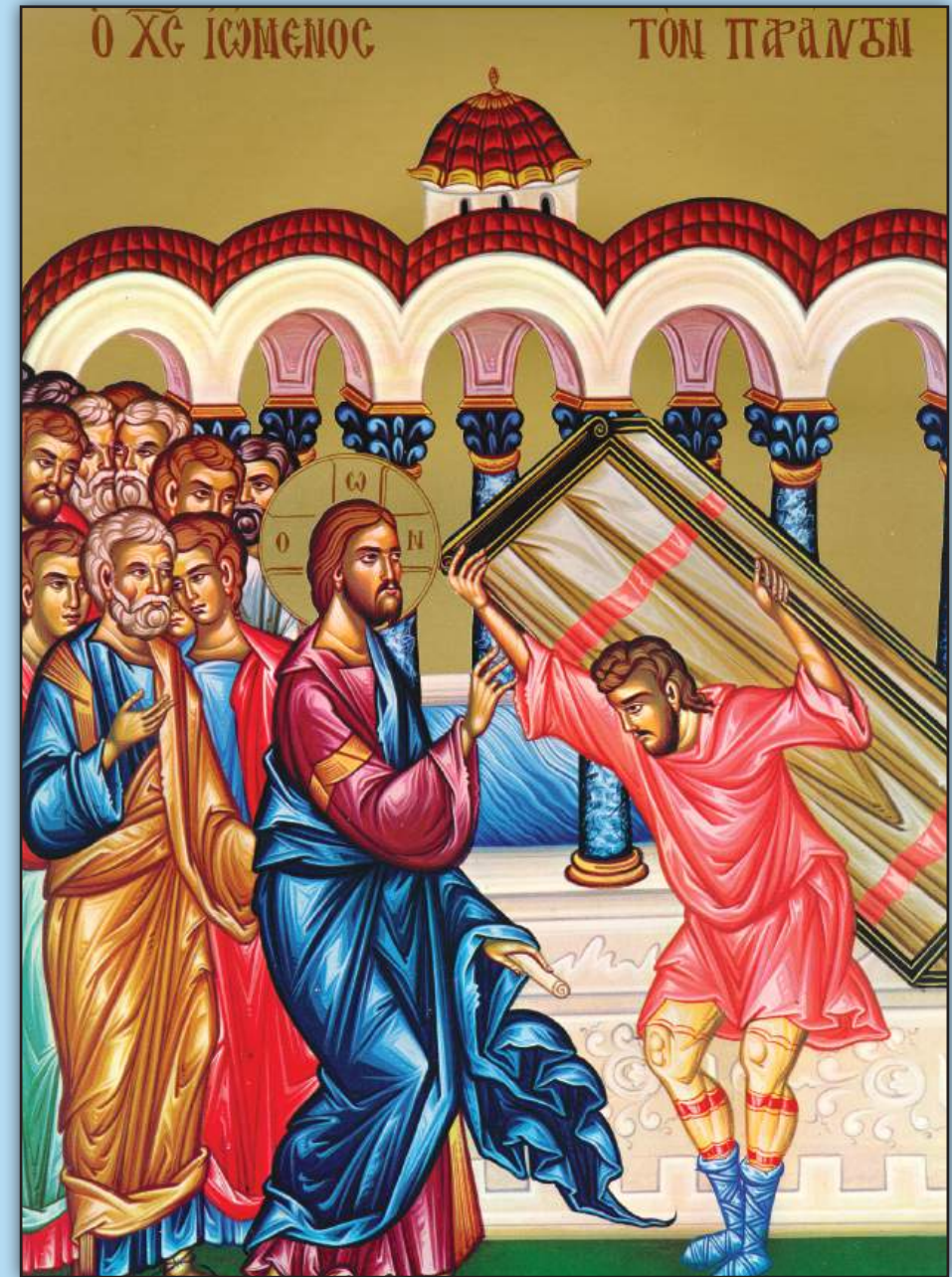


SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN



Icon of Jesus Healing the Paralytic Man

The Cure of Baptism Foreshadowed

What manner of cure is this? What mystery does it signify to us? For these things are not written carelessly, or without a purpose, but as a figure and type they show in outline things to come, in order that what was exceedingly strange might not, by coming unexpectedly, do harm among the many the power of faith. What then is it that they show in outline? A Baptism was about to be given, possessing much power, and the greatest of gifts, a Baptism purging all sins and making men alive instead of dead. These things then are foreshown as in a picture by the pool, and by many other circumstances. And first is given a water which purges the stains of our bodies, and those defilements which are not, but seem to be, as those from touching the dead, those from leprosy, and other similar causes; under the old covenant one may see many things done by water

