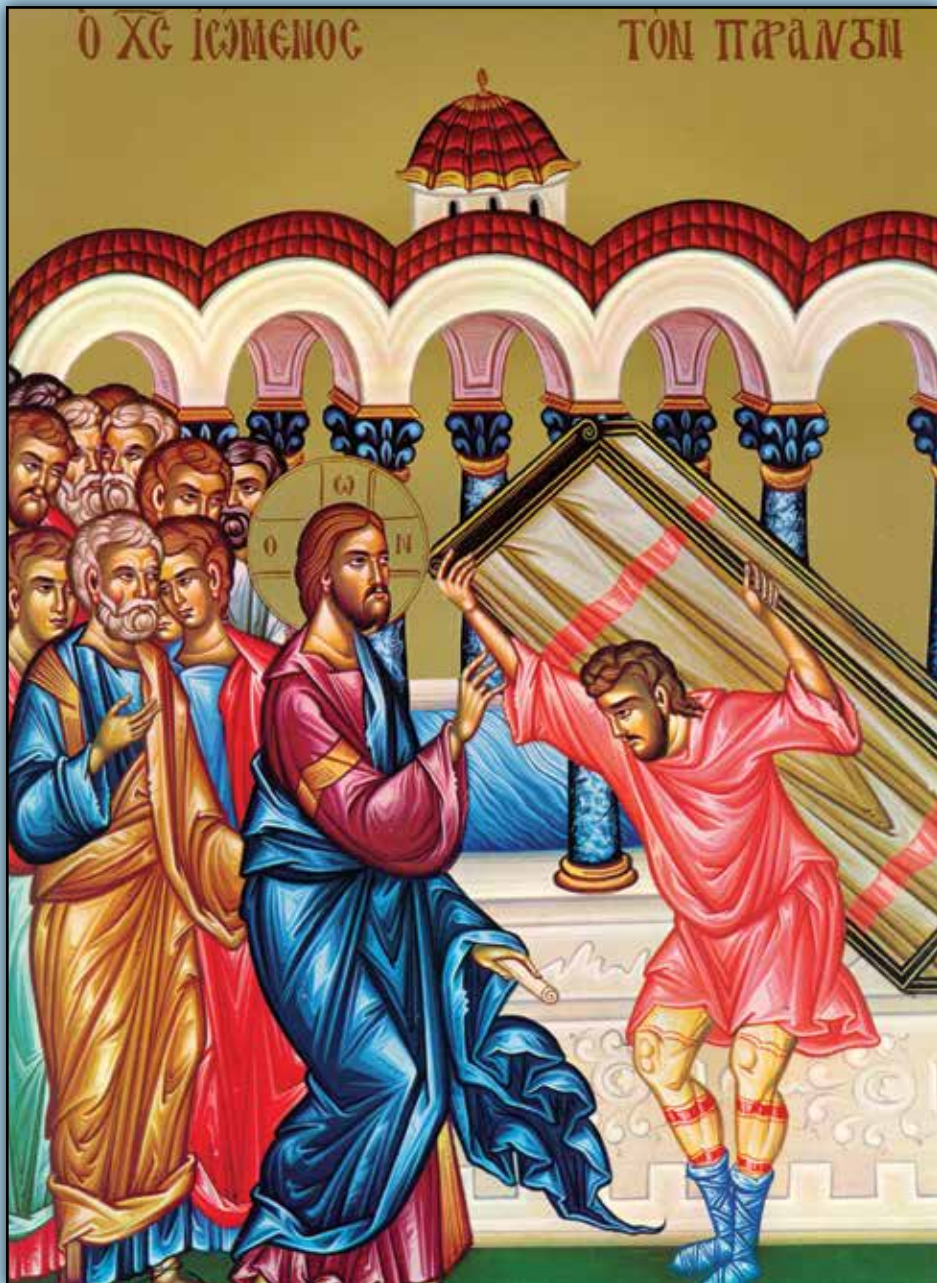


SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN



Icon of Jesus Healing the Paralytic Man

April 26, 2026: Sunday of the Paralytic Man

Epistle: Acts 9: 32-42

Gospel: Jn. 5: 1-15

This Weekend 4:00 pm + Bill Davis (Wife, Michaelene)
10:30 For Our Parishioners

Mon., April 27 9:00 + Souls in Purgatory (Leo Danylak)

Tues., April 28 9:00 + Frank Gallo (The Granzas)

Wed., April 29 9:00 Intention Available: See Father Nestor

Thurs., April 30 9:00 + Paul Labelle (Tom & Rebecca Comerford)

Fri., May 1 9:00 + Souls in Purgatory (Andrea Novak)

Sat., May 2 **No Morning Divine Liturgy**
2:00 pm Confessions
4:00 pm + William & Anna Stracka (Daughter)

