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Bulletin

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Sunday of the Paralytic

O Thou Who holdest the ends of the earth in the palm of Thy hand, O Jesus our God, Who art co-beginningless with the Father, and Who, together with the Holy Spirit dost rule over all things: Thou didst appear in the flesh, healing infirmities, driving away passions, and giving sight to the blind. And, by a divine word, Thou didst raise up the paralytic, commanding him to walk straightway and to take up upon his shoulders his bed, which had carried him. Wherefore, together with him we all praise Thee and cry: O Compassionate Christ, glory to Thy dominion and might. --Oikos of the Feast

On this, the fourth Sunday of Pascha, we make commemoration of the Paralytic and, as is meet, we celebrate the miracle wrought for him.

The word of Christ was strength for the paralytic; And thus this word alone was his healing.

Jesus healed the Paralytic at the Sheep's Pool, located near the Sheep's Gate of Jerusalem, where people sacrificed their beasts and washed their insides. The pool had five sides, with a porch and arch on each. A number of people, afflicted with various diseases, passed through them, waiting at the water for an angel to come down and stir it. Once it moved, whoever stepped into the water first was instantly healed. One poor man, whose story is recounted in today's Gospel lection in the Divine Liturgy, waited 38 years for someone to lower him into the water, because he was unable to move into the water himself. However, the Savior merely commanded the man to get up and walk, and he was healed.

By Thy boundless mercy, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017. 4th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 3. Paralytic. 4th
Repose of St. Alexis Toth, Confessor and Defender of Orthodoxy in
America (1909). Paralytic. Commemoration of the Appearance of the Sign of the
Precious Cross over Jerusalem in 351 AD. Martyr Acacius the Centurion at
Byzantium (303). Repose of Ven. Nilus, Abbot of Sora (1508). St. John of Zaden
in Georgia, and 12 disciples: Ss. Shio, David, Anthony, Thaddæus, Stephen,
Isidore, Michael, Pyrrhus, Zeno, Jesse, Joseph, and Abibus (6th c.). Ven. Nilus
the Myrrhusher of Lavra (Mt. Athos—1651). Monk Martyr Pachomius (Mt.
Athos—1730). The “ZHIROVITSKAYA” Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos
(1470).

FIRST ANTIPHON

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise!

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

Say to God: How awesome are Thy deeds! So great is Thy power that Thy enemies cringe before Thee!

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee! Let it praise Thy name, O Most High!

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

SECOND ANTIPHON

God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Thy countenance upon us and have mercy on us!

**O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee:
Alleluia!**

That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nations!

**O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee:
Alleluia!**

Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God! Let all the people give thanks to Thee!

**O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee:
Alleluia!**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God,

Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and wast crucified, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face.

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire.

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad.

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

This is the day which the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

TROPARIA

(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.

(Tone 4) O righteous Father Alexis, our heavenly intercessor and teacher, divine adornment of the Church of Christ, entreat the Master of All to strengthen the Orthodox Faith in America, to grant peace to the world// and to our souls great mercy!

(Tone 4) In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, a model of meekness, and teacher of abstinence, so you won the heights by humility,

and riches by poverty, O Holy Father Nicholas, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

KONTAKION

(Tone 8) Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming: “Rejoice!” to the Myrrhbearing Women, granting peace to Thy Apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

The Prokeimenon in the First Tone: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee.

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

THE READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES

(9:32-43) *In those days:* as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed.” And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas, that is Gazelle. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, “Please come to us without delay.” So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, rise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Alleluia, Tone 5

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

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN (5:1-15) At that time 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 Bethzatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your pallet, and walk.” And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, “It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet.” But he answered them, “The man who healed me said to me, ‘Take up your pallet, and walk.’” They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your pallet, 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 more, that nothing worse befall you.” The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

THE 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

The Gospel according to Saint Luke
24:12-35 (5th Matins Gospel)

But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened. Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him. And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?" Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?" And He said to them, "What things?" So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see. Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory? And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them. Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?" So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health for all the Panoffs, Tsotsos & Gonsers

Joe Neely

Fr. Joe, Fr. Tom, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, Noah, JoAnn, Nicolai, Kosta,
Luba, Jimmy, Laurie, Walt, Zina, Dorothy, Allen, Deborah, Michael, Allison,
Anna, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Gloria, Ted, Marlene, Nicholas, Margaret, Gladys,
my family and friends

Toni~Health & Blessings!

