

ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, May 23, 2021

Saturday Vespers, 7:00 pm • Sunday Matins & Liturgy, 8:30 am Fourth Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of the Paralytic



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Troparion for Pascha:

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

Hymns of the Day, immediately after the Small Entrance:

Entrance Hymn for Pascha: In the gathering places, bless ye God the Lord from the springs of Israel. O Son of God who art risen from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Troparion for the Resurrection (Tone 3): Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the great mercy.

Troparion of All Saints (Tone 4): Adorned in the blood of Thy martyrs, throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassion upon Thy people; grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

Kontakion for Pascha (Tone 8): O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: 'Rejoice!' And Thou gavest peace to Thy disciples, O Bestower of resurrection to those who had fallen.

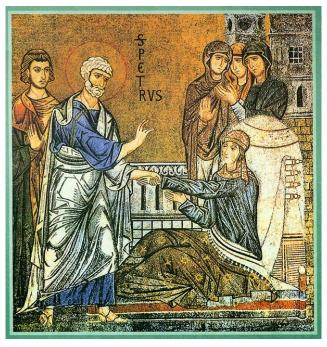
THE EPISTLE

For the Sunday of the Paralytic

O chant unto our God, chant ye. Clap your hands, all ye nations. **The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (9:32-42)**

In those days, as Peter went throughout all regions, he came down also to the saints who dwelt at Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who was bedridden for eight years and paralyzed. And Peter said to him: "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; arise and make your bed." And immediately he arose. And all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned back to the Lord.

Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha (which means Gazelle). She was full of good works and of charitable deeds which she did. And it came to pass in those days that she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they placed her in an upper chamber. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him:

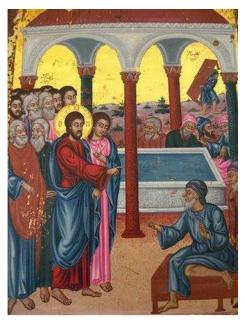


"Come to us without delay!" So Peter arose and went with them.

And when he arrived, they took him into the upper chamber. All the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and other garments which Tabitha 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, arise!" And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. And he gave her his hand, and raised her up. Then he called the saints and widows and presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

THE GOSPEL For the Sunday of the Paralytic

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (5:1-15)



At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first, after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had.

One man was there, who had been ill for 38 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 befalls you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

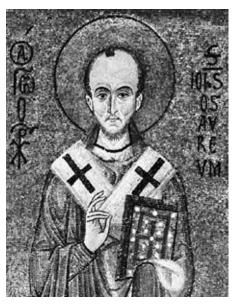
Hymn to the Theotokos for Pascha: The angel cried to the lady full of grace: Rejoice, rejoice O pure Virgin! Again, I say rejoice! For thy Son is risen from His three days in the tomb. With Himself, He has raised all the dead. Rejoice, rejoice O ye people! Shine, shine, shine O New Jerusalem: The glory of the Lord has shone on thee. Exult now, exult, and be glad, O Zion. Be radiant, O pure Theotokos in the resurrection, the resurrection of thy Son!

:: ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ON TODAY'S GOSPEL READING (JOHN 5) ::

"Why did not Jesus require faith of this man, as He did in the case of others, saying, 'Believest thou that I am able to do this'? It was because the man did not yet clearly know who He was; and it is not before, but after the working of miracles that He is seen so doing. For persons who had beheld His power exerted on others would reasonably have this said to them, while of those who had not yet learned who He was, but who were to know afterwards by means of signs, it is after the miracles that faith is required. And therefore Matthew does not introduce Christ as having said this at the beginning of His miracles, but when He had healed many, to the two blind men only.

"Observe however in this way the faith of the paralytic. When he had heard, "Take up your bed and walk', he did not mock, nor say, 'What can this mean? An Angel comes down and troubles the water, and heals only one, and do You, a man, by a bare command and word hope to be able to do greater things than Angels? This is mere vanity, boasting, mockery!' But he neither said nor imagined anything like this, but at once he heard and arose, and becoming whole, was not disobedient to Him that gave the command; for immediately he was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked.

"What followed was even far more admirable. That he believed at first, when no one troubled him, was not so marvelous, but that afterwards, when the Jews were full of madness and pressed



upon him on all sides, accusing and besieging him and saying, 'It is not lawful for you to take up your bed,' that then he gave no heed to their madness, but most boldly in the midst of the assembly proclaimed his Benefactor and silenced their shameless tongues, this, I say, was an act of great courage. ...

"Considering then that even when we labor not, by rejoicing with him that labors, we become sharers of his crown, let us cast aside all envy, and implant charity in our souls, that by applauding those of our brethren who are well pleasing unto God, we may obtain both present and future good things, through the grace and lovingkindness of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom and with whom, to the Father and the Holy Ghost, be glory, now and ever, world without end. Amen."

Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full calendar of events and services at All Saints, see our website www.allsaintsorthodox.org

This weekend:

- Last Sunday for church school, following Liturgy and coffee hour.
- Fr. Pat's Zoom Bible class, 1pm.

This week at All Saints:

- Morning Prayers: Tuesday through Friday, 9am.
- Wednesday, May 26: Vespers, 7pm.
- Memorial Day weekend retreat, May 28-31 at Covenant Harbor, Lake Geneva, WI.

Next weekend's services will take place BOTH at the retreat and at All Saints Church:

- Saturday, May 29: Vespers, 7pm.
- Sunday, May 30: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman. Matins, 8:30am; Divine Liturgy, 9:30am.

MEMORIAL DAY RETREAT

Our Memorial Day retreat is next weekend, at Covenant Harbor in Wisconsin! There is still room; please see Kh. Patty, Octavian, or Sarah S. ASAP if would like to go, but are not yet on the list.

Please fill out the pricing form if you are going and have not done so yet. Additional forms and information will be emailed this coming week to all attendees. Regular weekend services will be held both at the campgrounds, and back here at All Saints Church.

CHURCH SCHOOL AWARDS

Our end-of-year church school recognition ceremony and awards will take place **Sunday, June 13** after the Divine Liturgy. Many thanks to all of our teachers and students who made church school possible during this strange and difficult year!

BISHOP ANTHONY'S VISIT

Bishop Anthony plans to visit us Pentecost weekend, **June 19-20**. His Grace will preside over our Saturday inquirers' class, Vespers, Sunday Matins, and Divine Liturgy. (He will not serve Liturgy on Saturday, as previously reported, due to the lifting of COVID restrictions in our churches.) Please make every effort to attend services and events this weekend with His Grace!

A NOTE ON THE CHOIR

Thanks to all our talented choir members and vespers chanters, who labored to make Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha beautiful! If anyone is interested in joining the choir for Sunday Liturgy and other feast days, please see Christy K. If you have an interest in reading, singing, or chanting at Vespers or Matins, please see Paul S.

We have a wonderfully robust tradition of congregational singing here at All Saints, and it is the choir's role to lead and guide us. Let us ALL do our best to listen and follow the choir's lead during services as we sing joyfully to our Lord. If you have a talent or a desire to serve the church in the choir or as a chanter, please see Christy or Paul after one of our services. Thank you!

Date	Reader	Prosphora	Greeter	Coffee
Sunday May 23 Paralytic	Jim K	Cristina P	Nancy L	Domitille N
Sunday May 30 Samaritan Woman	Joseph L	Dn Walid	Domitille N	Alina S
Sunday, June 6 Blind Man Sunday	Jerry C.	Sandy A.	Sandy A.	Lydia A.
Wed., June 9 Ascension	Michelle C	Dn. Walid	Azizeh	

Volunteer Schedule

Please note that regular coffee hours will resume Sunday, June 27, on the feast of All Saints! As we've done in the past, the church will be divided into four parts alphabetically (A-F, G-K, L-P, and R-W). So if your last name begins with A through F, please bring something simple to share for coffee hour on June 27, and we'll go through the alphabet from there.

Weekly clean-up will be the responsibility of those providing coffee hour. For now, please, let's all pitch in and help.

Also, if you are providing holy bread for Liturgy, or food/snacks for coffee hour, please feel free to provide a list of names (living and departed) of your family members or friends, to be read at the Great Entrance on that day.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS May 23-29, 2021

ADAPTED FROM THE LECTIONARY OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESE

Sunday, May 23: Sunday of the Paralytic Luke 24:12-35 / Acts 9:32-42 / John 5:1-15

Monday, May 24: Saint Vincent of Lerins Genesis 22:1-18 / Acts 10:1-16 / John 6:56-69

Tuesday, May 25: Hiero-Martyr Therapon Isaiah 61:1-9 / Acts 10:21-33 / John 7:1-13

Wednesday, May 26: Mid-Pentecost; St. Augustine, Archbishop of Canterbury Micah 4:1-5, 6:1-8¹ / Acts 14:6-18 / John 7:14-30

> Thursday, May 27: Venerable Bede Isaiah 55:1-13 / Acts 10:34-43 / John 8:12-20

Friday, May 28: Hieromartyr Eutychius, Bishop of Melitene Proverbs 9:1-11 / Acts 10:44-11:10 / John 8:21-30

Saturday, May 29: Theodosia the Virgin-Martyr of Tyre Acts 12:1-11 / John 8:31-42

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¹ This and the two following Old Testament readings are appointed for Vespers at the feast of Mid-Pentecost.