



## **Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church Bulletin**

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HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC



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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 3, 2026**  
**Volume 61: Number 18**  
**Schedule of Services and Activities**  
**Week of May 3 - 10, 2026**  
**Celebrating our 98<sup>th</sup> year of Service to the Lord**

Sunday, May 3 - Sunday of the Paralytic Tone 3

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Prayers before Communion

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

Wednesday, May 6 – Mid-Pentecost – St. George (Veneration Relics, Anointing)

7:00 AM - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, May 9

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

4:00 PM – Calling All Men to Help Cook for Mother's Day

Sunday, May 10 - Sunday of the Samaritan Woman – Mother's Day - Tone 4

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Prayers before Communion

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Mother's Day Dinner

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Sunday of the Paralytic - Matins: Luke 24:1-12; Liturgy: Acts 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: ST. George – Matins: Luke 12:2-12; Mid-Pentecost: Acts of the Apostles 14:6-18; John 7:14-30; St. George: Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11; John 15:17-16:2

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

Friday – Apostle Mark – Matins: Luke 10:1-21; Liturgy: 1 Peter 5:6-14; Mark 6:7-13;

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

## 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 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".

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### SICKNESS COMES IN MANY FORMS

The Sunday of the Paralytic seems almost out of place in the Paschal cycle of services. This day is dedicated to commemorating a miracle, which, historically and chronologically, took place quite early in Christ's ministry. At first glance, it appears to have no correlation with the joyful theme of the Resurrection, which we continue to celebrate. Careful study, however, shows that a subtle, but wonderful connection can be made between this miraculous event and our Savior's rising from the dead.

The power of Jesus to **HEAL** is intimately linked to His Resurrection. It proclaims to us that He Who can overcome death in His **OWN** body certainly has power over **ALL** human flesh. Simply put, our Lord can heal the paralytic because He Himself can rise from the dead.

Today's Gospel lesson is a touching story of a man waiting 38 years for someone to help him into the healing waters of the pool of Bethesda. How heart breaking are his words to Christ: "I have no one to put me into the pool." With compassion for the lonely paralytic, Jesus commands the man to do something that he must have longed to do for nearly four decades: "Rise, take up your bed and walk!"

So caught up in the joy of this miracle, it is easy for us to overlook the stern admonition given to the paralytic by Christ after curing Him: "Sin no more, lest something worse happen to you." Sickness and affliction come in many forms. While physical pain and suffering seem to be the greatest obstacles to a happy life, we must remember that **SPIRITUAL ILLNESSES** have consequences that are much more severe. Remember how Christ once condemned those who have eyes "but do not see" and who have ears "but do not hear". Fortunately, our Savior is always there to provide relief from any sickness of the soul. Truly He is the "Physician of souls and bodies!"

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - is expressed to Nathaniel Krauthauser, 4/26; Andrea Hoffman, 4/26; Mykola Udud, 4/26; Kathy Duncan, 4/29; Kimberly Pabian, 4/30; Charles Roeth, 4/30; Anatolij Bazinov, 5/1; Katherine Chalfont, 5/1; Christopher Belles, 5/2 & Irene Maskaly, 5/3. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy & blessed years!

**COOKING AND SET UP FOR MOTHER'S DAY** - Calling all men!!! Beginning at 4:00 PM we will gather at the hall to cook and set up for the Mother's Day Dinner.

### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

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

- May 3 – Victor Kaliakin and Sonya Patroniik
- May 10 – John Plachuta and Linda Hnatow
- May 17 – John Plachuta and Linda Hnatow
- May 24 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin
- May 31 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin
- June 7 – Sonya Patronik and John Plachuta
- June 14 – Sonya Patronik and John Plachuta

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

- Week of May 4 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson
- Week of May 11 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly
- Week of May 18 - Mark & Laura Andreas
- Week of May 25 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson
- Week of June 1 - Thomas and Lynn Sulpizi
- Week of June 8 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus
- Week of June 15 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

**Parish Board** – Wednesday, May 13 @ 6:30 PM

**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.

**100th ANNIVERSARY** – will be held on Saturday, July 17th, 2027 with a 10:00 AM – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with a Banquet at the Claymont Ballroom. Mark your calendars! Our first fund Raiser for the event is the sale of T-shirts (\$10) polo shirts (\$15 ) and sweat shirts (\$20) with the Anniversary Logo on them thanks to the art and stitching work of Michael Kapelus.

