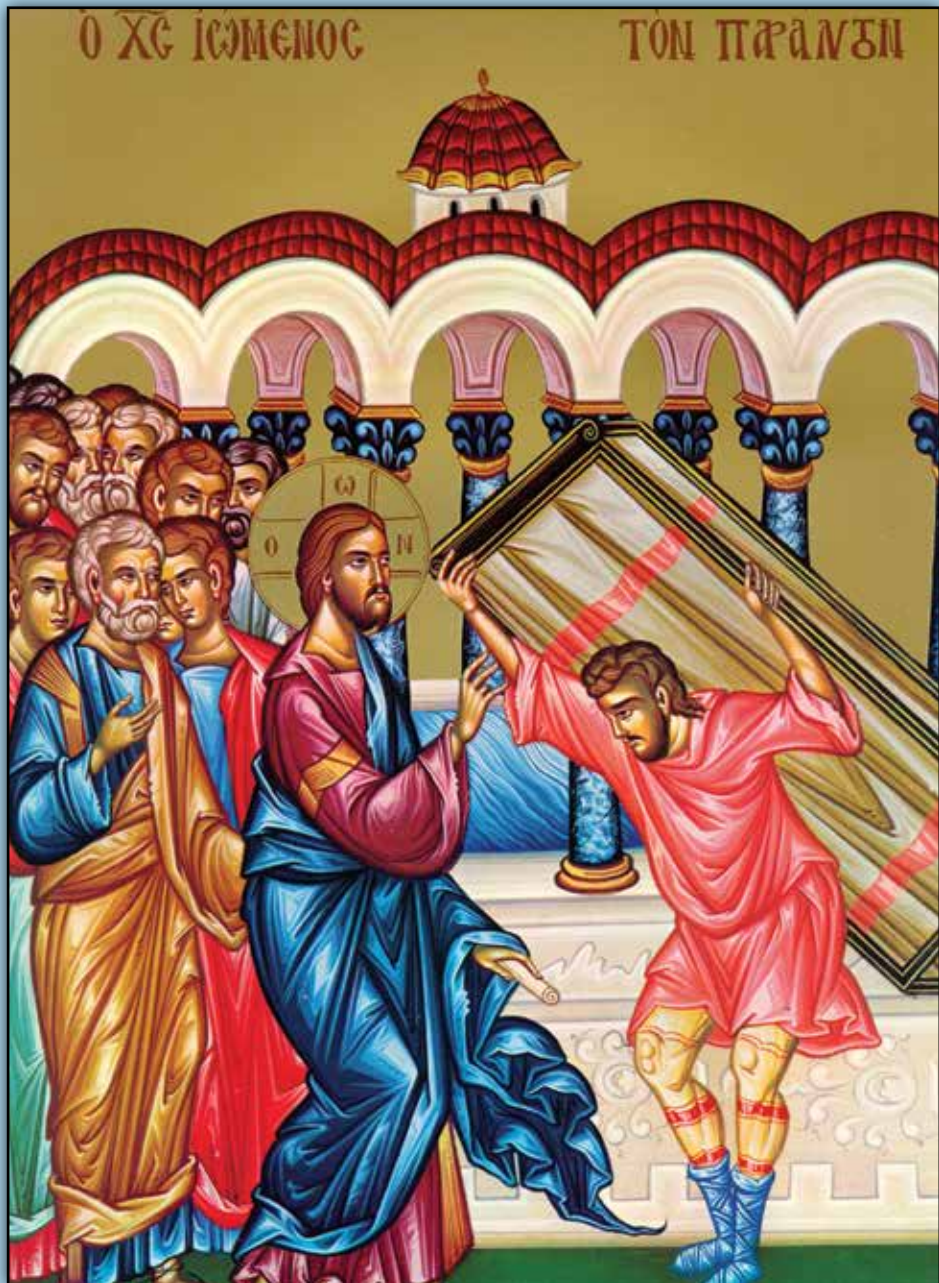


## SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN



*Icon of Jesus Healing the Paralytic Man*

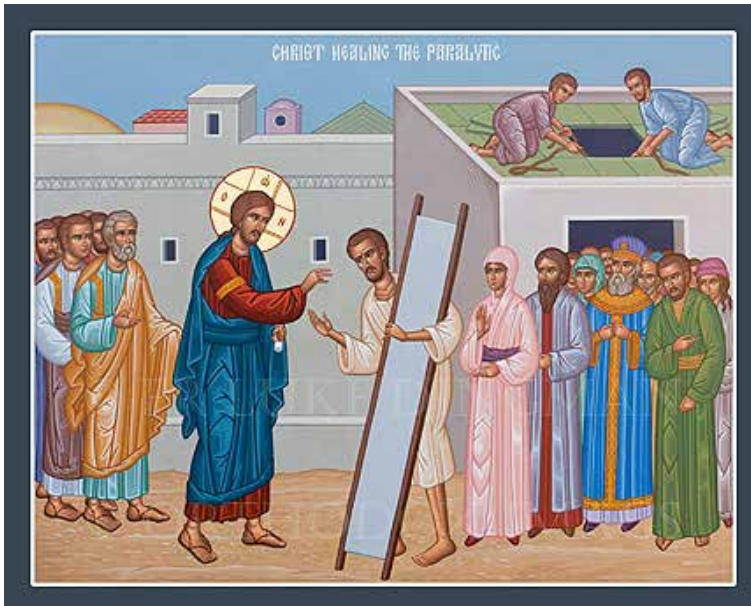
## **April 25, 2021: Sunday of the Paralytic Man**

