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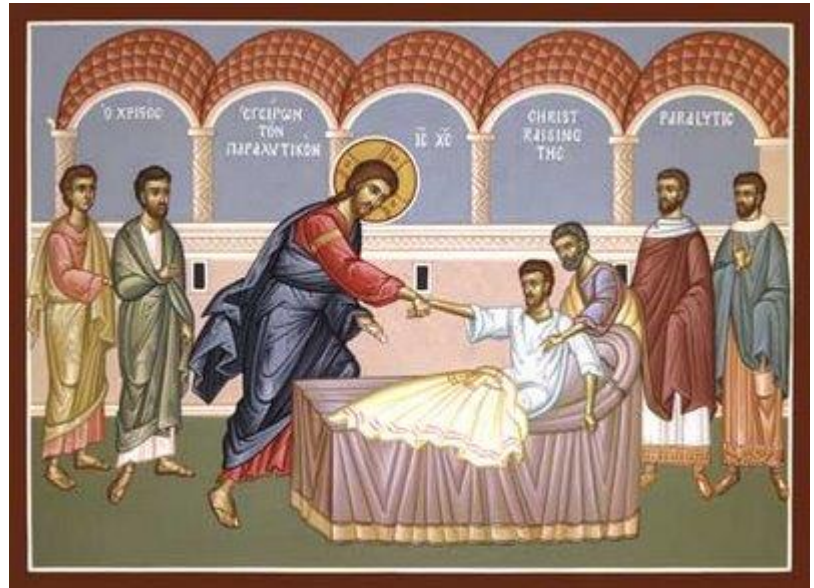
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MAY 3, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PASCHA
SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

EPISTLE: Acts 9:32-42

In those days, Peter went through all parts of the country, and 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



Healing of the Paralytic at Bethesda

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.

GOSPEL: John 5:1-15

At that time, 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.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

MON. May 4	Virgin Martyr Pelagia of Tarsus; Acts 10:1-16, Jn 6:56-69
TUE. May 5	Great Martyr Irene; Acts 10:21-33, Jn 7:1-13
WED. May 6	Midfeast of Pentecost, Righteous Job the Long-Suffering; Acts 14:6-18, Jn 7:14-30
THU. May 7	Saint Alexis Toth, Confessor and Defender of Orthodoxy in America; Acts 10:34-43, Jn 8:12-20
FRI. May 8	Apostle and Evangelist John, the Theologian; Acts 10:44-11:10, Jn 8:21-30
SAT. May 9	Prophet Isaiah; Acts 12:1-11, Jn 8:31-42

4:00 PM VESPERS

SUN. May 10 5th SUNDAY AFTER PASCHA, SAMARITAN WOMAN, Tone 4

9:10 AM HOURS

9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY Followed by Coffee Hour



FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Tina Rindfleisch & Tony Monastra, 2119 Willow Cove Marblehead, OH 43440; **Greg Twarek**, 117 Lucien Drive, Marblehead, OH 43440 **Patti Owens**, 311 Woodbridge Road Vermilion, OH 44089; **Irene Vangeloff**, 3580 Shaw Ave., Apt. 305, Cincinnati, OH 45208 Tel.: (513) 376-9693

PRAYER LIST

Parishioners & Family: Hayden Issler / Roger Pinta Jr. / Greg Twarek / Amber Twarek / Richard Williams / Christine Twarek / Tony Monastra / Alvin Foland / Delaine Ward (Ron Royhab's sister) / Danielle and her unborn baby / Nikki and her unborn baby / Kristen Cassell / Laura DeKemper / Tom Hileman / Cliff & Kathy Ruggles / Sandra / Renee Haynal / Sharon Shaheen (Patti Owen's sister) / Heidi Golob / Ron & Bobbie Royhab / Rodney Clevenger / Jennifer Heffernan / Pam / Jim Twarek / Ed Garrity / Patti Owens / Barbara Wroblewski / Michal Tomáš / Helena Tomášová / Ruth Sheller / Carol / David Martin / Fred Soski / Irene Vangeloff / Sonja Rose / James Bargdill / Carole Conaway / Gary Conaway / Sharon Dietrich / Michael Glovinsky / Shirley Gresh / Betty Kovach / Child Stella Miller / William Pipenur / Helen Jean Rofkar / George Royhab / Marianne Royhab / Kathy Jacob / the child Bodhi Cassell / Gleice, Sophie & Chloe / Carol / Nora.