on this account. However, let us now proceed to the matter in hand.

First then, as I before said, He causes defilements of our bodies, and afterwards infirmities of different kinds, to be done away by water. Because God, desiring to bring us nearer to faith in Baptism, no longer heals defilements only, but diseases also. For those figures which came nearer [in time] to the reality, both as regarded Baptism, and the Passion, and the rest, were plainer than the more ancient. ... And this miracle was done in order that men, learning that it is possible by water to heal the diseases of the body, and being exercised in this for a long time, might more easily believe that it can also heal the diseases of the soul.

St. John Chrysostom



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Christ is risen! Truly He is risen! Христос воскрес! Воістину воскрес!

Divine Liturgy in English, Sundays 10:30am
Holy Mystery of Repentance (Confession): Sundays, 9:45am

**APRIL 26, 2026 – THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA –
SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC**

GIVING REPORT – The in-pew collection for April 19 was \$1,210.

WEEKDAY DIVINE LITURGY (Feast of Mid-Pentecost) – Wednesday, April 29, 6pm.
Confession available at 5:30pm.

Congratulations to the newly illumined servant of God, **Jubilee Josephine Martin**, newly born daughter of Elliot and Maribeth Martin, who received the Holy Mysteries of Initiation – Baptism, Chrismation, and Holy Communion – on Sunday, April 26, the Third Sunday after Pascha. May the Lord grant to her and her family a long life and many happy, healthy, and blessed years!
Mnohaya i blahaya lita!



The growth of the Christian in deification is marked by the services of the Sundays from Pascha to Pentecost: it begins with the encounter with the Risen Christ (Sunday of Pascha, Thomas Sunday, and Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women), which leads to radical changes in particular persons—and in us as well (Sundays of the Paralytic, of the Samaritan Woman and of the Man Born Blind). The image of “living water” at the feast of Mid-

Pentecost indicates the promise of the Holy Spirit, through whose grace we receive divinization. (*Christ Our Pascha Catechism*, 572)

In the middle of this fourth week of Pascha, the middle day between Easter and Pentecost is solemnly celebrated. It is called the feast of Mid-Pentecost, at which Christ, “in the middle of the feast” teaches men of his saving mission and offers to all “the waters of immortality” (Jn 7:14). Again, we are reminded of the Master’s presence and his saving promise: “If anyone is thirsty let him come to Me and drink” (Jn 7:37). We think also once again of our death and resurrection with Christ in our baptism, and our reception of the Holy Spirit from him in our chrismation. We “look back to one and anticipate the other” as one of the hymns of the feast puts it. We know that we belong to that kingdom of the Risen Christ where “the Spirit and the Bride say, ‘Come!’ And let him who is thirsty come, let him who desires take the water of life without price” (Rev 22:17; Is 55:1).

