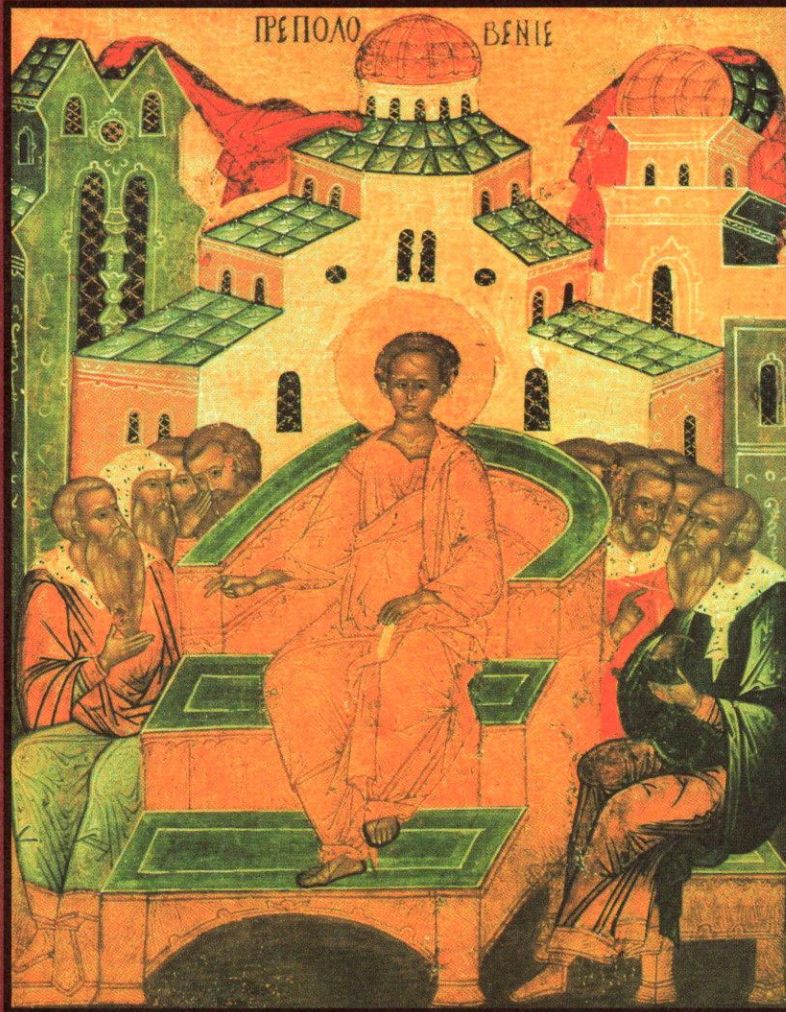


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### **HOLY MYSTERIES**

**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 7, 2023**  
**Volume 59: Number 19**  
**Schedule of Services and Activities**  
**Week of May 7 - 14, 2023**  
**Celebrating our 96<sup>th</sup> year of Service to the Lord**

Sunday, May 7 – Sunday of the Paralytic

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Baptism: Daniel Alexander Coppock

Coffee Hour

2:00 – 4:00 PM – Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Thursday, May 11 – See Announcement

10:00 AM – Archpastoral Liturgy – 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Episcopal Consecration;  
22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood Archbishop Daniel  
St. Andrew Memorial Church, South Bound Brook, NJ

12:00 Noon – Agape Meal

7:00 PM – Boy Scouts

Friday, May 12

7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Saturday, May 13

2:00 – 4:00 PM – Eagle Scout Ceremony

5:00 PM – Decorating and Preparing Meal for Mother's Day

Sunday, May 14 – Sunday of the Samaritan Woman – St. Metropolitan Macarius

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

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## SCRIPTURAL 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

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

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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 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".

## **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 arcana" (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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## 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!"



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - is expressed to Rob Coppock, 5/11 & Chuck Redden, 5/12. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

**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.

**ANNIVERSARIES OF ARCHBISHOP DANIEL** – On Thursday, May 11 there will be an Archpastoral Divine Liturgy beginning at 10:00 AM at St. Andrew Memorial Church in Somerset, NJ to celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Episcopal Consecration and the 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. An Agape Meal will follow at the Ukrainian Cultural Center. All are invited to attend. RSVP should be made to Father Vasyi Pasakas at (908)-400-7099 by Monday, May 8.

**THE EGYPTIAN FESTIVAL** – Sunday, May 7 from 11AM – 7PM St. Mary Coptic Orthodox Church, 1644 Otts Chapel Road, Newark, DE 19702 with traditional Mediterranean ore info: <https://www.stmaryde.org/festival/sponsors>.

**SPECIAL THANKS** – to Linda Hnatow and Kathy Duncan, Chairpersons, our Parishioners and our Boy Scouts of Troop #70 the Peacemakers and their Leaders and Parents for coming to gather Thursday night to cook for the homeless at Emmanuel Dining Room. There was so much help! May God reward their efforts to help those less fortunate than us.

