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Fourth Sunday of Pascha • The Raising of the Paralytic
Saturday Vespers, 7pm • Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am



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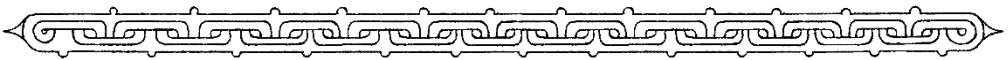
Paschal Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

Entrance Hymn: 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, alleluia, alleluia!

Troparion of 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 4th Sunday of Pascha

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 4th Sunday of Pascha

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

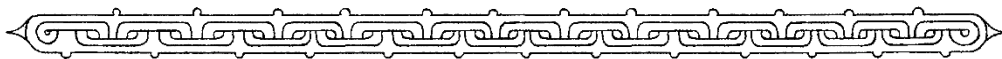
At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into 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.

Paschal Hymn to the Theotokos (Tone 1): The angel cried to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, rejoice O pure Virgin! Again I say: Rejoice! Your 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 you. Exult now, exalt, and be glad, O Zion. Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Verse: Receive the body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality. Alleluia.



THOUGHTS ON THE FULLNESS OF LIFE, PART ONE

His Eminence Metropolitan Saba (Ispër)

In man, in every human being, there is an inner longing towards that which is perfect, but often, he is not aware of what that is. Man longs for fulfillment. He has an insatiable desire to get rich from everything. He wants to grow and increase in everything he loves, or in everything he believes is useful or necessary to him. He is never satisfied with anything in this world. You see him always striving, with all his energy and ability, for what is more plentiful and more abundant, but his desire is never quenched or satisfied. He considers the quest to be his salvation, the source of the joy and reassurance for which he longs.

He considers money to be his savior, so he strives, collects, and accumulates, never reaching the point of satisfaction with what he has obtained, but rather his greed increases. He aspires to high positions, searching for proof of existence and self-realization there. This may begin as a service to others and end up being self-serving. He is captivated by the love of power; power is tempting, whether it is in the realm of the family, administration, or church. The love of power infiltrates the most sacred places and situations. A person sees it as self-protection and satisfaction of ego without limits. He sees the desires of life as the meaning of his existence. He kisses her passionately, until she possesses him and enslaves him. He moves through it from one stage to another, until he discovers that he has spent his life chasing dreams that gave him no comfort.

Man fears death. This is his biggest problem. He is familiar with life, but he fears death because he does not know what it is. What man does not know is his enemy. He runs away from it, avoids it, circumvents it, does not want to confront it, or even remember that it is coming. For him, he no longer sees anything other than the present life as the way to search for the truth, or to absorb what he imagines is the truth. The idea of immortality has accompanied man in all times and civilizations, and still does. Despite his discovery that this earthly life is unfulfilling for him, he does not want to replace it with what he does not know.

How can this limited and mortal man have this longing for the limitless and the immortal? How can he dream of immortality when he does not see an immortal being around him, when even modern scientific theories claim the very universe is not eternal? Why does it hurt him when someone else gets what he wants, making him envious, hateful, and desperate, possessed by an inferiority complex? Why does he want fullness in everything, when there is nothing in front of him and around him except deficiency, defect, and corruption?

He longs for a better life, thinking it is about this thing or something else, but he soon discovers that he was wrong, and disappointment strikes him. Disappointment is characteristic of the modern man. He begins his youth with great enthusiasm, high ideals, and an amazing energy for change, only to discover after a number of years that he was too dreamy, and reality is full of disappointments. Even if he has reached sublimity in human thought, he still hopes he will do what is within his power. Most people will settle for small victories while losing hope of the possibility of changing the world.

