



# ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, May 7, 2023**

**Saturday Vespers, 7pm • Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am**

**Fourth Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of the Paralytic**



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

**Kontakion for Pascha (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 myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Thine apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

**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.

## **THE EPISTLE**

*For the Fourth Sunday of Pascha*

O chant unto our God, chant ye. Clap your hands, all ye nations.

**The Reading from the Acts of the Holy 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 Fourth Sunday of Pascha*

### **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.

## THE SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

*From www.antiochian.org*

*“O Jesus our God: 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 hymn at Orthros)

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

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.

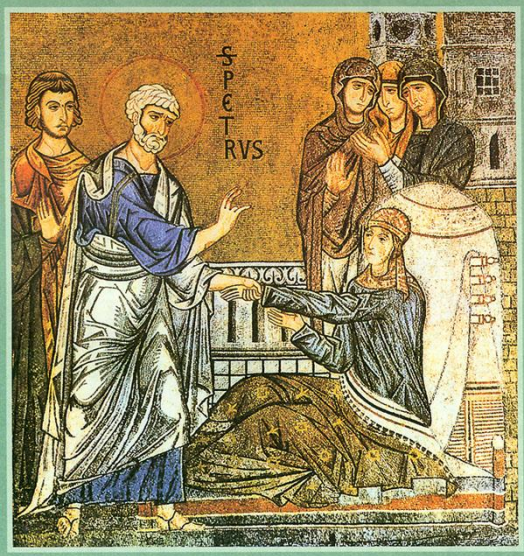
One poor man, whose story is recounted in today's Gospel lection in the Divine Liturgy, waited 38 years for someone to lower him into the water, because he was unable to move into the water himself. However, the Savior merely commanded the man to get up and walk, and he was healed.

According to the expounders of the Gospels, the Lord Jesus healed this paralytic during the days of the Passover, when He had gone to Jerusalem for the Feast, and dwelt there teaching and working miracles. According to Saint John the Evangelist, this miracle took place on the Sabbath.

The icon of the Sunday of the Paralytic depicts the biblical story of the Christ healing the paralytic. Our Lord, accompanied by His disciples, is shown blessing the paralytic. The man has risen and taken up his bed as commanded by Christ. The paralytic is bowing toward the Lord in reverence and in gratitude for the great miracle that has been done. In the background of the icon is the pool where the infirm came for healing.

# SAINT TABITHA THE WIDOW, RAISED FROM THE DEAD BY THE APOSTLE PETER

*From [www.o.ca.org](http://www.o.ca.org)*



Saint Tabitha, the widow raised from the dead by the Apostle Peter, was a virtuous and kindly woman who belonged to the Christian community in Joppa. Being grievously ill, she suddenly died. At the time, the Apostle Peter was preaching at Lydda, not far from Joppa. Messengers were sent to him with an urgent request for help. When the Apostle arrived at Joppa, Tabitha was already dead. On bended knee, Saint Peter made a fervent prayer to the Lord. Then he went to the bed and called out, “Tabitha, get up!” She arose, completely healed (Acts 9:36).

Saint Tabitha is considered the patron saint of tailors and seamstresses, since she was known for sewing coats and other garments (Acts 9:39).

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

*For a full calendar of events and services at All Saints, see our website [www.allsaintsorthodox.org](http://www.allsaintsorthodox.org)*

Today:

- Coffee hour and church school play “Road to Emmaus”: today after Liturgy

This week:

- **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:** Morning Prayers, 9am
- **Tuesday, May 9:** Parish council meeting (online), 7:30pm
- **Wednesday, May 10:** Vespers for the feast of Mid-Pentecost, 7pm.
- **Saturday, May 13:** Vespers, 7pm
- **Next Sunday, May 14: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman.** Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am, followed by coffee hour and church school.

**FASTING DURING THE PASCHAL SEASON.** It is the custom of our Patriarchate of Antioch that we are not required to fast from meat, dairy, etc. during the entirety of the 40-day Paschal season, even on Wednesdays and Fridays. (We do, however, still observe the pre-communion fast. Please see Fr. Andrew if any questions.)

**CHURCH SCHOOL:** Our final day of church school for the season will be **Sunday, May 21.** The end-of-year celebration and awards ceremony will be after Liturgy on **Sunday, June 4.** Many thanks to Melissa and all of our teachers and staff for your work this year!

