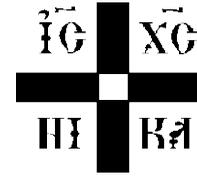


## Week Schedule

<b>Saturday</b>	Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m. <b><i>CANCELLED</i></b> Confessions following Vespers
<b>Sunday</b>	Reading of Hours, 9:40 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.

On this day the Church remembers the man who lay by the Sheep's Pool in Jerusalem for thirty-eight years, waiting for someone to put him into the pool. The first one to enter the pool after an angel troubled the water would be healed of his infirmities, but someone always entered the pool before him. Seeing the man, the Lord felt compassion for him and healed him. The Kontakion for this Fourth Sunday of Pascha asks Christ to raise up our souls, "paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts."



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Call to arrange sacraments, services, instruction, counseling, home visits, sick calls.

### **Troparion (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.

### **Kontakion (Tone 3)**

By Your divine intercession, O Lord, as You raised up the Paralytic of old, so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts; so that being saved I may sing to You://“Glory to Your power, O compassionate Christ!”

### **Kontakion (Tone 8)**

You descended into the tomb, O Immortal, You destroyed the power of death. In victory You arose, O Christ God, proclaiming: “Rejoice!” to the Myrrhbearing Women//granting peace to Your Apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

**May 15, 2011**  
**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 3.**  
**Paralytic.**

### **Prayers for The Faithful and De- parted**

Barbara Andrews, Thomas Herbert, Olga and Benjamin Macalush. Lena Robovitsky, McCartney family, Alexander Kavalkovich, Patricia Ferguson, Catherine, Barbara, Edith, Ronnie, Jeannie, Donahue family, all mothers. **May God Grant Them Many Years!**

Mary Spack, Anna Herbert, Mary Libak, Maire LaMan, Anna Corba, Julia Brasko, Helen Fortner, Lucia, Anna Rabik, Julia Drimak, Anna Bondira, Mary Drimak, all mothers fallen asleep, Irene, Grace, Mary, Julia, Marie Spack, Emma Albrecht, Irene Kavsack. **May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

### **Epistle Reading**

#### **Acts 9:32-42**

Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately. So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

### **Gospel Reading**

#### **John 5:1-15**

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me."<sup>8</sup> Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed." He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.' " Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place.<sup>14</sup> Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

### **Welcome to our Visitors!**

A warm welcome to all our visitors and guests who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for our Fellowship Hour in the Church Hall . **Please note: Only those Orthodox Christians that have properly prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, and confession of sins should approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Church Telephone Number**

Our church's telephone number is 215-468-3535. If there is inclement weather, do please call the number and wait for the answering machine. If church is canceled, it will be announced on the machine.

#### **Parish Council Meeting**

The Parish Council will meet today, May 15, during the coffee hour.

#### **Choir Retreat**

On June 4, Janine Legg will host a choir retreat for our and our neighboring parishes' choir members.

#### **Parish Statistics for May 01, 2011**

Attendance: 40

Income: \$1191.00

Expenses: \$561.00

**Surplus: \$630.00**