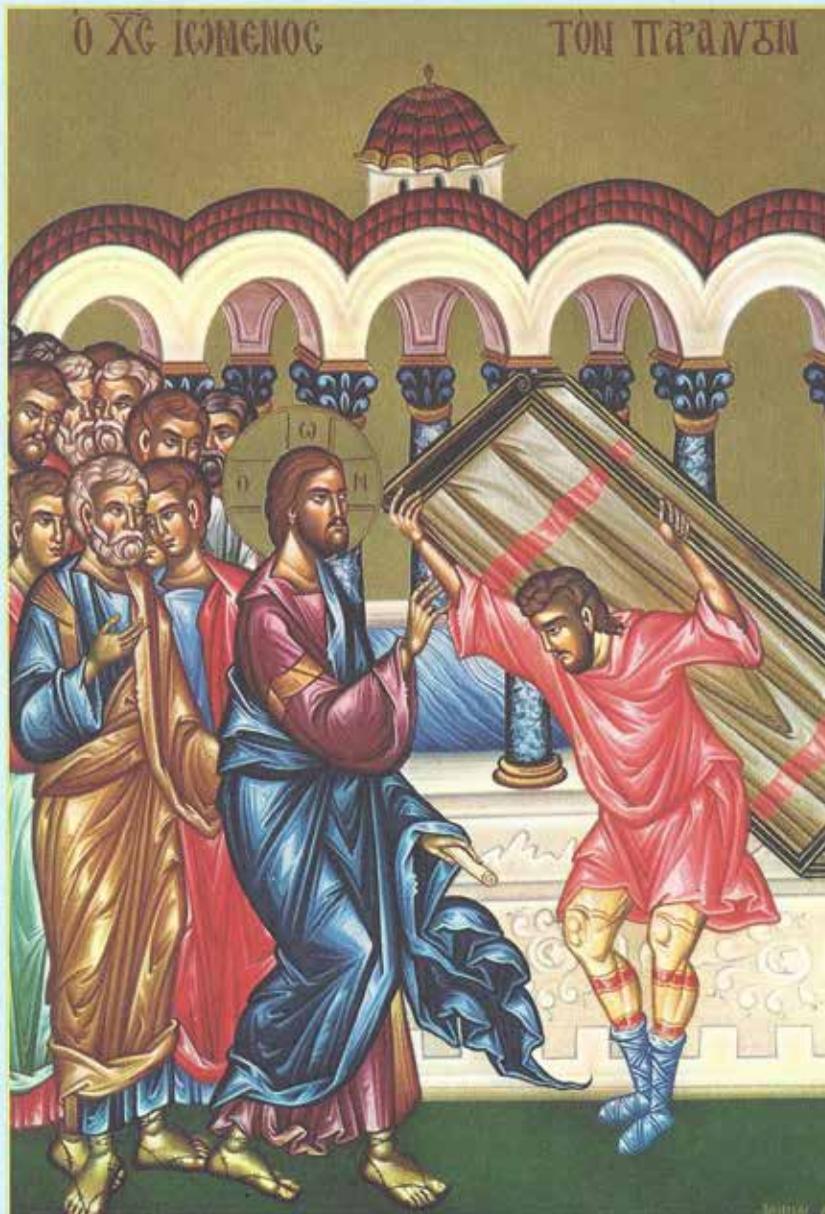


SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC



Icon of the Sunday of the Paralytic

May 7, 2017: Sunday of the Paralytic Man

Epistle: Acts. 9: 32-42

Gospel: Jn. 5: 1-15

Mon., May 8	8:00	+ Mary Evanina (Newpew Howard)
Tues., May 9	8:00	+ Madelyn Zielinski (Paul & Melanie Mohila)
Wed., May 10	8:00	+ Joseph Muchisky (Wife Pauline & Sons)
Thurs. May 11	8:00	+ Cecilia Granza (Bill & Jane Granza)
Fri. May 12	8:00	+ Stephen Yaworski (Carol Yaworski)
	6:30 pm	Moleben to the Mother of God
Sat., May 13	No Morning Divine Liturgy.	
	10:30	Confessions
	2:00 pm	Confessions
	4:00 pm	+ George & Marie Chmil (Paul & Rosemary Mizerak)
Sun., May 14	9:00	For Our Parishioners
	11:30	For Our Mothers

Sunday of the Paralytic

The third Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pascha is observed by the Eastern Church as the Sunday of the Paralytic. The day commemorates the miracle of Christ healing a man who had been paralyzed for thirty-eight years. The biblical story of the event is found in the Gospel of John 5:1-15.