Christianity interprets all of this as a yearning for the divine image within us to return to its origin. Human beings are created in God's image (which we need to constantly to purify from our attachments to sinful passions). Human beings are also called to grow in His image until they reach the fullness that satisfies the soul. They are inherently drawn to their unlimited, infinite, and eternal Creator. In this pursuit, humans would find the sea insufficient, even if they were to drink it all. As long as they haven't discovered within themselves the original image of their Creator, unblemished by sin and corruption that befell it through their fall from their original paradise, they will keep seeking this origin in every other thing, field or path.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

Today: Sunday of the Paralytic

- Orthros & Liturgy, followed by coffee hour (A-F)

Tuesday, May 28: Morning prayers, 9am

Wednesday, May 29: The Feast of Mid-Pentecost

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Homeschool classes, 10am-4pm
- Vespers for the feast, 7pm

Thursday, May 30: Morning prayers, 9am

Friday, May 31: Morning prayers, 9am

Saturday, June 1:

- Icon Academy, 9am-5pm
- Romans Bible Bowl study, 5-7pm
- Vespers, 7pm

Sunday, June 2: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, followed by coffee hour (L-P)
- Church school end-of-year celebration

END OF CHURCH SCHOOL YEAR CELEBRATION: On Sunday, June 2, we will be celebrating the end of the church school year and our student's accomplishments. Please join us for a celebratory coffee hour and our annual ice cream social!

Click the following link to sign up for food contributions:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080449A9A92EA0F85-49695015-church>

Parish Life Conference 2024

All Saints Church will be co-hosting our diocese Parish Life Conference this summer, along with Holy Transfiguration in Warrenville. Mark your calendars: the dates are Wednesday, June 26 through Saturday, June 29. **We need your support!**

Step #1: Register for the conference. Go to [Antiochianevents.com/Toledo](https://www.antiochianevents.com/Toledo) to register and to see the full schedule of events and services. Cost to register is \$35 (or \$15 if you decide to pay for any other ticketed events). We have funds available to reimburse volunteers for the registration fee; please see Fr. Andrew.

Step #2: Sign-up to volunteer. We will be in need of many volunteers from both of our churches, especially in the following areas:

- Registration
- Food server (for Wednesday night)
- Door monitor
- General volunteers
- Kids' club

Click here to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848AAA72DA5FDC70-49712404-plcvolunteers#/>

ADDITIONAL KIDS' CLUB NEEDS: The Kids' Club program needs collapsible play tunnels, plastic gym cones, pool noodles, beach balls, manual balloon pumps, bean bags, and hoola hoops for an obstacle course. All items will be labeled and returned following the conference. Please see Melissa if you can lend any of these items.

Also, we need volunteers to serve as a lead teacher or assistant for our Kids Club during the Parish Life conference. We have many slots to fill and three age groups to cover! Teenagers are welcome and encouraged to sign up as assistants.

Visit here to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48ADA723A5F58-49734932-kids>

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun, May 26	Joseph L	Sarah S	Azizeh	Alina S	G-K
Sun, June 2	Richard C	Sandy A	Nancy L	Domitille	L-P
Sun, June 9	Doug J	Debbie K	John O	Lydia A	R-Z
<u>Wed, June 12</u> <i>Ascension</i>	Sd Joseph	Dn Walid	JoAnne T	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Potluck</i>
Sun, June 16	Michelle C	Pat K	James B	Zach C	A-F
Sun, June 23 <i>Pentecost</i>	Christy K	Domitille	Azizeh	Alina S	G-K
Sun, June 30 <i>All Saints</i>	Jim K	Cristina P	Nancy L	Domitille	L-P

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 26–JUNE 1, 2024

ADAPTED FROM THE
LECTIONARY OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESE

Sunday, May 26: The Raising of the Paralytic
Luke 24:12-35 / Acts 9:32-42 / John 5:1-15

Monday, May 27: Venerable Bede
Genesis 22:1-18 / Acts 9:43-10:23 / John 7:37-53

Tuesday, May 28: Hieromartyr Eutychius, Bishop of Melitene
Isaiah 61:1-9 / Acts 10:24-48 / John 8:1-11

Wednesday, May 29: Mid-Pentecost
Micah 4:1-5, 6:1-8 / Acts 11:1-18 / John 8:12-20

Thursday, May 30: Emilia, mother of Saint Basil the Great
Isaiah 55:1-13 / Acts 11:19-30 / John 8:21-30

Friday, May 31: Hermias the Martyr at Comana
Proverbs 9:1-11 / Acts 12:1-19 / John 8:31-36

Saturday, June 1: Justin the Philosopher and his companions
Acts 12:20-13:12 / John 8:37-47

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