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### **HOLY MYSTERIES**

**VISITATIONS OF THE SICK AND INFIRM** – If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Father Stephen at the Rectory. Our hospitalization code for Christiana and Wilmington Hospitals is **UKR**.

**EMERGENCY CALLS** – Please call the Rectory anytime (day or night) in an Emergency!

**BAPTISMS** – Celebrated by appointment.

**CROWNING IN MARRIAGE** – Please discuss timing with Father prior to setting a date. At least six months notice is needed. There are three 2-hour courses that must be attended prior to the Wedding.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** – The deadline for getting information printed in the Weekly Bulletin is Wednesday.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS** – For the Needs of the Parish; 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Ministry

**May 26, 2024**  
**Volume 60: Number 21**  
**Schedule of Services and Activities**  
**Week of May 26 – June 2, 2024**  
**Celebrating our 97<sup>th</sup> year of Service to the Lord**

**Sunday, May 26- Sunday of the Paralytic – Memorial Day -Tone 3**

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful  
Service for Our Departed Veterans  
Coffee Hour

*ALL SERVICES CANCELLED  
DUE TO SUDDEN DEATH  
OF PANI ELIZABETH'S BROTHER.*

~~Wednesday, May 29 – Mid-Pentecost~~

~~8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy~~

~~Thursday, May 30~~

~~7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy~~

Saturday, June 1

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy (Holy Trinity – Whaleyville, MD)

Sunday, June 2 - Sunday of the Samaritan Woman – Tone 4

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful  
Coffee Hour

**FATHER STEPHEN** – will be away from Monday, June 3 – Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> . In case of an emergency, please call Father Gus (302) 479-5672 or Father Jerry (302) 798-7935.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday of the Paralytic – Matins: Luke 24:1-12; Liturgy: Acts of the Apostles 9:32-42; John 5:1-15

Monday – Acts of the Apostles 10:1-16; John 6:56-69

Tuesday - Acts of the Apostles 10:21-33; John 7:1-13

Wednesday (Mid-Pentecost) - Acts of the Apostles 14:6-18; John 7:14-30

Thursday - Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43; John 8:12-20

Friday - Acts of the Apostles 10:44-11:10; John 8:21-30

Saturday - Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11; John 8:31-42

Sunday of the Samaritan Women - Matins: John 20:1-10; Liturgy: Acts of the Apostles 11:19-26, 29-30; John 4:5-42

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## MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day! What thoughts come to your mind? What does the day mean to us and what do we remember? Just another “holiday”? Just a chance to take a day off from work and take the family for a ride, a picnic, with an all-day outing? Or is it an opportunity to spend the day on the golf course? What will we remember? Will we spend a few moments in silent thought and thanks for those who gave themselves that we might continue in the ways of democracy (which by the way, means a system of government that considers the individual, regardless of color, race or creed, important in the total scheme of things)? Or will we continue to thank God for our own position in life and forget that there is no such thing as a “privileged class”?

The story is told about an incident which occurred when the first Memorial Day was celebrated. A group of Washington D.C. women had asked the War Department for permission to put flowers on the soldier's graves in Arlington Cemetery. After much persuasion, permission was granted and on May 30<sup>th</sup>, the day designated, this was to be done. But a stern order was attached to the permission: No flowers were to be placed on the three hundred graves of the Confederate soldiers who were buried in a segregated section of the cemetery. The ladies who had made the request obediently decorated all the other graves, omitting the Confederate graves. Then General James A. Garfield made the speech at Arlington. When the crowd had left, a high wind rose. The wind blew almost all the flowers from the Union soldiers' graves into the Confederate area. After that day the separation was never again repeated.

**PLEASE REMEMBER WHAT THIS HOLIDAY IS ALL ABOUT** – It is OK to have the Family Picnic and celebrate the holiday with your friends and loved ones. But please remember what this holiday is really about. As we listen to Taps across America, take the time at 3:00 PM to say a prayer for the repose of the souls of those brave men and women who gave their lives so that you and I might live in freedom. Many God grant rest to their

souls and may their memory be eternal!

