

April 29, 2018

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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Sunday of the Paralytic

O Thou Who holdest the ends of the earth in the palm of Thy hand, O Jesus our God, Who art co-beginningless with the Father, and Who, together with the Holy Spirit dost rule over all things: Thou didst appear in the flesh, healing infirmities, driving away passions, and giving sight to the blind. And, by a divine word, Thou didst raise up the paralytic, commanding him to walk straightway and to take up upon his shoulders his bed, which had carried him.

Wherefore, together with him we all praise Thee and cry: O Compassionate Christ, glory to Thy dominion and might. --Oikos of the Feast

On this, the fourth Sunday of Pascha, we make commemoration of the Paralytic and, as is meet, we celebrate the miracle wrought for him.

The word of Christ was strength for the paralytic; And thus this word alone was his healing.

Jesus healed the Paralytic at the Sheep's Pool, located near the Sheep's Gate of Jerusalem, where people sacrificed their beasts and washed their insides. The pool had five sides, with a porch and arch on each. A number of people, afflicted with various diseases, passed through them, waiting at the water for an angel to come down and stir it. Once it moved, whoever stepped into the water first was instantly healed. One poor man, whose story is recounted in today's Gospel lection in the Divine Liturgy, waited 38 years for someone to lower him into the water, because he was unable to move into the water himself. However, the Savior merely commanded the man to get up and walk, and he was healed.

By Thy boundless mercy, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018. 4th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 3. Paralytic. Nine Martyrs at Cyzicus: Theognes, Rufus, Antipater, Theostichus, Artemas, Magnus, Theodotus, Thaumasius, and Philemon (3rd c.). Ven. Memnon the Wonderworker. Martyrs Diodorus and Rhodopianus—Deacon, at Aphrodisia in Anatolia (3rd-4th c.). St. Basil, Bishop of Ostrog in Montenegro (16th c.). Lazian Martyrs slain in Dudikvati and Papati (Georgian, c. 1820).

FIRST ANTIPHON

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise!

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

Say to God: How awesome are Thy deeds! So great is Thy power that Thy enemies cringe before Thee!

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee! Let it praise Thy name, O Most High!

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

SECOND ANTIPHON

God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Thy countenance upon us and have mercy on us!

O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nations!

O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God! Let all the people give thanks to Thee!

O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and wast crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face.

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire.

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad.

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs

bestowing life.

This is the day which the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

TROPARIA

(Tone 3) Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world // great mercy.

(Tone 4) In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, a model of meekness, and teacher of abstinence, so you won the heights by humility, and riches by poverty, O Holy Father Nicholas, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

KONTAKION

(Tone 8) Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming: “Rejoice!” to the Myrrhbearing Women, granting peace to Thy Apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

The Prokeimenon in the First Tone: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee.

v: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!

THE READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (9:32-43) *In those days:* as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed.” And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas, that is Gazelle. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, “Please come to us without delay.” So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, rise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Alleluia, Tone 5

v: I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.

v: For You have said: “Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be prepared in the

heavens.”

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (5:1-15) At that time there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethzatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your pallet, and walk.” And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, “It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet.” But he answered them, “The man who healed me said to me, ‘Take up your pallet, and walk.’” They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your pallet, and walk’?” Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you.” The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

The Angel cried to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O Pure Virgin! Again I say: Rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead! Rejoice, all ye people! Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem! The Glory of the Lord has shone on you! Exult now and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O Pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of your Son!

COMMUNION HYMN

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the Fountain of Immortality. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

IN PLACE OF “WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT...”

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

The Gospel according to Saint Luke 24:12-35 (5th Matins Gospel)

But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened. Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him. And He said to them, “What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?” Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, “Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?” And He said to them, “What things?” So they said to Him, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early,

astonished us. When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see. Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory? And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them. Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?" So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Paul & Jeanette Hildreth~health & God's blessings

Sue Goodman, Bob & Peggy~good health

Paul Hildreth, Rimi, Amir Abu-Aita & baby Zayn

Alex & Eleni

Special Intention

Health, blessings & safe travel for Kraig, Stephanie & Brooke Elizabeth

Fr. Tom, Fr. Dimitri, Fr. Anthony, Aaron, Amir, Rimi, Zayn, Reggie, Allen, Deborah,

JoAnn, Gloria, Luba, Kosta, Jimmy, Laurie, David, Helen, Anna, Walt, Vladimir,

Dorothy, Michael, Allison, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Jeanette, Christopher, Nicholas,

Margaret, Joseph, Gladys, my family and friends

Special Intention

Dorothy Goodman

Rose Goodman

Ralph, Debbie, Joe & Sarah

Alex & Magda Popoff

Marla Houser

Marla Houser

Joe Tome

Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

My loving husband Nickolas (40 days) & Zina Pyatenko

3 yr. memorial for Evangelia Bakousidis

Zina Pyatenko

Peter Popoff & John Naum

Anthony Dorohov (8 yrs.)

Connie Maxim

Batcos & Lukens family

Milan & Stephanie Stikovich

Alex & Magda Popoff

Victor & Lydia Dorohov

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

Mrs. Stikovich

The Stikovich family



CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

WELCOME to all our friends and visitors. Please join us in our fellowship hall.



COFFEE, DONUTS & DESSERTS are provided today by Irene Batcos & the Bakousidis family in memory of Evangelia Bakousidis (3 yrs.)

OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting Bar & Hand Soap for the month of May. Place the items in the blue box in the hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items.

FOOD DRIVE Place non-perishable food items in the other blue box in the hall.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Thursday, May 3rd, 9 am – 12:30 pm. Please join us in ministering and showing the love of God to the community.

PASCHA FLOWERS If you donated toward particular flowers, they are in the parish hall & can be taken home.

NOT GETTING YOUR EMAILS from St. Nicholas? If you were on our mailing list but haven't been receiving your weekly bulletin and/or monthly newsletter check your settings on your email. They may be going into your spam, social or promotions account.



BINGO May 6th. Enjoy family fun and fellowship as well as lunch. Lots of prizes too.

RUMMAGE SALE June 8th & 9th. Get a jump on that spring cleaning & bring in your donations. If you have large items call Dennis Jernigan at 810-908-3631. Smaller items can be left in the foyer in the parish hall. All donations need to be in working order, cleaned up and ready to sell. Flyers are in the parish hall. There will also be flyers to post in the community mid May.

Weekly Schedule:

Tuesday, May 1

6 pm

Father Matthew in Toledo

Book Club

Wednesday, May 2

9:30 am

11:15 am

MIDPENTECOST

Liturgy

Adult Ed class

Thursday, May 3

9 am-12:30pm

North End Soup Kitchen

Saturday, May 5

1 pm

5 pm

1 year Parastas for Theresa Karayanis at Evergreen Cemetery

Vespers

Sunday, May 6

9:30 am

10 am

Third Hour

Divine Liturgy

BINGO

Offerings for the week April 22 , 2018

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,545.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 4,034.03
	-\$ 2,489.03

65 people were in attendance on Sunday, April 22.

“Let no one fear death for the death of our Savior has set us free.” *St. John Chrysostom*