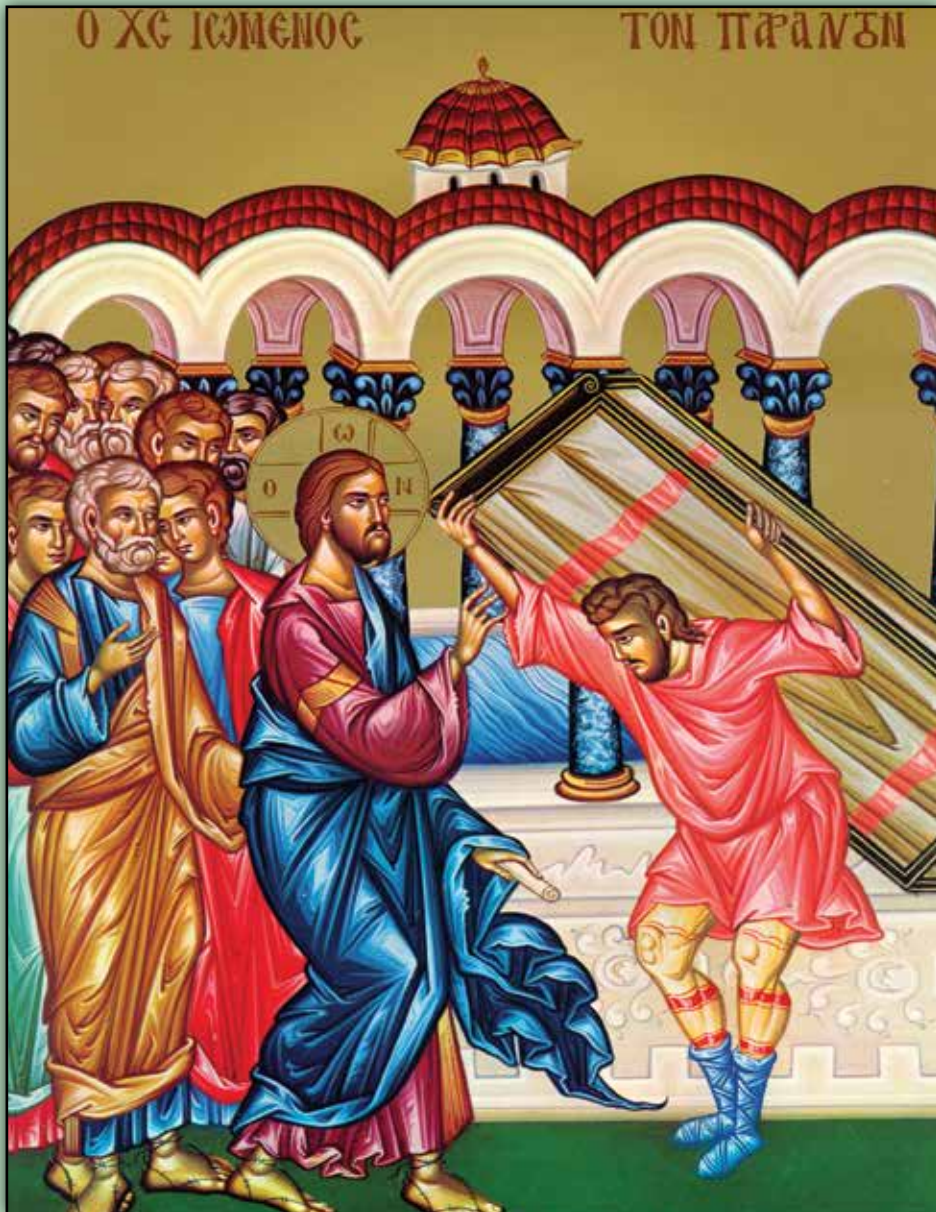


SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN



Icon of the Paralytic Man

April 30, 2023: Sunday of the Paralytic Man

Epistle: Acts 9: 32-42

Gospel: Jn. 5: 1-15

Mon., May 1	9:00	+ Anna Mae Krisanda (Al Boris)
	6:00	Moleben to the Mother of God
Tues., May 2	9:00	+ Theresa Forgione (Jule Harris)
Wed., May 3	9:00	Health & Thanksgiving (Dolly Daniels)
Thurs., May 4	9:00	+ A.J. Soltysiak (Dolly Daniels)
Fri. May 5	9:00	+ Leo & Christine Danylak (Leo Danylak)
Sat., May 6	No Morning Liturgy	
	2:00 pm	Confessions
	4:00 pm	For Our Parishioners
Sun., May 7	10:30	+ Mickey Klapatch (Bob & Marlene Zelno)