*Today, we remember the following Parishioners who served in the Armed Forces:* **Right Rev. Paul Hrynyshyn - Army \* Leroy Aiken - National Guard \* Morris Bijan - Navy \* Michael Bilinski - Navy \* John Bolinski - Army \* Thomas Bringle \* John Cramer - Army \* David Duncan - Army \* David Gibas - Army \* John Goodley - Army \* Serge Grisevich \* Stephen Gula \* Anne Hambiski (Johnson) \* Michael Hambiski \* Stanley Hambiski \* Michael Hatz \* Nicholas Hatz \* Charles Heluck - Navy \* Thomas Hlywak - Army \* Basil Hlywiak - Army \* John Hnatowski - Army \* Tim Hnatowski - Navy \* John Hrynyshyn - Army \* Walter Hrynyshyn - Army \* Stephen Hrynyshyn - Army \* Joseph Justison \* Andrew Kapelus - Army Air Corps \* Harry Kosowsky, Jr. - Air Force \* Norman Kristic - Air Force \* John Litchko - Army \* John Macey - Army \* John Macey, Jr. - Marines \* Max Macey - Navy \* Michael Macey - Navy \* Nicholas Macey - Navy \* William Maciey \* Joseph Maier - Air Force \* Albert Malinowski - Army \* Michael Moroz - Army \* Oscar Orr - Army Air Force \* Michael Ostafy \* William Pastuzek \* John Procak \* Archangelo Sacco \* John Sass - Army \* Charles Scully - Army \* Anthony Serednicki \* Philip Shweda \* Charles Synczyszyn \* William Sukach - Army \* William Sukach, Jr. - Air Force \* Nels Thomas \* Charles Tyrawsky - Marines \* John Tyrawski - Army \* Michael Tyrawski - Army \* Steven Tyrawski - Navy \* William Uranko \* Julia Yarusso \* Vito Yarusso and Jacob Zonick**

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### **The Healing of the Paralytic**

Christ is Risen! Today, the third Sunday after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha, the Orthodox world commemorates the Healing of the Paralytic. We remember this event that not only transformed the life of the paralytic physically, but spiritually as he was led to a conversion and to a righteous life. Moreover, we celebrate this event as it exemplifies Jesus' divine power to give life.

As we commemorate this event detailed in the Gospel of John, does it induce a transformation similar to that of the paralytic in our lives? Granted, we may not need to be lifted from a bed where we lay physically paralyzed, but spiritually can we make such a boast that we do not need

the Lord's divine power? Are we able, a mere three weeks after His glorious Resurrection to carry His light that was passed to each of us and walk in His brilliance? My guess is that each of us, to some degree, whether we are willing to admit to ourselves or not, is

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### **Sunday of the Paralytic**

By Very Rev. Dennis B. Kristof

Within the 40-day period between Easter and the Ascension of our Lord are five post-Paschal Sundays. The first two of these, the Sundays of St. Thomas and the Ointment-Bearing Women, deal with events surrounding the Resurrection of Christ from the dead. However, the last three Sundays, of the Paralytic, of the Samaritan Woman and of the Man Born Blind, are events which happened at various periods during the life of Jesus Christ as recounted in the Gospel according to St. John. What are we to make of this and how did they become part of the Paschal cycle?

I have mentioned previously that the instruction of the newly baptized continued even after their baptism on Great (Holy) Saturday evening at the vigil Liturgy of the Resurrection. Their post-baptismal instruction included all the details about the Christian faith which was not revealed to unbelievers. This "disciplina arcane" (discipline of the secret) was the early Church practice of keeping the most sacred rituals and doctrines of the Church concealed from non-believers. It protected Christianity from being blasphemed, profaned and possibly even persecuted by non-Christians. Those who desired to embrace the Christian faith had these secrets revealed to them slowly as they prepared for Baptism and over a period of time even after they were baptized. Examples of the things held secret were the Our Father, the Divine Liturgy (which only baptized Christians were allowed to attend in its entirety), and the Holy Mysteries (sacraments) including Baptism. They were instructed in the full meaning of the Mystery only after being Baptized, Chrismated (Confirmed) and receiving the Eucharist. One cannot understand these Mysteries with only human reason. One had to be enlightened by the Holy Spirit through the Mysteries of Initiation (Baptism), Chrismation and Communion).

Therefore, the final three Sundays of the Paschal season involve baptismal themes which shed light on and deepened their knowledge of what they had recently undergone. This instruction began with the consideration of the Paralytic Man. Wanting to be cured of his handicap, this man waited 38 years next to the sheep's pool in Bethsaida for someone to put him into the waters after it had been stirred by an angel (Jn. 5:1-15). Christ happened upon this poor soul and healed him of his infirmity. The pool of water is seen as a prefigurement of the cleansing and healing waters of Baptism. Importantly, it was not the water stirred by an angel which cured the paralytic, but the power of Jesus Christ which enables everyone to overcome infirmities and sins.

