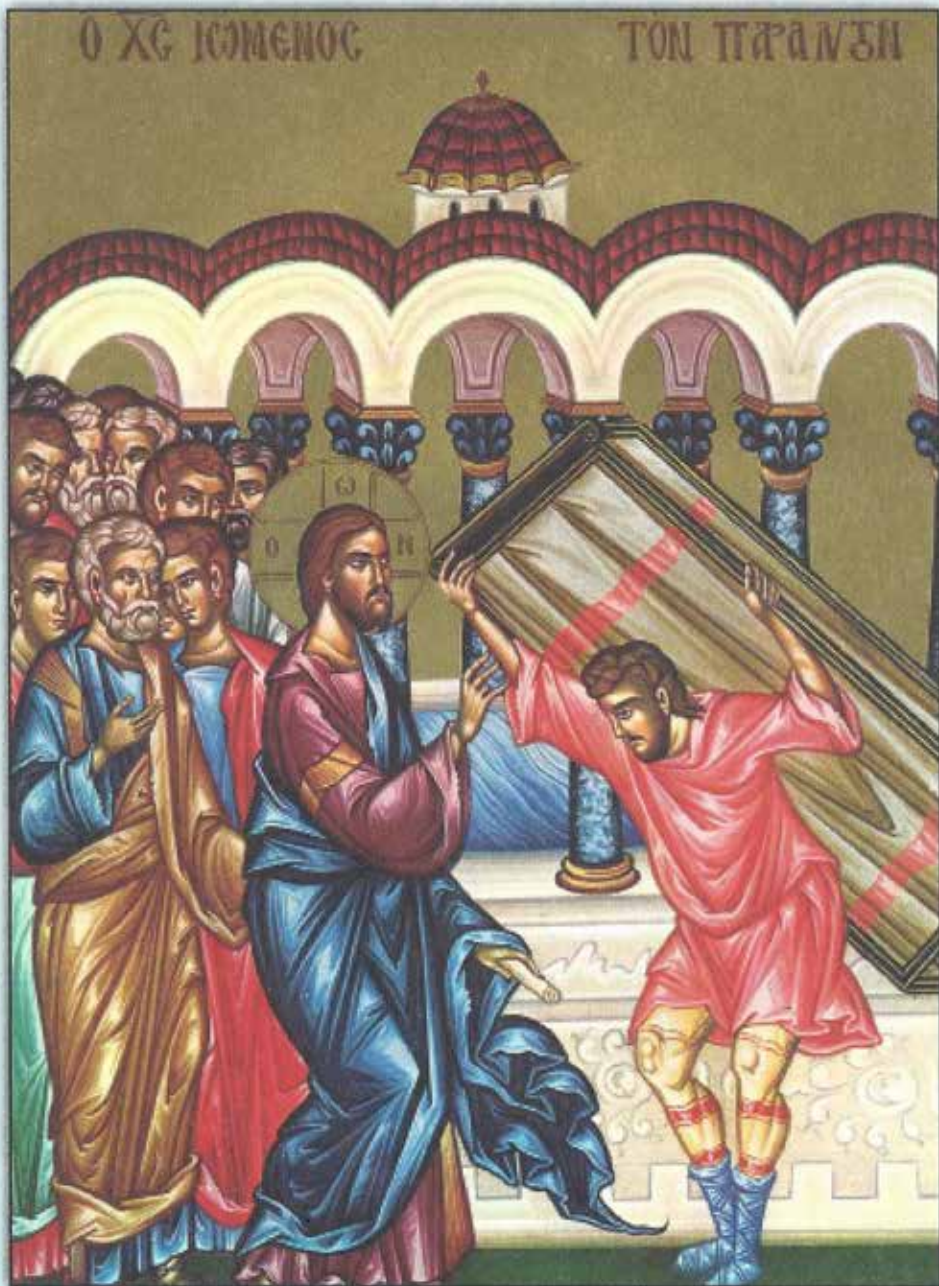


SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN



Icon of Jesus Healing the Paralytic Man

April 22, 2018: Sunday of the Paralytic Man

Epistle: Acts 9: 32-42

Gospel: Jn. 5: 1-15

Mon., April 23	8:00	+ Joan Turko (Bob & Joan Yeck)
Tues., April 24	8:00	Special Intention (Dorothy Zinsky)
Wed., April 25	8:00	+ Harry & Mary Roman (Legate)
Thurs., April 26	8:00	+ Bill Davis (Wife, Michaelene Davis)
Fri., April 27	8:00	+ George & Olga Kropilak (Legate)
Sat., April 28	No Morning Divine Liturgy 10:30 Confessions 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Mary & George Marushock (Daughter, Ilona)	
Sun., April 29	9:00	+ Claire Cipriani (Leo Danylak)
	11:30	For Our Parishioners

Statement by Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka



On Monday, April 16, 2018, the Vatican Information Service announced that the Holy Father has accepted the resignation for medical reasons of Most Rev. Stefan Soroka, Archbishop of Philadelphia for Ukrainians and Metropolitan for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in USA. Pope Francis has declared the Archeparchy of Philadelphia as “*sede vacante*”. Most Rev. Andriy Rabyi has been appointed by Pope Francis as the Apostolic Administrator of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia until the appointment of the new

Archeparch.