**CHOIR DONATIONS:** A gift was presented after Pascha to our choir director to acknowledge his hard work and leadership. Anyone who wishes to donate toward this gift from the parish may do so through the month of May, or at any time you'd like to show your appreciation! Please make your contributions to the church with "choir director" in the memo line.

**METROPOLITAN SABA'S ENTHRONEMENT:** This coming Saturday, May 13, our Metropolitan Archbishop will be enthroned at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Brooklyn. (Beginning next weekend, we will commemorate him in our services.) May God grant him many years! Please keep him and our beloved archdiocese in your prayers.

**MONASTERY TRIP:** St. George Church in Spring Valley is inviting us to participate in a visit to St. John Chrysostom Monastery in Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin, on **Saturday, May 20.** Both men and women are welcome; women should wear skirts, men should wear long pants. If anyone would like to participate, we plan to arrive at the Monastery at 11:00 am. We will picnic on the grounds, so please bring your own lunch. Contact Ruth Baum for more information, [rjbaum53@gmail.com](mailto:rjbaum53@gmail.com).

**SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL DAY CAMP** will be at St. George in Cicero, **June 12-15,** for kids ages 6-12. Register online at [www.stgeorgechi.org/camp](http://www.stgeorgechi.org/camp). Fee is \$80, but please see Fr. Andrew for help with funding.

**ALL SAINTS 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** is slated for the weekend of June 24-25. His Grace Bishop Anthony will be with us for services all weekend.

The summer **PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE** for our diocese will take place at the Oak Brook Marriot, June 28-July 2. Register online at [antiochianevents.org](http://antiochianevents.org). All of those

participating in the Bible Bowl or attending services at the conference need to register online for a minimal fee. Please see Fr. Andrew if you would like help covering any costs.

## Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
<b>Sunday May 7</b>	Paul K.	Pat K.	Sandy A.	Alina S.	G - K
<b>Sunday May 14</b>	Joseph L.	Domitille	Azizeh C.	Domitille	L - P
<b>Sunday May 21</b>	Richard C.	Cristina P.	Nancy L.	Zach C.	R - Z
<b>Wed. May 24</b> <i>Ascension</i>	Sd. Joseph	Dn. Walid	Domitille	Volunteer	Potluck
<b>Sunday May 28</b>	Michelle C.	Sandy A.	JoAnne T.	Lydia A.	A - F

***For Sunday coffee hour, the church has been divided into four parts alphabetically (A-F, G-K, L-P, and R-Z). On your assigned week, please bring something simple to share with everyone for coffee hour.***

*If you have children, please monitor them as they go through the coffee hour line, and help them clean up after themselves. **Weekly clean-up will be the responsibility of those providing coffee hour.** And of course, things go faster when we all pitch in and help!*



# DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MAY 7-13, 2023

ADAPTED FROM THE  
LECTIONARY OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESE

*During Paschaltide, the Church's lectionary readings come primarily from the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel of St. John. Monday's and Tuesday's Old Testament readings come from the Liturgy of Holy Saturday; Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday's readings from the feast of Mid-Pentecost.*

**Sunday, May 7: Sunday of the Paralytic**

Luke 24:1-12 / Acts 9:32-42 / John 5:1-15

**Monday, May 8: Saint John the Theologian**

Genesis 22:1-18 / Acts 9:43-10:23 / John 7:37-53

**Tuesday, May 9: Holy Prophet Isaiah; Martyr Christopher**

Isaiah 61:1-9 / Acts 10:24-48 / John 8:1-11

**Wednesday, May 10: Mid-Pentecost; Apostle Simon the Zealot**

Micah 4:1-5, 6:1-8 / Acts 11:1-18 / John 8:12-20

**Thursday, May 11: Equals-to-the-Apostles Methodius & Cyril, Enlighteners of the Slavs**

Isaiah 55:1-13 / Acts 11:19-30 / John 8:21-30

**Friday, May 12: Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus**

Proverbs 9:1-11 / Acts 12:1-19 / John 8:31-36

**Saturday, May 13: Holy Martyr Glyceria**

Acts 12:20-13:12 / John 8:37-47

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