### **READERS MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

May 3 - Jean Roeth  
May 10 - Andrew Duncan  
May 17 - Thomas Scholz  
May 24 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick  
May 31 - Thomas Sulpizi  
June 7 - John Plachuta  
June 14 - Linda Hnatow

### **CALENDER OF EVENTS - 2026**

Sunday May 10 – Mother’s Day Dinner  
Sunday, May 31 – Pentecost  
Saturday, June 6 – Scout Car Wash at the Church  
Monday, June 8 – Apostle’ Fast  
Saturday, June 13 – Hall Rented  
Sunday, June 21 – Father’s Day Dinner  
Sunday, July 12 – Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul – Patronal Dinner  
Saturday, August 1 – UOL Flea Market  
Saturday, November 7 – Fall Bazaar  
Saturday, November 28 – St. Philip Fast  
Sunday, December 20 – UOL Cookie Sale

### **GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

May 3 - Sonya Patronik  
May 10 - Zina Twardus and Nancy Tur  
May 17 - David and Eve Lazaration  
May 24 - Sandy Cramer

**PLEASE 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 Anthony Ugolnik, Father James Weremedic, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Matushka Andrejuk, Matushka Laura Odell, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Pani Matka Oksanna Bazylevsky, Pani Matka Maryann Ozlanski, Jonathan Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Joyce Belles, Joyce Bendoakas, Ethel Bernhard, Irene Billon, James Bolton, Maria Borowenski, Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Erik Colazo, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, George Daniels, Taylor Davis, Peter DiVirgilio, James Dudrick, Kathleen Dugan, Mary Eagleton, Maria Economou, Rose Eldridge, Archantula Fanjoy, Mary Farrell, Kandi Fullerton, James Garrett, Lisa Gee, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovniov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Richard Haslam, Rick Hastings, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Alicia Hlywak, John Hlywak, Nancy Hlywiak, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Serhii Ivashyna, Violet Jaskolka, Stephen Johnson, Bill Jones, Linda Josepinson, Michael Kapelus, Walter Katolik, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Tommy Knight, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Francis Lano, Ed Lavender, Ron Lazaration, Joan Libera, Karen Livick, Sara Long, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Jeremy Madea, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Frederick McCarthy, Fred McKirachan, Stephen McNulty, Ronald Michel, Mary Ann Michalcewicz, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Ann Nester, Rick Orner, Sienna Ozboya, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Daphne Pantelopulos, George Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Janilyn Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Chuck Redden, Patricia Redden, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Sandy Roeder, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Jeff Rozwadowski, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Richard Scharba, Isaac Schmidt, Clay Seman, John Serth, Larissa Sth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Alexandra Sparco, Natalia Stanford, Rich Steinman, Cynthia Stepovij, Nicholas Stepovij, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Michael Synczyszyn, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, John 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, Laura Worley, Jack Ziegler & James Zook

## ICON FOR THE DAY OF MID-PENTECOST

**T**he unusual icon of our bulletin is termed the "Mid-Pentecost" image. Strangely enough, the idea of observing a Mid-Pentecost day is not new in the Church. There are traces of a festival that comes midway between Resurrection & Pentecost as far back as the 5th century.

We have here a rather unique picture of Christ as the GREAT TEACHER of mankind. The Gospel for the day tells of Jesus "going up into the temple" in the midst of the feast, and teaching. And so the icon shows a young Christ teaching a group of obviously mature and learned men, who seem somewhat surprised at the wisdom of their Mentor. The Lord is depicted with one hand in a gesture of making a point, while the other hand clutches a scroll.

Yes, the entire scene makes one think of a twelve-year-old Jesus in Jerusalem, without the Holy Virgin and Joseph. St. Luke tells of the incident: "After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them & answering their questions." What we have then, is a composite setting of Christ, Divine Wisdom, of deed and word, a profound teaching for every generation.

There is a need today for us to gather about the feet of Our Lord, as did Mary, the sister of Lazarus, "choosing the best part," and listening to the instruction of the Master. Let this be our task as we await the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the feast of Pentecost, coming 50 days after the Lord's Resurrection.