Close to the Sheep's Gate in Jerusalem, there was a pool, which was called the Sheep's Pool. It had five porches, that is, five sets of pil-

lars supporting a domed roof. Under this roof there lay very many sick people with various maladies awaiting the moving of the water. The first person to step in after the troubling of the water was healed immediately of whatever malady he had.

It was there that the paralytic of today's Gospel was lying, tormented by his infirmity of thirty-eight years. When Christ beheld him, He asked him, "Will you be made

whole?” And he answered with a quiet and meek voice, “Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool.” The Lord said unto him, “Rise, take up your bed, and walk.” And straightaway the man was made whole and took up his bed. Walking in the presence of all, he departed rejoicing to his

own house. According to the ex-pounders of the Gospels, the Lord Jesus healed this paralytic during the days of the Passover, when He had gone to Jerusalem for the Feast, and dwelt there teaching and working miracles. According to Saint John the Evangelist, this miracle took place on the Sabbath.

Kneeling in Our Church

The Pastoral Guide of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States (the official rule book for our Parishes in all four Eparchies), states in article 464: “Because kneeling

is a sign of penance in the Eastern tradition, the faithful should be discouraged from kneeling during the Paschal [Easter] Season and all Sundays of the year.

May Devotions

The month of May is devoted to our heavenly Mother, Mary. A Moleben service will be offered on Fridays in May, at 6:30 pm. Come to church,

join us in honoring her, who God first honored, by choosing her to be the Mother of His Son.

How to be a Good Godparent

Pray for your godchild on his/her names day, their birthday, and on all major feast days of the Church, as well as in your daily prayers. Give spiritual gifts to your godchild (icons, religious books, etc.), let others give the clothes or toys. Be an example of piety for your god-

child. Receive Holy Communion at every opportunity, participate in the Holy Mystery of Confession, read and study the Holy Scriptures and the writings of the Church Fathers, and observe the fasts. Make a commitment to see your godchild regularly, at least once a month.

Telephone your godchild to talk with him/her about what he/she is learning in school. Sunday Religious Education Classes as well as

regular school. If your godchild's parents are unable to take him/her to the Divine Liturgy, or other activity, offer your assistance.

F.A.Q... Are We Supposed to Call it the Mass or the Divine Liturgy?

The word 'Mass' is proper to the LATIN tradition, because it is derived from the Latin word missa. This word exists at the end of the Latin-rite Eucharistic Liturgy (Ite, missa est). The term missa was merely rendered into English and other languages. It became customary to use this term to refer to the entire Eucharistic Liturgy.

However, in all Christian liturgies and especially the Byzantine (Greek) tradition, the Greek word leitourgia is used. This word means 'work of the people' or 'common service,' and it expresses the fact that we gather – as the Church, the

Body of Christ – to offer our common worship to God the Father, in the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

All common prayers of the Church are 'liturgies,' but the Eucharistic Liturgy is distinguished by the name 'Divine Liturgy' (in Greek, Theia Leitourgia; in Ukrainian, Bozhestvenna Liturhiya). Other Eastern Christian traditions have their own names for the Eucharistic Liturgy. But 'Divine Liturgy' (or simply 'Liturgy') is the proper term for Byzantine (Greek) Christians to use when speaking of the Eucharist.

Day for Vocations

The Sunday of the Paralytic Man, May 7th, 2017, has been designated as a Day for Vocations for all parishes and institutions in the

Archeparchy of Philadelphia. Just as Our Lord raised the Paralytic Man and healed him of his infirmity, so to are we called to lift up those who

may be open to God's call to service in His Holy Church. Please be sure to pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life on this day.

If there is someone in your family, or you have a friend (or even yourself!), whom you think God might be calling to a challenging,

but extremely rewarding and fulfilling, life as a Ukrainian Catholic priest, deacon, or religious monk or nun, be sure to pray for them. Have your priest talk with them and pray with them over their call. For more information, be sure to check out our new vocations website at www.ukrainiancatholicvocations.com.