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## JESUS HEALS THE PARALYTIC BY THE POOL

Great is the profit of divine Scriptures, and all sufficient is the aid which comes from them ... for the divine oracles are a treasury of all manner of medicines. Whether it be needful to quench pride, to lull passion to sleep, to tread under foot the love of money, to despise pain, to inspire confidence, to gain patience - in the Scriptures we may find abundant resource. For what man of those who struggle with long poverty or who are nailed by a grievous disease will not, when he reads the passage before us, receive much comfort? Since this man had been a paralytic for thirty eight years, and he saw others delivered each year, and himself bound by his disease, not even so did he fall back and despair, though in truth not merely despondency for the past, but also hopelessness for the future was sufficient to overstrain him ... Yes, Lord, he says, but I have no man ... to put me in the pool. What can be more pitiable than these words? ... Do you see a heart crushed through long sickness? Do you see all violence subdued? ... He did not curse his day ... but replied gently ... Yes, Lord; yet he did not know who it was who asked him.

St. John Chrysostom. Homily XXXVII on John V, 1.



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ourselves or not, is waiting for the water to be stirred in our life that brings about that healing of body and soul and sets us on a righteous path.

The water though has already been stirred! Let us not forget that at our baptism we were baptized into Christ through our immersion into the water of the font. We were freed from the paralysis of sin and given life in Christ. Similarly, then, we should **TODAY** celebrate our spiritual transformation along with the paralytic and as Jesus said, "sin no more".

Let us meditate on the Propers from the Sunday of the Paralytic and the Feast of St. George which we celebrate this Thursday:

### **Sunday of the Paralytic**

O ineffable goodness Who created the human form \* You came to heal those who are ill.  
\* O Christ by Your word You raised the Paralytic at the Sheep Pool \* You healed the suffering of the woman with the flow of blood \* You showed mercy to the tormented daughter of the Canaanite woman \* and You did not disdain the prayer of the Centurion.  
Because of this we cry out in praise: \* O Almighty Lord, glory to You!

Jesus went up to Jerusalem to the Sheep Pool \* which in Hebrew was called Bethesda \* And there lay a great multitude of sick people in its five porticoes \* for the angel of the Lord went down at certain times and stirred the waters \* granting healing to those who approached in faith. \* The Lord saw there a man with a chronic illness \* and He asked him: Do you want to be healed? \* The sick man replied: \* I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred. \* I have spent my money on physicians \* and received no help from anyone. \* The Physician of soul and body said to him: \* Take up your pallet and walk \* proclaim to the whole world \* the greatness of My mercy and My mighty deeds.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - is expressed to George Pantelopulos, 5/28; Mila Beaudean, 6/1; Daniel Nazarenko, 6/1 & Alexander Smith, 6/1. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy & blessed years!

### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

(Please find a substitute if you cannot make a given week)

May 26 – Victor Kaliakin and Sonya Patronik

June 1 – Victor Kaliakin and Sonya Patronik

June 8 – John Plachuta and Linda Hnatow

June 15 – John Plachuta and Linda Hnatow

June 22 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin



## **MEETINGS**

**UOL MEETING** – Sunday, June 9 after Liturgy

**PARISH BOARD** – Tuesday, June 11 @ 6:30 PM

**SEMINARIANS VISITING STS. PETER AND PAUL** – Welcome is expressed to Subdeacon Andrii Akulenko, Subdeacon Yurii Izhyk, and Subdeacon Mykola Stefanyk. It is great to have them with us today. Please greet them at coffee hour.

**SIGN UP SHEET FOR THE METROPOLITAN'S VISIT** – His Eminence, Metropolitan Antony will be visiting our Parish for Liturgy on Ascension Thursday, June 13. We need to have a number for how many will attend the Luncheon afterwards. Please sign up at the coffee hour table. Thank you!

## **CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Week of May 27 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of June 3 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of June 10 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

Week of June 17 - Thomas and Lynn Sulpizi

Week of June 24 - Nancy Hlwiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of July 1 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of July 8 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

**DONATIONS (CREDIT CARDS) ACCEPTED** – for those who are interested, we can accept donations to the Church through credit cards. See Mark Andreas for details.

## **GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

May 26 – Sonya Patronik

June 2 - David and Eve Lazaration

June 9 - Zina Twardus and Nancy Tur

June 16 - Sandy Cramer

**We need more Greeters!! If you would like to volunteer, please see Father Stephen**

## **TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS**

Saturday, June 8 – Hall Rented

Thursday, June 13 – Ascension – Visit by Metropolitan Antony

Saturday, June 29 – Wine Tasting Event 5PM – 8PM

Sunday, June 16 – Father's Day Dinner

Monday, July 1 – Apostles' Fast

Sunday, July 14 – Patronal Dinner

Saturday, July 20 – Hall Rented

Saturday, August 3 – UOL Flea Market

Saturday, November 2 – Fall Bazaar

Tuesday, November 26 – Community Thanksgiving Service – Atonement Methodist

**SCHEDULING FOR THE PARISH** – Please remember that all events, work parties, use of the hall must be cleared through the calendar kept by Father Stephen so that dueling events can be avoided.