Special Intention

Angelo & Christine
Dad, Mom & Sarah

Joe Tome
Angelo & Helen Popoff
Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Aspasia Stathopoulos

Aspasia Stathopoulos ~Memory Eternal! Blessed Repose

Aspasia Stathopoulos

Joe Tome
Dorothy Goodman & family
Angelo & Christine

Niki Panos, Aspasia Stathopoulos, David Timma~Memory Eternal
Stella Branoff (8 yrs.)
Niki Panos ~Memory Eternal! Blessed Repose
Freda Farone~Beloved Mother & Grandmother

Sredich family
Tom, Linda, Peter & Marilyn
Dorothy Goodman & family
Children & Grandchildren

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

Kevin Campbell

Adams family



CHRIST IS RISEN! Last weekend our church received the Holy Fire from the Church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem which encloses the Tomb of our Lord. It is there that Christ rose from the dead. This fire miraculously comes to the Patriarch of Jerusalem's candles in the tomb on Holy Saturday. We will keep the fire in the altar. You may light candles from the Holy Fire next to the Resurrection icon at the Tomb of our Lord to take to your homes.

Welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas! Please join us for fellowship in our parish hall.

COFFEE & DONUTS are donated by the Branoff family in memory of Stella Branoff (8 yrs.) and Freda Farone (2 yrs.)

PARISH COUNCIL meets on Tuesday, May 9th at 6:30 pm. Please contact the office if you are unable to attend.

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING will be held SUNDAY, MAY 21 to elect a lay delegate to our Diocesan Conference. The Conference will be held June 24-25 at St. Cyril & Methodius Church, Lorain, OH.

FIRST EVER ST NICHOLAS FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT! On Friday, May 12th at the church at 6pm. Please bring a dish to pass. Popcorn will be provided. Our first movie will be Moana. Please feel free to bring your family and friends, even if they do not attend St. Nicholas.

PASCHA FLOWERS Thank you again for all of the donations for Pascha celebrations. The flowers can be picked up today in the hall by those who sponsored them.

CEMETERY Those whose family's headstones were affected should contact their homeowner insurance to determine coverage.

CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting bar and hand soap for the month of May. Place the items in the Blue Box in the hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items.

FOOD DRIVE Place non-perishable food items in the other blue box in the hall.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Please come on Thursday, June 1 (9:00 to 1:00pm) to minister to Christ in our brothers and sisters. Sign up on the form in the narthex.



GRADUATIONS It's that time of year again. If you have anyone in your family that will be graduating from High School or College please let us know so that we may put their name in our June bulletin. We will need the following information no later than May, 15th. 1) Name of Graduate 2) School they are graduating from 3) If they are graduating with honors 4) Name of the parents and grandparents and 5) Where they will be attending in the fall if they are a high school graduate.

MEMORY ETERNAL

Ron Waskerwitz fell asleep in the Lord yesterday, May 6, in Huntsville, AL. He is the brother of Peggy Russell & the nephew of Rose & John Goodman. Funeral arrangements are pending. Bog da prosti! Christ is risen!

Aspasia Stathopoulos fell asleep in the Lord Saturday, April 29. She was buried from church on Thursday, May 4 at Evergreen Cemetery. Bog da prosti! Christ is risen!

Schedule of services and events for the week of May 7, 2017:

Tuesday, May 9

6:30 pm Parish Council meeting

Wednesday, May 10

9 am **MIDPENTECOST**
Divine Liturgy
11 am Adult Education

Thursday, May 11

Fr. Matthew in Toledo

Friday, May 12

6 pm Fr. out of the office
Family Movie Night – “Moana”

Saturday, May 13

5:00 pm Vespers

Sunday, May 14

9:30 am **SAMARITAN WOMAN – 5TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA** **MOTHER’S DAY**
10:00 am Third Hour
Divine Liturgy

Offerings for the week April 30, 2017

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1,755.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$4,034.03
	\$-2,279.03

84 people were in attendance on Sunday, April 30, 2017

“If you cannot see Christ in the beggar at the church door, you will not find Him in the chalice.”
St. John Chrysostom