

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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Sat. June 1	3:30 pm	<i>Understanding the Times</i> class
	5 pm	NO VESPERS
Sun. June 2	9 am	Divine Liturgy
Sat. June 8	3:30 pm	<i>Understanding the Times</i> class
	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. June 9	9 am	Divine Liturgy

*And to us He has given Eternal Life!
Let us worship His Resurrection on the Third Day!*

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!

ARABIC: EL MESSIEH KAHM! HAKKEN KAHM!

GREEK: CHRISTOS ANESTI! ALITHOS ANESTI!

ROMANIAN: HRISTOS A INVIAT! ADEVĂRAT A ÎNVIAT!

RUSSIAN: KHRISTOS VOSKRESE! VOISTINU VOSKRESE!

SPANISH: CRISTO HA RESUCITADO! EN VERDAD HA RESUCITADO!

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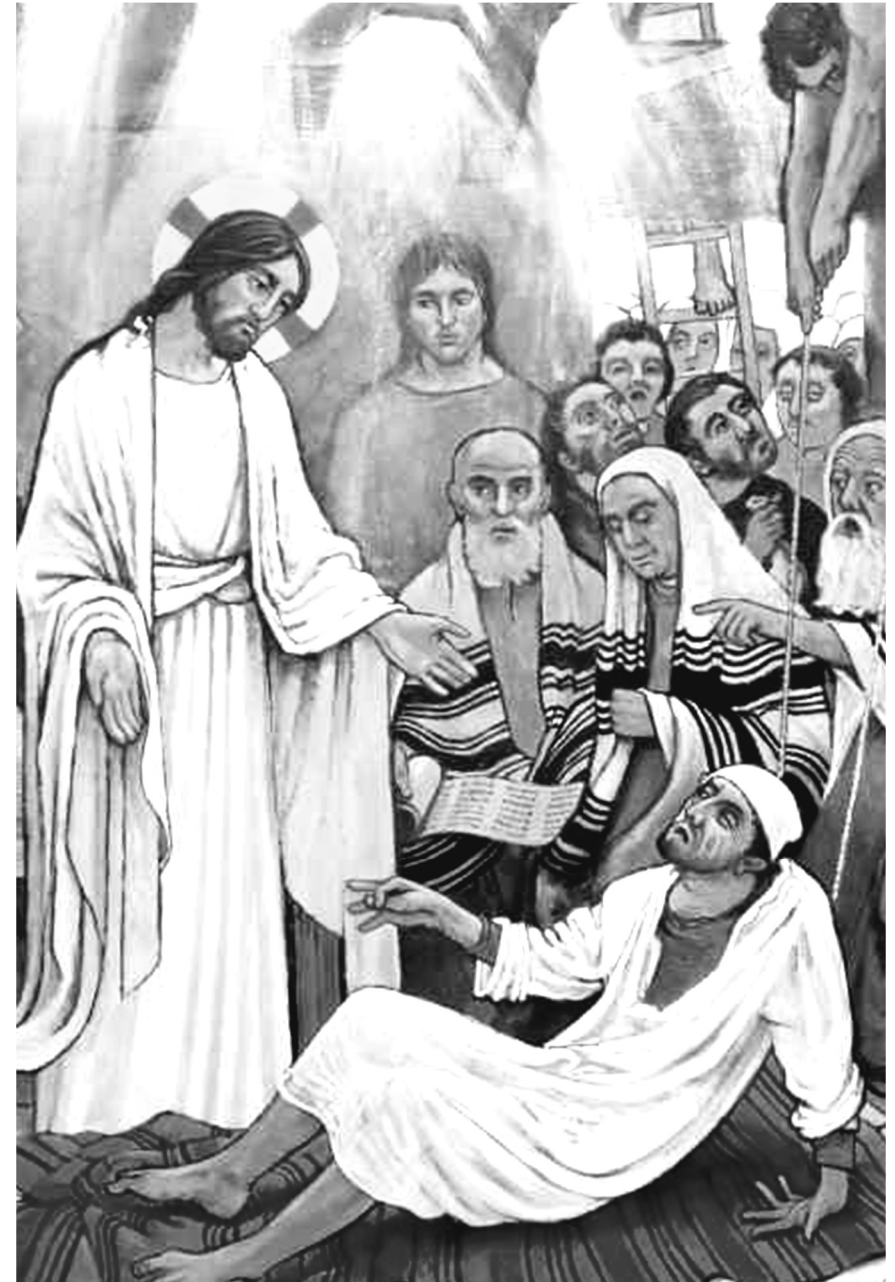
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SUN. MAY 26, 2024

