5:1-15

John 5:1-15 After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed.” But he answered them, “The man who healed me, that man said to me, ‘Take up your bed, and walk.’” They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk?’” Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no

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- Communion is only for Orthodox Christians.

- Preparation for Communion: going for Confession, praying, and fasting.

- Confessions: Vespers-first Saturday of the month, Sun. before Liturgy, or by appointment.

- Make a list of living and deceased and bring it to the Altar. We'll pray for them during a Liturgy.

- For pastoral visits at home or hospital or special prayer requests ask Fr. Oleg.

- A directory of parishioners' names and addresses is available (vestibule) for those who would like to send cards or good wishes.

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Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

Христос Воскрес!

Молимося за мир в Україні!

Christos Anesti! Alethos Anesti!

Воістину Воскрес!

Let us pray for peace in Ukraine!

Sun. 03 May. *FOURTH SUNDAY of PASCHA. PARALYTIC. TONE 3. Martyrs TIMOTHY and MAURA (286) Martyr XENIA of Peloponnesus (318) MAMI, Catholicos of Georgia (744). PETER, the Wonderworker, Bishop of Argos (928) THEODOSIUS, Abbot of the Kyiv Caves & founder of cenobitic monasticism in Ukraine (1074)*

Epistle: Acts 9:32-42

John 5:1-15

Welcome all for the Coffee Hour after the Liturgy – Запрошуємо на каву після Літургії

Video in the hall: Woman's role in the Holy Scripture and the Holy Tradition (20 min.)

LITURGICAL MENEION & SCRIPTURE READINGS (NO KNEELING FOR 50 DAYS).

Mon. 04 May Virgin-martyr Pelagia of Tarsus in Asia Minor (287).

Acts 10:1-16

Jn. 6:56-69

Tue. 05 May Martyr Irene of Thessalonica (1st - 2nd c.). New Monk-martyr Ephraim.

Acts 10:21-33

Jn. 7:1-13

06:30 PM **MOLEBEN FOR UKRAINE (ST. JOSAFAT, BETHLEHEM).**

Wed. 06 May Mid-Pentecost. Righteous Job the Long-suffering. Ven. Job of Pochaiv.

Acts 14:6-18

Jn. 7:14-30

06:30 PM **Parish Board Meeting**

Thu. 07 May Martyr Acacius the Centurion (303). St. Lydia of Philippi (1st c.).

	Acts 10:34-43	Jn. 8:12-20
Fri. 08 May	Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian (98-117).	
	Acts 10:44–11:10	Jn. 8:21-30
Sat. 09 May	Righteous Tabitha (1st c.) Prophet Isaiah (8th c. B.C.). Martyr Christopher.	
	Acts 12:1-11	Jn. 8:31-42
05:00 PM	GREAT VESPERS.	
Sun. 10 May	09:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY	

- **We collected so far \$2540 for Loving Waters Campaign** for the **All-Saints Camp Water System Repair** (Emlenton, PA). The camp got a **large bill** for its water system. **Thank you all who donated!** Let's help! Envelopes near entrance.

- **Welcome to all Saints Camp!** 2026 Schedule: St. Nicholas Program: June 17–20, Diocesan Church School Camp: June 21–27, Teenage Conference: June 28 – July 11, Mommy/Daddy & Me: July 19–23. For more info visit UOCYOUTH.ORG

- **Flea Market at St. John the Baptist church down the street. May 15, 16. Flyer downstairs.**

- **Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, please take note of the yellow folders that have been placed in our Church pews. They are there for all of you to take part in singing some of our antiphons and other liturgical music. It would be uplifting if we all took part in singing to the glory God during our Liturgy. "Sing praises to our Lord, sing praises!"**

- **Pyrohy schedule: May 7, 28.** First come, first served (until we reach 250 doz.). Please volunteer for peeling, running, cooking/mashing, pinching and clean-up.

- **Sunday School Schedule: Every Sunday right after the Communion. Welcome.**

- **Please turn in Redner's save a tape.** The receipt must show the Save-A-Tape amount.

- **Virtual Bible Study Day.** Check the information on the board downstairs.

BIRTHDAYS:

06 May...Stephen Unger

09 May...Matthew Vitushinsky

МНОГАЯ ЛИТА! MANY YEARS!

NECROLOGY:

Ukrainian civilians and soldiers, killed in the Russian invasion.