Other Requests: Dorothy Bailey / Bob Stephenson / Jim Rinaldo / Roy / Greg / Patty Wandover / Russ M. / Suzeann / Laura Engler / Robin (Niece of Kathy Ruggles) / Catechumen Sessely / Catechumen Daniel / Catechumen Adam / Catechumen Joshua / Catechumen Stephanie / Catechumen Max / Catechumen Michael / Catechumen Sharon / Steve Rohweder / Nicole Williams / John Couture / Ann Turinsky / Marcia / Catechumen Blake Shoemaker / Linkoln Paull / Matushka Melania / Sharyn Osborne / Amy / Bill Byrnes / Susanne / Charles Schlett / Kathy Debevits / Anthony / Archpriest Ján Čižmár / Archpriest David Lis / Archpriest Emilian Hutnyan / Archpriest John Adamcio / Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan / Donald Gresh / Mark Ludvik / Robert Piznar / William / Rick Rowe / Chris.

Military: Craig Cassell / Jake Ellithorpe / Jordon Fulton / Justin Issler / Tikhon / Nicholas / & All Military



MAY REPOSED

Julia Onyock (1921) No date provided; Andrew Onyock (1922) No date provided; Christos Karniotis (1992) No date provided; **1-**Donald Cholcher (2020); **4-** Norman Anthony Glovinsky (2016); **8-** Brad Bauer (2019); **14-** Stanley Lis (2019); **15-** George Glovinsky (1986); **21-** Anna Mazurik (2008); **22-** Mary Opritza (2011); **24-** Helen Greshko (1980); **25-** Anna Mazurak (1966); **25-** Philip Timko (2021); **27-** John Gresko- (2008); **30-** Anna Elchisco (1977)



VIGILS FOR April 26

Susan Guzy 1 Special Intentions

Laura Kovach 3 For health and/or healing of Bob C., Paul W., Robin L., Margi & Joe, Heidi & Wayne G., Lindsay & Janet, Jerry Z., Patti O., Deb F., Tony M., Russ M, Burt K., Bobbie & Ron R., Peggy S., Brenda T., Betty K., Margaret M., Mark M., Dana M.,

Bodi C.

Safe travels for family & friends

Special Intentions

Sandy Martin 1 Special Intentions

Natalie Twarek 10 Safe Travel for Missy & Andy, Health & recovery of Fr John, Health & Recovery of Mary Hudak, For the health of Nikki and unborn baby, For the health of Fr Peter & Matushka Michelle, For the health of Fr John & Matushka Melania, Health and recovery of Greg, Amber, Tina and Dina, Claire & Laura Arnold, For the health and recovery of Rodney & Carol, Ken, Bob, Richard, Patty, Patti, Laura, Kathy & Cliff, Irene, Ron & Bobbie, Betty, Kayla, Heidi, Wayne, Peggy, Marcia, Health and healing for Father's parents Michal & Helena and Matushka's mom Barbara & Walter, For the health of Mimi, Elaine, Christine, Jen, Tony, Father David, Carole, Gary, Sharon, Sonya, Margi & Joe, MaryAnn & Bob, Bodhi, Stella, Jake, Pat



MAY CANDLE SPONSORS

Altar Candles: Fr. Peter and Mat. Michelle, For Health and God’s Blessings for Barbara Wroblewski, and Michal & Helena Tomáš **(\$50); Chandelier:** Available **(\$50); Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** Available **(\$25); Candles at the Cross:** Laura Kovach, Birthday blessings to Michael **(\$20); Candles at St. Tikhon Icon:** Available **(\$20)**



READERS LIST

Sunday May 3 – Tim
Sunday May 10 – Joe



ATTENDANCE

04/25 Divine Liturgy – St. Tikhon’s Seminary Choir visit, **43** attending (16 guests); **04/25** Vespers **6** attending; **04/26** Divine Liturgy, **32** attending (7 guests)



MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

5 – Joe Schutt; **5** – Sebastian Stamp; **6** – Fred & Teri Cassell Anniversary (45); **7** – Adalyn Davenport (4); **8** – Laura Kovach; **16** – David & Sandy Martin Anniversary (46); **17** – Tony & Tina Monastra Anniversary (34); **17** – Mike Cole; **20** – Joe & Valerie Schutt Anniversary (9); **26** – Quincy Kowal*



SUNDAY OFFERING

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Tithe	\$1,057.00
Donations	\$ 75.00
Candles	\$ 66.00
Vigils	\$ 85.00
Cemetery Donation	\$ 150.00
Candles at the Cross	\$ 25.00
Building Restoration	\$ 474.00
St. Tikhon’s Seminary (June)	\$ 959.00
Total:	\$2,891.00

May the Lord reward you for your financial and spiritual support!



CHARITY OF THE MONTH

“Joyful Connections” is the charity we donate to for the month of May.

UP-COMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Apr 27th** Parish Council Meeting 6:30 PM (*Monday*)
- May 10th** Samaritan Woman – Mother’s Day (*Sunday*)
- May 21st** Ascension of Our Lord 9:30 AM (*Thursday*)
- May 23rd** First Market Day of the season 8:00 AM (*Saturday*)
- May 30th** Memorial Saturday Div. Liturgy 9:30 (*Saturday*)
- May 31st** HOLY PENTECOST (*Sunday*)





COFFEE HOUR SPONSOR LIST

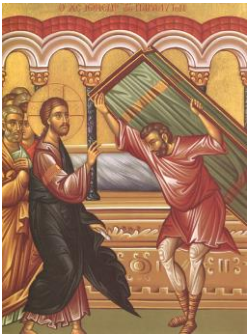
May 3 - Natalia & Ryan
May 10 - Sessely & Dan
May 17 - Available

Please sign up to host coffee hour. Signup sheet is located in the Social Hall



CLEANING SCHEDULE

May 4, Sue
May 11, Jean
May 18, Stephanie
May 25, Greg



Sunday of the Paralytic

Commemorated on May 3

Many miracles in the Old Testament involve water. To name but a few, the water of the Nile turned to blood after Moses lifted his rod and struck the water before Pharaoh and His servants (Exodus 7:20). Not only was the Nile turned to blood, but also "their rivers, their canals, their ponds, and all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and there shall be blood throughout the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone" (Exodus 7:19).

In chapter 14 of Exodus, Moses divided the waters of the Red Sea, and the Hebrews passed over as if on dry land. When they were safely across, the waters came together, and their Egyptian pursuers were drowned.

On their forty year journey to the Promised Land, the Hebrews camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for them to drink. The people murmured against Moses, asking him why he had led them out of Egypt. God told Moses to strike the rock at Horeb. Then water came out of it so that everyone could drink (Exodus 17:6).

In Judges 6:36-40 we read about Gideon and the dew on the fleece. When Gideon squeezed the fleece, there was enough to fill a bowl with water.

On the Fourth Sunday of Pascha, the Church remembers the man who lay paralyzed at the Sheep Pool in Jerusalem for thirty-eight years, waiting for someone to put him into the pool. The first person to enter the pool after an Angel troubled the water would be healed of his infirmities, but someone always entered the pool before him. Seeing the man, the Lord felt compassion for him and healed him.

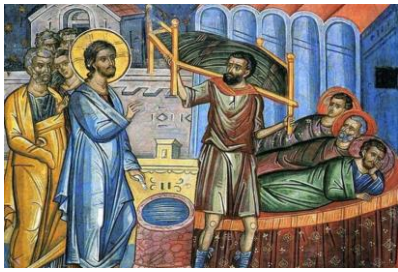
The Lord healed the paralytic during the days of the Passover, when He had gone to Jerusalem for the Feast, and He remained there teaching and working miracles. According to Saint John the Theologian, this miracle took place on the Sabbath.