Examination of Conscience: How is My Daily Struggle?

1. Did I fail to love God...to pray? Have I doubted or denied my Faith? Was I careless in saying my prayers? Read books against the Catholic Faith?
2. Did I curse or swear? Did I use God's Name in vain: lightly... carelessly? Do I use profane language? Have I insulted a sacred person?
3. Have I missed the Divine Liturgy through my own fault? On Sundays? Holy Days? Was I late for the Divine Liturgy or did I leave early without a good reason? Allow my children to miss the Divine Liturgy? Was I easily distracted at the Divine Liturgy?
4. Did I do unnecessary servile work on Sunday?
4. Did I honor and obey my parents? Others with lawful authority? Have I talked back? Failed to help at home? Neglected my children's religious education? Failed to take them to the Divine Liturgy? Failed to spend time with my family?
5. Was I angry... resentful... kept hatred in my heart? Did I fight... give bad example or scandal? Permitted or encouraged an abortion or mutilation to avoid children?
6. Was I immodest in dress or behavior? Did I read impure books

- or magazines? Am I guilty of fornication (pre-marital sex), adultery (sex with a married person) or birth control?
7. Did I steal? What or how much? Did I return it or make equal restitution? Did I waste time at work, in school, at home? Am I stingy? Do I gamble excessively? Neglect to pay my debts promptly? Have I supported my Church regularly?
8. Have I lied, gossiped? Talked about another behind his/her back? Do I always tell the truth?
- Am I sincere? Did I reveal secrets that should have been kept confidential? Am I critical, negative or uncharitable in my talk?
9. Have I consented to impure thoughts? Have I caused them by stares, bad reading, curiosity or impure conversations?
10. Is my heart greedy? Am I jealous of what another has? Am I envious of him/her because I don't have what they have? Is my heart set on earthly possessions or on the true treasures in Heaven?

Our Condolences

We would like to express our sincere condolences to the families of those who fell asleep in the Lord.

+ **Peter Rutsky** was buried from St. Cyril's on Saturday, April 29th.

+ **William Davis** was buried from St. Cyril's on Monday, May 1st.

+ **Josephine Beckage** was buried from St. Cyril's on Tuesday, May 2nd.

May the Lord God help and bless the grieving Families at this difficult time and may He accept the departed servants of God into the Heavenly Kingdom. Everlasting Memory! Vichnaya Pam'yat'!

LUC Meeting

North Anthracite Council - League of Ukrainian Catholics will meet on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at

5:30 pm at Grotto Pizza, 36 Gateway Shopping Center, Edwardsville, PA. Discussion will focus on

hosting Convention 2017 which will be held the weekend of October 6, 7 and 8 in Wilkes-Barre. For addi-

tional information contact Dorothy Jamula, President at 570 822-5354.

Bus Trip to New York City

Seats are available for the May 21 LUC bus trip to New York City - we've had cancellations due to ill-

ness, therefore there are four seats still available. Contact Paul Ewasko at 570 563-2275.

St. Mary's International Dinner Club

ST. MARY'S BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH DINNER CLUB, 320 Mifflin Ave., Scranton, Pa. will feature La Cena Italiana on May 11, 2017. The menu will start with Pasta e Fagioli Soup and the Entrée will be a Boneless Chicken Breast topped with Eggplant, Prosciutto & Provolone Cheeses and

Fresh Marinara Sauce, Pasta Primavera and for dessert an Italian Ricotta Pie. Coffee, Tea, Soda, and Water is available. Seatings are at 5:30 or 6:30pm and the price is only \$20.00 per person. Reservations can be made by calling 570-343-5151 no later than Tuesday, May 9th.

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of May 2017 is Team #1:

William Vervan, Sr., Roger Barren, and Jerry Sereditch.

Sunday Collection for April 29 & 30, 2017: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for May 13 & 14, 2017

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Joseph Skirpan -- Nicholas Chludzinski	Michael Shumek
9:00 am	Michael Roberts -- John Nasevich	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Nicholas Muchisky -- David Slachtish	Frank Lesnefsky

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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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