Epistle: Acts 9: 32-42

Gospel: Jn. 5: 1-15

<b>Mon., April 26</b>	9:00	+ Bill Davis (Wife, Michaelene)
<b>Tues., April 27</b>	9:00	+ Tim O'Grady (Lauren Telep)
<b>Wed., April 28</b>	9:00	+ Joseph Muchisky (Wife, Pauline)
<b>Thurs. April 29</b>	9:00	+ Jennifer Wisniewski (Rosemarie Sember)
<b>Fri., April 30</b>	9:00	+ Andrew Benio (Rosemarie Sember)
<b>Sat., May 1</b>	<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy</b> 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + John Sedlak, Sr. (Family)	
<b>Sun., May 2</b>	10:00	For Our Parishioners

### **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 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 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.

## **TESTIMONY THAT CHRIST ROSE FROM THE DEAD...**

### **• How many saw the resurrected Christ?**

Over a period of forty days, Christ rarely appeared to only one individual disciple. Usually many were present, and He gave ample evidence that His resurrection was in His physical body (they touched His wounds and saw Him eat). From the testimony in the New Testament, we know that well over five hundred people saw the risen Jesus, usually in groups, and there are no contradictions in the accounts nor

recorded disputes about these appearances by those who saw Him.

### **• When did they see the resurrected Christ?**

Interestingly, all the resurrection appearances occurred either during the day, afternoon or towards evening. Never is a resurrection appearance recorded at night, lest it be confused with a dream.

### **• Where was the risen Christ seen?**

The risen Christ appeared in many

different areas, both indoors and outdoors. He was seen: Near His tomb. On a well-travelled road. The sea-shore. Inside a home. A mountain. A city. Outdoors. In Judea and Galilee.

• **How did they see the risen Jesus?**

The appearances of Christ were not passing visions, but they lasted over many hours to people of different backgrounds and occupations, where He would eat with those He

appeared to and have conversations with them. None of them had previously believed that He would rise from dead, so initially the appearances confirmed the event and clarified teachings they may not have understood. The apostle John writes in 1 John 1:1-4 that they heard, they saw, and they handled the risen Christ. The apostle Peter says in Acts 10:41 that they ate and drank with the risen Christ.

## **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 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.

## **WHY DO WE STAND, AND NOT KNEEL, FROM EASTER TO PENTECOST?**

In the tradition of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, it is not correct

to kneel at anytime from Easter to Pentecost. Despite the fact that oth-

er churches do it or “visitors...are surprised” does not change the fact that kneeling is not proper during this time. In the Ukrainian Catholic Tradition, the action of kneeling and prostrating is a penitential posture. It is the position of a sinner seeking forgiveness. It is NOT a position of adoration (as it is in the West). This is why it is practiced so often in the Lenten season.

Standing is the proper position for giving praise and thanks to God in the spirit of joy and happiness. During the Paschal Season (Easter to Pentecost), the time for repentance, and fasting, is over. It is the time of our salvation for

“Christ is Risen!” We express our joy, thanksgiving and adoration for this fact and the fact that we who have “...been baptized into Christ and put on Christ” have also risen with Him. It is for this reason that kneeling is improper during this holy season. To kneel during this season is to imply that you do not accept the Resurrection of Christ. By standing for all prayer, (even private before and after services) we are demonstrating, in a bodily way, that you believe that “*Christ is risen from the dead, and by death He has trampled death and to those in the graves He has granted life.*”

## **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?

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## **HAS THIS EVER HAPPENED TO YOU?**

You bump into a friend whom you've not seen for a long time, you feel excitement, and anticipation as you may finally "catch up" with this dear friend. You find though

that you are received with the old "brush-off". That's right, you say "hello" and are met with a hurried attitude filled with indifference and impatience. You begin to feel as

though YOU are a bother, YOU are not very important.

The two of you were once very close; It doesn't feel that way anymore.

Each and every Sunday, we have a chance to visit with the one who gave us our lives and our sal-

vation, the one who truly gave his life for us – and how many of us give him the brush-off. WE act as though we don't have time for him. ASK YOURSELF – Is it so difficult to give GOD 1 hour when he gives us 168 hours every week.

### **Mark Your Calendars**

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, last year we were forced to cancel the Memorial Services at our Cemetery. As conditions are improving, we will resume having the Memorial Services at our Cemetery.

**THE MEMORIAL SERVICES AT OUR CEMETERY WILL TAKE PLACE THIS**

**YEAR ON SUNDAY, MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>. BEGINNING AT 10:00 AM. THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE DIVINE LITURGY ON THAT SUNDAY.** Following the Divine Liturgy, a Panachyda Service will be held to pray for all those buried at our Cemetery, after which, individual graves will be blessed.

### **ANNUAL FUNDRAISER 2021 RUMMAGE/ FURNITURE SALE AT ST. CYRIL'S**

Volunteers are needed on Monday, April 26th, beginning at 9:00 a.m.,

to organize the gym and Father Nestor's Garage,

### **COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...**

The Collection Processing Team for the month of April 2021 is

Team #4: Joseph Smagula and Ron Barkofsky.

**Sunday Collection for April 17 & 18, 2021: \$**

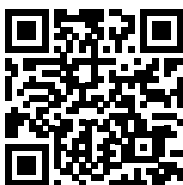
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### ***The Cure of Baptism Foreshadowed***

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*