Like some Old Testament miracles, many of Christ's miracles also involved water, and they prefigure the Church's Baptism, which cleanses us of every sin. In the Sheep Pool, once a year, only one person was healed, but Christ saves endless multitudes by divine Baptism. Sometimes, as in the case of Saint Vladimir (July 15), Baptism can also heal our bodily infirmities.

In the Canon for the Paralytic, the Angel who stirred the water in the Sheep Pool is identified as the Archangel Michael. Some of the Troparia call him "Leader of the Angels," and "Supreme Commander" (Ode 1). In Ode 3 we ask him to "protect us from falling into the passions of life." In Ode 6, we ask Saint Michael to guide us on the paths of life." In Ode 8, we ask him to pray with all the Bodiless Hosts, that

we may be granted deliverance from our offenses, correction of our life, and the enjoyment of eternal blessings.

As we remember the paralytic, let us ask Christ to "raise up our souls, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts" (Kontakion of the paralytic).



Sunday of the Paralytic

by Metropolitan Antonij Surozhskij

Let me draw your attention to these three features of today's Gospel readings. The first is the sheer horror of being in dire need for thirty-eight years, broken down by a physical illness and not finding anyone who would care and help. What happened to this man happens to millions of others in our days. Because of the coldness of our hearts and our lack of care for others, many sick and starving people are growing desperate in the spirit and looking unsuccessfully for their way in life, and ultimately, for the Living God. We are cold at heart, and millions of people are in darkness, loneliness, and despair.

The second feature concerns exactly this: how many of us can say that when they had a desire, a dream or a goal, and another person next to them had needed the same more strongly and for a longer time they stepped aside and sacrificed their wants. How many were willing to say to their brother or sister, "You go first, and I will wait." In response to such an act, the Lord might have given each of us – if we had found the courage to act in this way – such spiritual calm and light that would have made irrelevant our most desperate desires.

Finally, Christ says to this man, "Beware and sin no more, or you will have greater sorrow than you have had so far." Sin is manifest in words, thoughts, actions and volitions, but at its foundation, sin is breaking away from God, for God alone is the key to our integrity and wholeness. When we break away from Him, we deprive ourselves of the very possibility to be whole. But we open up to it whenever we act towards another in the same way as Christ would act towards him. Christ showed us the meaning of being human – to be whole, to bear within us His Divine peace and Glory. He showed us the way. He reminded us that whatever we did not do for the least of His brothers and sisters we did not for Him, and conversely, whatever we did for them, we did for Him; for when we do something good for someone we love, the loving person will not forget it.

Let us not stop thinking about our readings today. Let us keep on reflecting on the shadows of understanding that I have brought to you today; hopefully. Let them touch your hearts and minds, and may you be inspired to act upon them with courage and creativity. Amen.



MAY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Apr 26 Holy Myrrhbearers 9:10am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy followed by coffee hour/fellowship	Apr 27	Apr 28	Apr 29 Wine & Oil	Apr 30 Holy Apostle James, Brother of St. John	1 Wine & Oil	2 4:00pm Great Vespers
3 The Paralytic 9:10am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy followed by coffee hour/fellowship	4	5	6 Midfeast of Pentecost Fast	7	8 St. John the Theologian Fast: fish, wine, & oil	9 4:00pm Great Vespers
10 The Samaritan Woman 9:10am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy followed by coffee hour/fellowship	11 Ss. Cyril and Methodius	12	13 Fast	14	15 Fast	16 4:00pm Great Vespers
17 The Blind Man 9:10am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy followed by coffee hour/fellowship	18	19	20 6:00pm Great Vespers Fast	21 ASCENSION OF THE LORD Ss. Constantine & Helen 9:10am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy	22 Fast	23 Memorial Saturday 9:10am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy 4:00pm Great Vespers
24 9:10am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy followed by coffee hour/fellowship	25	26	27 Fast	28	29 Fast	30 4:00pm Great Vespers
31 PENTECOST 9:10am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy with kneeling prayers followed by coffee hour/fellowship	Jun 1 Fast free	Jun 2 Fast free	Jun 3 Fast free	Jun 4 Fast free	Jun 5 Fast free	Jun 6 4:00pm Great Vespers Fast free

See Sunday Bulletin for changes.