03 May...Agnes Chyko '64

04 May...Semen Chychota '30, Russell Gontar '85, Helen MacKenzie '99

05 May...Theodore Miscio '57, Xenia Klodnycky '83, Leroy Drobick '84, Stella Antolick '15, Alexander Suda '97

06 May...Taras Yaremchuk (infant) '43

08 May...Anastasia Schur '68

09 May...Anastasia Machibroda '35, Catherine Osmun '10

ВІЧНАЯ ПАМ'ЯТЬ! MEMORY ETERNAL!

Євангеліє. Після цього було юдейське свято, і прийшов Ісус до Єрусалима. 2 В Єрусалимі ж біля Овечих воріт є купальня, що по-єврейськи зветься Вифезда, яка мала п'ять критих входів. 3 У них лежало багато хворих, сліпих, кривих, сухих, що чекали руху води, 4 бо ангел Господній щороку сходив у купальню і збурював воду; і хто перший входив після збурення води, той одужував, хоч би яку недугу мав. 5 Тут був чоловік, який хворів тридцять вісім років. 6 Ісус, побачивши, що він лежить, і знаючи, що вже довго хворіє, говорить йому: чи хочеш бути здоровим? 7 Недужий відповів йому: так, Господи! Але людини не маю, щоб, коли збуриться вода, опустила мене в купальню; коли ж я приходжу, інший вже поперед мене входить. 8 Ісус говорить йому: встань, візьми постіль твою і ходи. 9 І він одразу одужав, взяв постіль свою і пішов. Була ж субота у той день. 10 Тому юдеї говорили зціленому: сьогодні субота, і не слід було тобі брати постіль свою. 11 Він відповів їм: Хто зцілив мене, Той сказав мені: візьми постіль твою і ходи. 12 Його спитали: Хто Той Чоловік, Який сказав тобі: візьми постіль твою і ходи? 13 А зцілений не знав, хто Він, бо Ісус зник у натовпі, що був на тому місці. 14 Потім Ісус зустрів його у храмі і сказав йому: ось ти одужав; не гріши більше, щоб з тобою не сталося чого гіршого. 15 Чоловік цей пішов і сказав юдеям, що Той, Хто зцілив його, є Ісус.

Prayer for the health & salvation of the afflicted: Ukrainian soldiers and civilians, wounded during the Russian aggression, Metropolitan Antony, Irene Alexander, Elizabeth Zurat, Helen Crayosky, Caroline Hallman, Joseph Killino, Barbara Grason, Sandra Miller, Raisa Bakalets, Karen Yurconic, Martha Dowling, Michael Szymonifka, Karen Kankula, Evelyn Kankula, Russel Kerick, Christina Truss, John Vitushinski, Matthew Vitushinsky, Luke Vitushinski, Nadine Savitz, William Savitz, William Leszczuk, Mary Berger, Jessica Meashock, Ray Stoner, Zachary Y. Siyufy, soldier Oleh, Soldier Volodymyr, Raisa Melnychuk, Vasyl Beizyn, Lubov Shevchuk, Volodymyr Hranat, Ihor Broda, Gary Lelo, Debi Hutnick, Eric Hewko, Phil O'Brien, child Charlie, Juliana, Shirl Merolli, Stephanie Donnelly, child Alexandria, Elizabeth Pastushenko, Elena Iaroshenko, MaryAnn Ramaley, Aaliyah Osmun, Brendan Phillips, Adam Hewko, Andrew Thaxton, Susan Ferretti, Judy Albright, Daniel Kochenash, Christopher Mack, Joann Hoodmaker, Norman Betrous, Lisa Kulhanek, Esther Wilt, Benjamin Tomeo, Olena Kalichenko, Robert, Marybeth Smith, Charles Ermert, Susan Grofic, Beatrice Christoff.

Sickness and Salvation. Sickness exists in the world because of sin. If humanity had not fallen, there would be no illness—neither physical nor mental. Christ Himself teaches that sickness is a form of bondage to the devil, and He came to destroy the devil's power and restore humanity. In Christ, the forgiveness of sins, the healing of the body, the defeat of the devil, and the raising of the dead are all one act of salvation. When a person suffers illness, he experiences the consequences of the fallen world and the "sin of the world," not necessarily personal punishment. Many suffer innocently—children, the developmentally disabled, and those born with infirmities. The Church teaches that such innocent sufferers will surely be saved in God's Kingdom. From the beginning, Scripture shows that God did not threaten man with punishment but warned that sin itself brings death: "In the day you eat of it, you shall surely die." By turning from God, humanity brought corruption, sickness, and toil into the world. Because the world lies in bondage to the devil and "groans in travail" awaiting redemption, sickness and death exist as consequences of sin, not as God's desire. Yet God, in His providence, uses sickness for salvation. He does not cause illness, but since it exists through sin and the devil's deceit, He employs it to bring repentance, humility, and spiritual healing. In this limited sense, the Fathers say that "God sends sickness"—not as punishment, but as a means of salvation.