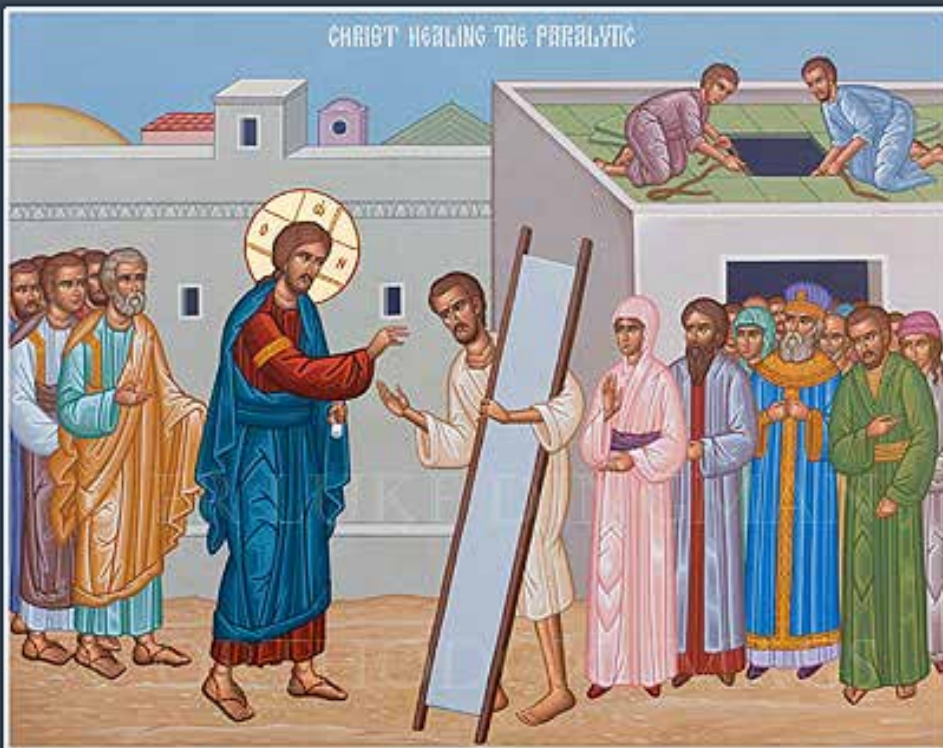
SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

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.

LITURGICAL NOTES ABOUT THE PASCHAL SEASON

This period of great festivity and joy finds its liturgical expression in the following manner:

Easter Greeting - we greet each other with the Paschal salutation, "Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!" for 40 days, until Ascension Day.

No Kneeling - Please remember that here is NO kneeling during the entire Easter Season. Kneeling has been our position of prayer during the Holy Season of the Great Fast (Lent) as the expression of our humility and our repentance.

The Paschal Troparion - “Christ is risen from the dead” is sung or said at

the beginning or end of all prayers until the Eve of Ascension.

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 seashore. 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.

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 salvation, 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 – Why is it so difficult to give GOD 1 hour when He gives us 168 hours every week.

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 writ-

ings 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.

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?

VFW #6082 PASTA & MEATBALL DINNER FUNDRAISER

The fundraiser for the VFW Shop-Davey Post 6082 will be Sunday, April 30, 2023. The "Pasta and Meatball Dinner" for Sitting In or Take-out at The Post House, 123 Electric Street, Peckville, PA., is Open to the public. Starts at

11:00 a.m. and until 3:00 p.m. or is sold out. Dinner Tickets are \$11.00 each. Peter Puhulla Sr. is the commander, the person to contact if eligible to join the VFW.

SPRING FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

This year's first Food Truck Festival will soon be upon us (May 20th & 21st). Last year the Basket Raffle and Bake Sale were very popular and earned quite a bit

for our Parish. We'll be featuring both in each of our Food Truck Festivals this year. We're soliciting parishioners to donate baskets and to bake for the sale.

If you can provide a basket or get a gift card from your beautician, grocer, mechanic, favorite restaurant, or ???, please let Michaelene know at (570) 209-2026. If you can bake for the sale, please let Mary Ann know at (570)

489-4648. Baskets and baked goods are needed by Friday, May 19th. Keep in mind that Murt's Desserts' cupcake truck will be at the Festival. For your convenience, sign-up sheets are in the vestibule.

GRAND BINGO

The Knights of Columbus Council #12573 will be hosting a Grand Bingo on Sunday, May 7, 2023 at St. John Vianney Parish, Corpus Christi Parish Hall, located at 704 Montdale Road, Scott Township, PA 18447, The facility is handicap accessible. The bingo will consist of prizes of tools, designer

handbags and gift cards. The doors open at 1:00 pm, bingo starts at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$25.00pp. There will be raffles, door prizes, gift baskets and food and beverages available for purchase. For tickets or more information, contact: Lenny Longo at 570-445-1005.

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of April 2023: Ron Barkofsky,

Steve & Jeannie Cucura.

Sunday Collection for April 22 & 23, 2023: \$

A TIME TO CELEBRATE...

Happy Birthday and Mnohaya Leeta to the following Parishioners who celebrate their birthday in April:

Tamara Budnovitch
Carol Chezik
Rosemarie Drakes

Susan Lesnefsky
Frank Lesnefsky
Mark Maslar

Dominique Turko

Happy Anniversary and Mnohay Leeta to the following Parishioners who celebrate their Wedding Anniversary during April:

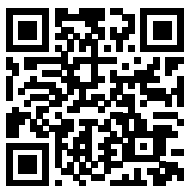
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Learn From Me

What does Jesus say himself, after all, to the weak and infirm, so that they may recover that kind of sight and to some extent at least attain to or brush against the Word through which all things were made? "Come to me, all you who toil and are overburdened, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, because I am meek and humble of heart." What is the Master, the Son of God, the Wisdom of God through whom all things were made, addressing to us? He is calling the human race and saying, "Come to me, all you who toil, and learn of me." You were thinking, no doubt, that the Wisdom of God was going to say, "Learn how I made the heavens and the stars; also, since in me all things, even before they were made, had been numbered,

how in virtue of their unchangeable ideas even the hairs of your head have been numbered." Is that the sort of thing you were thinking He would say? No; but first this: "that I am meek and humble of heart."

There is what you have got to get hold of, brothers and sisters, and it's certainly little enough. We are striving for great things; let us lay hold of little things, and we shall be great. Do you wish to lay hold of the loftiness of God? First catch hold of God's lowliness. Deign to be lowly and humble on the same account, yours, not His own. So catch hold of Christ's humility, learn to be humble, don't be proud.

St. Augustine of Hippo

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