## **READERS MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

May 26 – Andrew Duncan

June 1 - Thomas Sulpizi

June 8 - Jean Roeth

June 15 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

June 22 - Linda Hnatow

**We need more Readers, if you would like to volunteer, please see Father Stephen**

**WINE TASTING** - \$35/person, \$60/ couple – Saturday, June 29 from 5-8 PM – More Later

**GRADUATE SUNDAY** – will be celebrated on Father's Day, June 16. Please give to Father Stephen the name of the graduate from kindergarten, High School college or university with the name of the school, where the student will attend the next year or the degree (college) and where the graduate will go from here. All entries must be in by Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**SPECIAL THANKS** - are offered to Protopresbyter Emmanuel Pratsinakis for the beautiful gift of two more golden vases. May God reward his kindness a hundredfold!

**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL** – Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Daniel, Archimandrite Raphael, Father George Bazylevsky, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Gerald Ozlanski, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Father Michael Zaparyniuk, Matushka Andrejuk, Matushka Laura Odell, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Pani Matka Oksanna Bazylevsky, Pain Matka Marianne Ozlanski, Matka Annette Zaparyniuk, , Alicia, Nerry, Mykola, Brennan, Henry, Deborah, Galina, Dolores, Julian, Madison, Maria, Marie, Matt, Michele, Mykola, Penelope, Rita, Ryan, Jonathan Angelo, Randy Allen, Carolyn Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Joyce Bendoakas, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Irene Billon, James Bolton, Maria Borowenski, Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, Thomas Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Kathy Chalfont, Erik Colazo, Alex Czernik, Michael Dalaski, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, Paula Daubert, William Dewhurst, Peter DiVirgilio, James Dudrick, Kathleen Dugan, Margaret Durell, Mary Eagleton, Maria Economou, Mary Eagleton, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, Archantula Fanjoy, Mary Farell, James Garrett, Lisa Gee, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovnirov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Richard Haslam, Rick Hastings, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Alicia Hlywak, John Hlywak, John Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Michael Kapelus, Walter Katolik, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Ludmyla Krawchenko, Mykola Krawchenko, Sue Kreisa-Christian, Marlene Kuhar, Ron Lazaration, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Jeremy Madea, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Frederick McCarthy, Beth McKirachan, Fred McKirachan, Stephen McNulty, Ronald Michel, Mary Ann Michalcewicz, Michelle Michalcewiz, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry, Bernice & Ryan Pinkowicz, Daphne Pantelopulos, George Pantelopulos, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Jeff Rozwadowski, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, David Scharba, Isaac Schmidt, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, John Serth, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Alexandra Sparco, Natalia Stanford, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Michael Synczyszyn, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Michael Tilson, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Mariel Trimble, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Peter Weremedic, Laura Worley, Jack Ziegler & James Zook.



~::~ SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC ~::~



**Y**ou may wonder why the miracles of healing and raising from the dead, contained in this Sunday's Epistle, are read during this Resurrection season. The Fathers of the Church point out that in such wonders of restoration, we have a foreshadowing of our own resurrection from the grave.

The lesson from the Acts of the Apostles tells of **TWO** incidents. In the first, Peter the Apostle came to Lydda and there found a paralytic who had been kept to his bed for eight years. Peter said to Aeneas: ***“Jesus Christ heals you! Get up and take up your bed.”*** Sure enough, Aeneas was restored to health and did as commanded.

The 2nd incident is even more glorious. A short distance from Lydda was the village of Joppa, and here lived a pious and charitable woman, Dorcas. She fell ill and died. The Christians washed her body and laid it in the upper room, apparently their place of worship. Having heard that Peter was nearby, they summoned him.

When Peter arrived, the village folk were in tears. The widows and poor showed him the clothes that Dorcas had sewn and given them. The apostle went to the upper room, knelt down in prayer, felt the power and inspiration of the Spirit, and then spoke to the dead woman: ***“Tabitha, rise!”*** She opened her eyes and sat up. One can only imagine the wonder created by this act.

As these miracles prove, there is **HOPE** in our troubled world. Our faith in Christ has the power to restore, to raise up, to resurrect. As we submit ourselves to Him, as we obey Him, we come into contact with this power of the Lord.