UPCOMING DIACONAL ORDINATION - With gratitude to Almighty God, the Most Reverend Borys Gudziak, Metropolitan-Archbishop of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia, will ordain Subdeacon Kyle Hayes and Subdeacon David Wallace to the Order of Deacon. You are cordially invited to attend the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and the Rite of Ordination on Sunday, May 17, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. in Saints Joachim and Anna Ukrainian Catholic Church. A reception will follow on the parish grounds. Please RSVP by May 2 to ssjarsvp@gmail.com. It is customary to congratulate the newly ordained deacons with a gift should you wish to do so.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Nancy & Jon Anderson, Julie, Lisa Behnke, Alison Bernhoft, Yevhenia Borys, Robert Matthew, Carrie Chuff, Arthur Dhanagom, Elizabeth Deegan, Clara Anne Duda, Fr Michael Duesterhaus, Robert Dulaine, Pat Fagan, Danylo (Neyko) Fedoryka, Fr Mark Fesniak, Emma Flournoy, Katie Flynn, Lilian Garland, Jerry Gawron, CR Gausch, Samuel Gausch, Josie Hacker, Brigid and Marlena Hess, Ellen Hitchens, Janet Hitchens, Fr Robert Hitchens, Oksana Horszynska, Ihor Hulawyyj, Walter Janaro, Sarah Kelt, Dixie Lane, Catherine Luckey, Destiny Makins, Michael Marshner & Family, Bridget McDonald, Laura McMahon, Vince McLaughlin, Thomas Pavick, Phillip Rexrode, Ivanna Richardson & Family, Chris Saboe, Betsy Sayre, Truman L Sayre, Jr, CJ & Theresa Sidrow, Amy Smith, Karena Tapsak, Fr George Worschak, and Éamonn Yockey.

*Teresa Fedoryka is our prayer coordinator; please email bulletin prayer requests to
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Fourth Sunday of Pascha - Of the Paralytic

According to Galician usage, we continue to sing the First Antiphon of Pascha (p. 100) and the Third Antiphon (p. 108), "Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord" with the refrain "Son of God, risen from the dead," until the eve of Ascension. After the priest exclaims "Blessed is the Kingdom" and we have responded "Amen," the clergy sing the Paschal Troparion ("Christ is risen") once, the people repeat it, then the clergy sing the first half and the people conclude it.

Troparion Tone 3 (p. 524). Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with his arm.* He trampled death by death; He became the first born of the dead;* He saved us from the abyss of Hades* and granted great mercy to the world.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, Tone 3 (p. 526). Lord, as of old You raised the Paralytic,* lift my soul by Your divine presence,* for by many sins and foolish actions,* I, too, am now afflicted and crippled.* Raise me, that being saved I may cry to You:* Glory to Your power, O merciful Christ.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 8 (p. 527). Though You descended into a tomb, O Immortal One,* yet You destroyed the power of Hades;* and You rose as victor, O Christ God,* calling to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice!* and giving peace to Your Apostles:* You, who grant Resurrection to the fallen. *Today's propers are replaced by the rites of initiation - baptism and chrismation.*

Prok. Tone 1 (p. 528). Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us* as we have hoped in You.
verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.

Epistle (Acts 9:32-42). In those days Peter went here and there among all the believers, he came down also to the saints living in Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years, for he was paralysed. Peter said to him, 'Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; get up and make your bed!' And immediately he got up. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Alleluia, Tone 5, p 348

verse: Of Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.

verse: For You have said, "Mercy will be established forever."

Gospel (John 5:1-15). At that time Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Bethesda, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralysed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, 'Do you want to be made well?' 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 making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.' Jesus said to him, 'Stand up, take your mat and walk.' At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, 'It is the sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat.' But he answered them, 'The man who made me well said to me, "Take up your mat and walk." ' They asked him, 'Who is the man who said to you, "Take it up and walk"?' Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there. Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, 'See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you.' The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

Hymn to the Mother of God (p. 507). The Angel cried out to the One full of Grace: O chaste Virgin, rejoice! And again I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and raised the dead. Let all people rejoice! Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exult now and be glad, O Sion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Verse. Receive the Body of Christ;* taste the fountain of immortality.* Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest. Alleluia (*thrice*).

*At Communion, the Paschal Troparion replaces "Blessed is He who comes...", "We have seen the true light...", and "Let our mouths be filled..." For the last of these, the Troparion is sung thrice. Instead of "Blessed be the name of the Lord" we sing the Paschal Troparion thrice. It is sung again once (using the simple chord chant) instead of "Glory be..." at the dismissal. After the final "Amen" the priest, with cross raised on high, exclaims "Christ is risen!" thrice and we respond "Truly He is risen!" each time. Then, the Paschal Troparion is sung as at the beginning (priest, then people, then together), but with the addition: Priest: And to us He has granted life eternal; People: **We bow down before His Resurrection on the third day.***