A spiritual person recognizes that illness arises from the brokenness of the world. He does not blame God, knowing that God neither causes suffering nor desires it for His servants. He trusts

that God can heal him in this life if it serves his salvation, or allow the illness to remain as a means of purification and service. Offered with faith and love, sickness becomes a path to holiness. There is no greater witness to God's love than enduring illness with patience, courage, and hope. The one who bears infirmity with virtue becomes a living testimony to divine grace. Every saint experienced bodily suffering. Saint Paul himself speaks of a "thorn in the flesh," which he begged God to remove, but the Lord answered: "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." Thus Paul could say, "When I am weak, then I am strong." All spiritual people follow Christ, Paul, and the saints in accepting sickness with the words, "Thy will be done," transforming weakness into a means of salvation for themselves and others.

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHYRSOSTOM

After "Blessed is the Kingdom..." the Priest sings "Christ is risen from the dead..." 2 ½ times; the Choir: "and upon those in tombs bestowing life."

Tropar of the Resurrection, Tone 3: Let the heavens rejoice/ Let the earth be glad/ For the Lord has shown strength with His arm/ He has trampled down death by death/ He has become the first born of the dead/ He has delivered us from the depths of Hell/ and has granted to the world/ great mercy.

Glory... Kondak of the Paralytic, Tone 3. By Your divine intercession, O Lord/ as You raised up the Paralytic of old/ so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts/ so that being saved I mayh sing to You/ "Glory to Your power, O compassionate Christ."

Now and ever. Kondak Tone 8: You descended into the tomb, O Immortal/ You destroyed the power of death/ In victory You arose, O Christ God/ proclaiming: "Rejoice to the Myrrhbearing Women/ granting peace to Your Apostles and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen."

Prokimen from the Pentecostarion, Tone 1: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us/ as we have set our hope on You.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just.

Epistle: Acts 9: 32-42 (In those days...)

Alleluia Verses, Tone 5. I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.

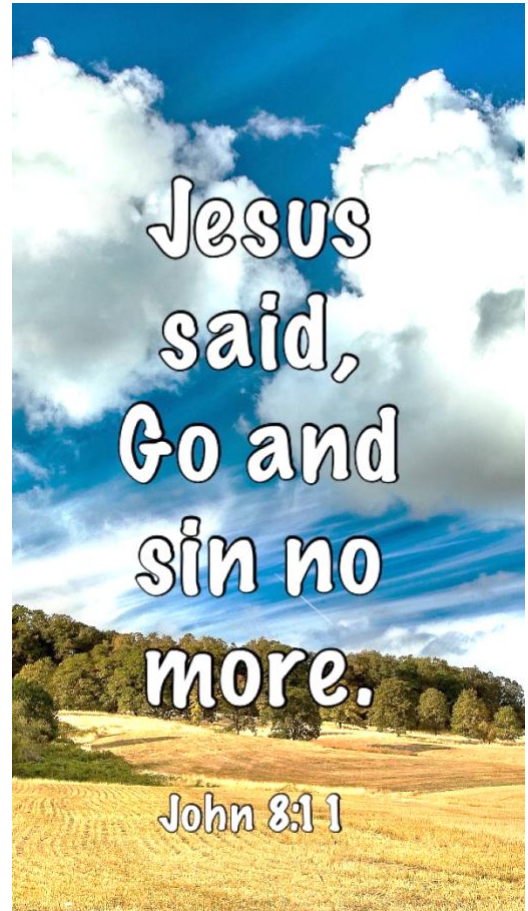
For You have said: Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be prepared in the heavens.

Gospel: John 5:1-15

Instead of “It is right in truth...” Hymn to the Theotokos:
The angel cried to the Lady, full of grace/ “Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again I say, Rejoice,/ your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb/ With Himself, He has raised all the dead.” Rejoice, O ye people.

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem/ The glory of the Lord has shone on you/ Exult now, and be glad, O Zion/ Be radiant, O pure Theotokos/ in the Resurrection of your Son.

Communion Hymn: Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia (3X)



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