**ROTARY CLUB OF WILMINGTON STANDS WITH UKRAINE – STAND WITH UKRAINE** – are sponsoring a Meet and Greet with the Honorable Iryna Mazur, Honorary Consul of Ukraine on Thursday, May 18 from 4-5PM at the Hotel Dupont, 42 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Wilmington, DE. You must make reservations if you would like to attend at the following: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/meet-and-greet-with-iryna-mazur-honorary-consul-of-ukraine-tickets-623956660167> – There is also a banquet/fund raiser for Ukraine which is \$200/plate beginning with a 6PM reception and 7:00 PM Dinner. You must make reservations at <https://www.rotarywilmington.org/>.

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



## **MEETINGS**

**UOL Meeting** – Sunday, May 21 after Church

**PARISH BOARD** – Tuesday, June 13 @ 6:30 PM

## **TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS**

May 7 – 2:00 – 4:00 PM – Eagle Scout Ceremony

Saturday, May 13 – 2:00 – 4:00 PM – Eagle Scout Ceremony

Sunday, May 14 – Mother's Day Dinner

Sunday, June 11 – Prayer for Ukraine 1PM – St. David Episcopal Church

Sunday, June 18 – Father's Day Dinner

Sunday, July 9 – Patronal Feast Day

Saturday, August 5 – UOL Flea Market

Saturday, October 7 – UOL Sponsored Retreat – Archbishop Daniel

Saturday, November 4 – Fall Bazaar

Tuesday, November 21 – Community Thanksgiving Service – Holly Oak Calvary  
Methodist Church 7PM

Sunday, December 10 – UOL Cookie Sale

## **GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

May 7 - David and Eve Lazaration

May 14 - Zina Twardus and Nancy Tur

May 21 - Sandy Cramer

May 28 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik

## **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

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

May 7 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin,

May 14 - Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin

May 21 - Lorraine Neff and John Plachuta

May 28 – Lorraine Neff and John Plachuta

June 4 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas

June 11 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas

## **READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

May 7 - John Plachuta

May 14 - Andrew Duncan

May 21 - Linda Hnatow

May 28 - Thomas Sulpizi

June 4 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

June 11 - Jean Roeth



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

Week of May 8 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of May 15 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of May 22 - Thomas and Lynn Sulpizi

Week of May 29 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of June 3 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of June 10 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of June 17 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

**PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE** – Our friends at ST. David Episcopal Church (2320 Grubb Road) is sponsoring a day of prayer for Ukraine on Sunday, June 11 beginning at 1:00 PM. Please plan to attend.



**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL** – Metropolitan Antony, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father George Bazylevsky, father Constantine Christo, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Matushka Andrejuk, Matushka Laura Odell, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Alicia, Nerry, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Galina, Dolores, Julian, Madison, Maria, Matt, Michele, Mykola, Penelope, Rita, Ryan, Randy Allen, Carolyn Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Irene Billon, Maria Borowski Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, Thomas Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Mildred (Myrophora) Christo, Erik Colazo, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, Peter DiVirgilio, James Dudrick, Kathleen Dugan, Margaret Durell, Mary Eagleton, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, Archantula Fanjoy, James Garrett, Lisa Gee, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovniou, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Richard Haslam, Rick Hastings, Celeste Heiser, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Alicia Hlywak, John Hlywak, John Hnatow, Michael Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Rosalie Ann Kane, Michael Kapelus, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Walter Katolik, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Ludmyla Krawchenko, Mykola Krawchenko, Volodymyr Krasnopera, 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, Lorraine Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Daphne Pantelopulos, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Jeff Rozwadowski, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Isaac Schmidt, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, John Serth, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Kimberly Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Natalia Stanford, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Michael Synczyszyn, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Alexandra Sparco, Lydia Thomas, 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.

Let us meditate on the Propers from the Sunday of the Paralytic

### 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.



**"IF ANYONE THIRSTS, LET HIM COME TO ME & DRINK"**

**T**he Wednesday following the "Sunday of the Paralytic" is the exact midpoint between the celebration of Pascha and the Feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit. For centuries, our Holy Orthodox Church has emphasized the significance of this day, referring to it as MID-PENTECOST. The Feast of Mid-Pentecost is viewed as a "link" between these great holy days of the Church, and is based upon the following words of St. John's Gospel: "NOW ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF THE FEAST, JESUS WENT UP INTO THE TEMPLE AND TAUGHT." (John 7:14)

What was it that Christ taught while in Jerusalem for the observance of the Feast of Tabernacles? He spoke of the "higher authority" that His words represented: "MY DOCTRINE IS NOT MINE, BUT HIS WHO SENT ME." (John 7:16) During the festivities of this important Jewish celebration, which commemorated the water flowing from the rock which Moses struck in the wilderness, Jesus boldly proclaimed: "IF ANYONE THIRSTS, LET HIM COME TO ME AND DRINK. HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME, AS THE SCRIPTURE HAS SAID, OUT OF HIS HEART WILL FLOW RIVERS OF LIVING WATERS." (John 7:37-38)

The Feast of Mid-Pentecost is designed to strengthen our faith in the Risen Lord. It reminds us to focus on the coming of the Holy Spirit, which we will commemorate 50 days after our Savior's glorious Resurrection.