Most Rev. Stefan Sorka was appointed as Metropolitan-Archbishop by His Holiness, Pope John Paul II on November 29th, 2000 and installed on February 27th, 2001. Most Rev. Andriy Rabyi was appointed by Pope Francis as Auxiliary Bishop for the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia on August 8th, 2017. Bishop Andriy, a priest of our Archeparchy, was ordained to the episcopacy by His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk in St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Lviv, Ukraine on September 3, 2017.

Our heartfelt appreciation is extended to His Holiness, Pope Francis, and to His Eminence Leonardo Cardinal Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, and to His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk for their understanding and compassion. We are also grateful to the Holy Father for the confidence he has shown in the abilities of Most Rev. Andriy Rabyi in appointing him as Apostolic Administrator for the interim.

I take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the clergy, religious, seminarians and laity of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia. These past seventeen years have been filled with many challenges and blessings, some unique in the experience of

the Philadelphia Archeparchy. Success in responding to the varying needs of the Archeparchy and its parishes was achieved with the positive and hopeful participation of clergy, religious and laity enabled by the Grace of God. Most gratifying to me was the personal journey of prayer and fraternity experienced with the clergy, religious and faithful of the Archeparchy. The highlight of my ministry in leadership was experienced when amidst parishioners and their ministers in parish liturgical celebrations, visits, pilgrimages, festivals, and in personal sharing. I was inspired by the dedication of the clergy, religious and faithful and their love for their Church.

I am also especially grateful for the fraternity and cooperation shared with my brother bishops of USA, with whom common needs of clergy, religious and faithful were addressed in our regular meetings, and in gatherings of our Church. The Grace of God provided richly in our many shared endeavors.

The Risen Christ greeted his apostles with the words, "Peace be with you!" May the peace offered by the Risen Christ characterize our continued love and service of our Ukrainian Catholic Church. Let us remember one another in prayer as we seek the intercession of the Mother of God in this time of transition being ex-

perienced within the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia and in our

Ukrainian Catholic Church in the USA.
Christ is Risen!

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 pillars 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 to-

day'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 expounders 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.

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 godchild. 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 learn-

ing 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.

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? 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?

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 pen-

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

Collection for Catholic Home Missions Appeal Financially Benefits Our Archeparchy; Please Be Generous in Your Offerings During Our Parish Collection for Catholic Home Missions

The annual collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal will be taken up in all parishes of our Philadelphia Archeparchy the weekend of April 28-29. The resources from this collection provide grants for projects to strengthen the faith of the people in the United States. Over forty percent of all dioceses in the United States, over 80 dioceses, receive Catholic Home Missions financial support. Our Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia will receive funding from this collection in the

sum of \$125,000 for the year 2018, far in excess of the amount collected from our parishes. Your generous support of this collection will continue to provide to our archeparchy much needed resources for our Seminary, Religious Education, Evangelization, Communication (the museum, The Way and website), Mission Parishes, and Human Life Ministries, and other areas of faith development. Thank you for your financial support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

Youth Questionnaire

Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSSR, the delegate of the Ukrainian Catholic Synod of Bishops to the 2018 Papal Synod with the theme “Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment”, invites the youth of our Ukrainian Catholic Church worldwide to contribute

their thoughts, needs and aspirations in an on-line questionnaire for youth, (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NNDBRYR>). The deadline for youth participating in this survey is May 30th, 2018. Youth are encouraged to share your thoughts! Thank

you for your anticipated participation.

Baked Fish Dinner

Our fish dinner held on March 23, 2018 netted a profit of \$ 1,164.00. To those who donated the tickets, rolls and baked goods, we are grateful. A thank you

also goes out to all who purchased tickets, gave monetary donations or donated their time and efforts in making this project a success.

“Barvinok” Ukrainian Dance Ensemble

Scranton’s St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic parish is sponsoring a performance by the Ukrainian Folkdance group “Barvinok” [Periwinkle in Ukrainian] on Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 4:00 pm at its parish center 428 North Seventh Avenue. The highly acclaimed dance group which hails from the Metropolitan New Jersey/New York City area has appeared in numerous venues on the East Coast and in Ukraine where they took first place in an international folk dance competition. Under the direction of Mr. Gregory Momot, the

troupe performs traditional dances from various regions of Ukraine while attired in colorful embroidered costumes. Mr. Momot was trained at the Kyiv Cultural University and danced with the world renowned Virsky Ukrainian National Dance Company. His energetic and intricate choreography along with beautiful regional costumes bring alive the electrifying spirit of Ukrainian dance. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance - \$12.00 at the door and can be purchased by contacting Kristen Waznak at 570 241-1223.

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of April 2018 is Team #4: Ed

Stecco, and Joe Smagula.

Sunday Collection for April 14 & 15, 2018:

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for April 28 & 29, 2018

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Chylak -- Joseph Chylak	Bill Vervan
9:00 am	John Nasevich -- Patrick Marcinko	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	David Slachtish -- Thomas Radle	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