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

TONE 3





The Paschal season services begin:

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. *(twice)*

And finally,

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,

People: **And upon those in the tombs bestowing life!**



Prokeimenon in the 1st Tone (Ps 33)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee!
Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just!

EPISTLE: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 9:32-42

IN THOSE DAYS, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately. So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. Then

he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.+

Alleluia in the 5th Tone (Ps 89)

I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth will I proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.
For Thou hast said: "Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens."

GOSPEL: 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, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, 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. Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed." He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'" Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.+

A Special Thank You
To
All of our Choir singers, altar servers,
and readers for all your good work
during Holy Week and Pascha



Your hard work, devotion, and endurance made our
Lenten, Holy Week and Paschal services
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THE DAYS BEFORE US

Each Sunday in the Paschal Season is devoted to a particular theme.

The broad theme of the Paschal season is WATER.

On Bright Monday, for example, it is traditional for Orthodox women to 'sprinkle' the men (especially the priest) with holy water.

On Bright Tuesday, the men sprinkle the women.



2ND SUNDAY OF THE HOLY MYRRHBEARERS



This Sunday commemorates the Myrrhbearing woman and Nicodemus and the noble Joseph of Arimathea, and how their tears of sorrow were transformed into tears of joy.

There are eight women who are generally identified as the myrrh-bearers. They are Mary Magdalene, Mary, the Theotokos, Joanna, Salome, Mary the wife of Cleopas, Susanna, Mary of Bethany, and Martha of Bethany.

3RD SUNDAY

THE SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC



After that, the Sunday of the Paralytic, Jesus heals the paralytic who laid by the Sheep's Pool in Jerusalem for thirty-eight years, waiting for someone to put him into the pool. The first one to enter the pool after an angel troubled the water would be healed of his infirmities, but someone always entered the pool before him. Christ is the Source of Living Water.

The Church reminds the faithful that through baptism in the church we, too, are healed and saved by Christ for eternal life. Thus, in the church, we are told, together with the paralytic, to sin no more that nothing worse befall you" (John 5:14).

4TH SUNDAY

SUNDAY OF SAMARITAN WOMAN



deals with St. Photini with whom Christ spoke at Jacob's Well from the Gospel of St John. Again the theme is the "living water" and the recognition of Jesus as God's Messiah. She goes forward to proclaim Christ to the Samaritans who acknowledge Christ as the Savior of the World! Powerful witness from a sinner who was illumined (Photini means 'light') by meeting the Source of Living Water.

This is a reminder of new life in Christ, of drinking of the "living water," of true worship of God in the Christian messianic age "in Spirit and in Truth" (John 4:23-24). Salvation is offered to all: Jews and Gentiles, men and women, saints and sinners.

5TH SUNDAY

SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN



Finally, on the Sunday of the Blind Man, Jesus takes dirt and spittle and gives sight to a man born blind, after he washes in the pool of Siloam (which means 'sent'). Jesus takes clay and water to heal this man born blind. He is then immediately sent to wash in the pool, and receives his sight.

There is a pattern which we see every week. After the experience of Christ as the fountain of Living Water (the Holy Spirit, that is) we are reminded, like the Apostles, not to try and spread the Word until clothed with power from on high, but having received the Holy Spirit, we must, like them, spread the good news, the Gospel, and give our testimony before all men and all nations.

We have a testimony to give. God has given us eternal life, and freedom from the bondage of our passions.

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