Sun., May 3 10:30 For Our Parishioners

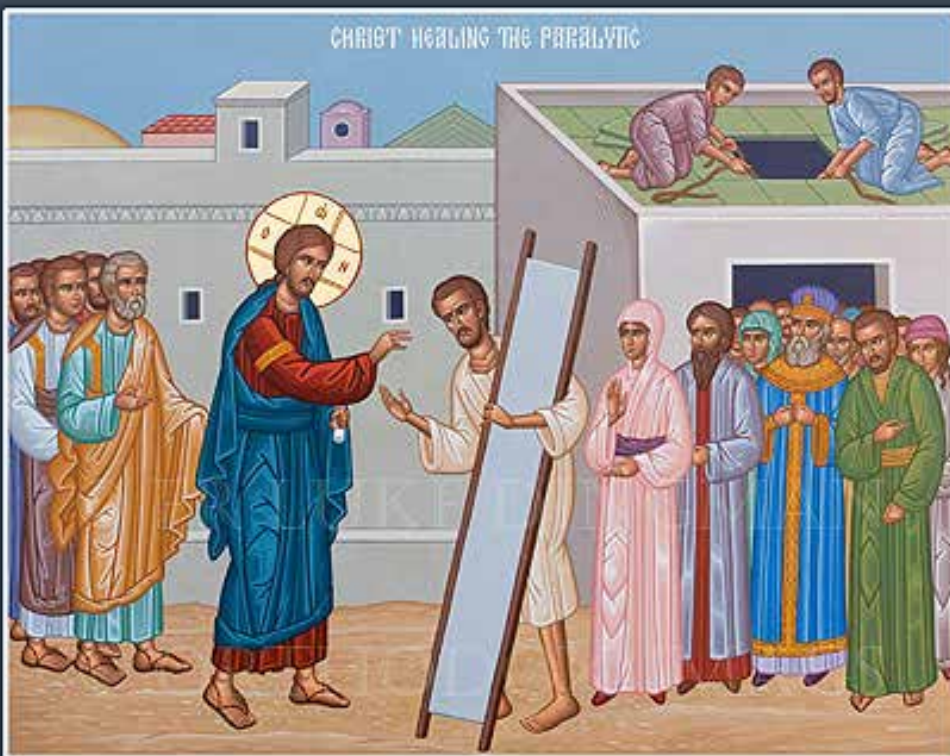
Sunday of the Paralytic

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 await-

ing 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 re-

pentance.

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.

OUR CONDOLENCES

In your Christian charity, please remember the soul of **+Irene Hermanovich** who fell asleep on Monday, April 20th. + Irene was just buried from St. Cyril's. May her memory be eternal! Vichnaya Pamyat!

HEALTH BENEFITS OF SINGING

Singing has been found to improve people's heart rate and blood pressure. Singing in groups or choirs has even been found to boost our immune function in ways that simply listening to the same music cannot.

There are different explanations for this. From a biological standpoint, it's thought that singing activates the vagus nerve which is directly

connected to the vocal cords and muscles in the back of the throat. The prolonged and controlled exhalation involved in singing also releases endorphins associated with pleasure, wellbeing and the suppression of pain. (David Cox, BBC, December 1, 2025)

See, singing the responses during the Divine Liturgy is good for soul and body!

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.

ISN'T IT STRANGE...

Isn't it strange how a 20 dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a

small amount when you go shopping?

Isn't it strange how 2 hours seem so long when you're at church, and

how short they seem when you 're watching a good movie?

Isn't it strange that you can't find a word to say when you're praying but you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend?

Isn't it strange how difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants front-row-tickets to concerts or games but they do whatever is possible to sit at the last row in Church?

Isn't it strange how we need to know about an event for Church 2-3 weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust it for other events in the last

minute?

Isn't it strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about God to share it with others; but how easy it is to learn, understand, extend and repeat gossip?

Isn't it strange how we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say but.... we question the words in the Bible?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants a place in heaven but... they don't want to believe, do, or say anything to get there?

Isn't it strange how we send jokes in e-mails and they are forwarded right away but when we are going to send messages about God, we think about it twice before we share it with others?

BOOKS APPÉTIT

Valley Community Library will hold its annual Books Appétit fundraising event on Thursday, May 7, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Enjoy a fun night at the library with local food, beer, wine, raffle baskets, and live music by The Wanabees. This event is for individuals 21 and older.

Event tickets cost \$35 per person in advance or \$40 at the door. All proceeds from "Books Appétit" benefit the Valley Community Library. Tickets are on sale now and can be

purchased online or in person at the library.

Valley Community Library, which is a member of the Lackawanna County Library System, is located at 739 River St., Peckville, and serves residents in the Boroughs of Archbald, Blakely, Dickson City, Jessup, Throop, and Olyphant. The library is open Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

BUS TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY

On Saturday, June 13, the Friends of the Valley Community Library will be hosting a bus trip to Atlantic City! The bus will be leaving the library at 7:30 a.m., will be dropping attendees off at Resorts Casino at about 11:00 a.m., and will return to the library at approximately 10:30 p.m. that night.

Tickets are \$60 a person (\$63 for credit) and payment is needed to reserve your space on the bus. The tick-

et cost includes the bus and driver's tip. No rebates. Signup is available at the Library at 739 River Street, Peckville. For more information, please contact Ann at 570-479-0806 or valleylibraryfriends@outlook.com.

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COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM

The Collection Processing Team for the month of April 2026 is Team

#4: Ron Barkofsky, Steve and Jeanie Cucura.

Sunday Collection for April 11 & 12, 2026: \$

Sunday Collection for April 18 & 19, 2026: \$

Sincere thanks to all of you for your kindness and generosity.

A TIME TO CELEBRATE

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

Tamara Budnovitch

Susan Lesnefsky

Dominique Turko

Carol Chezik

Frank Lesnefsky

Rosemarie Drakes

Mark Maslar

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

Joseph & Tamara Budnovitch

Joseph & Anne Nasevich

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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

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