

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (9:32–42)

In those days, 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.

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, 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." 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. 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.

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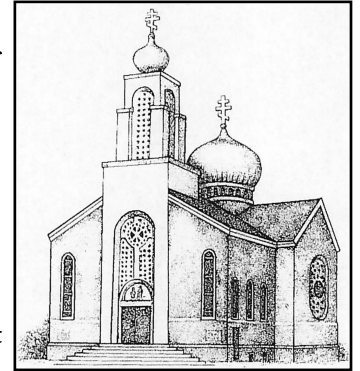
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4th Sunday of Pascha—Tone 3

The Paralytic

May 7, 2023

Reste of St. Alexis Toth, Confessor and Defender of Orthodoxy in America (1909). Martyr Acacius the Centurion at Byzantium (303). Reste of Ven. Nilus, Abbot of Sora (1508).

Christ is Risen! Indeed he is risen!

We welcome everyone who has come to this house of the Lord. We especially welcome all guest and newcomers.

Please feel free to follow along with a Divine Liturgy book from the table at the glass doors. For this Sunday and most of the year, we are using the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.

Holy Communion is a solemn responsibility: Orthodox Christians who have prepared through Confession, prayer, and fasting may participate. At the end of the Liturgy, everyone is welcome to come forward for a blessing and to share in the blessed bread (called "antidoron," this blessed bread is used in our prayers but is not itself a sacrament).

Afterward, please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshment. We look forward to greeting you personally, and we are glad that you are here.

Upcoming Events in Parish Life

We invite anyone to participate in our services online. Visit our website (sspeterpaul.org) for details.

Saturday, May 6	Vigil followed by Confession	6 PM
Sunday, May 7 <i>The Paralytic</i>	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
	Blessing of Graves	11:30 AM
Tuesday, May 9	Foundation in Orthodox Christianity Online Session 8: Personal Holiness	6 PM
Wednesdays	Morning Worship	8:15 AM
Wed., May 10	Parish Council	6:30 PM
Thursday, May 11 <i>Ss. Cyril & Methodius</i>	Divine Liturgy at Ss. Cyril & Methodius, 34 Fairview Ave, Terryville	9:30 AM
Saturday, May 13	Vigil followed by Confession	6 PM
Sunday, May 14 <i>Samaritan Woman</i>	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
	Presentation by Mariana Cuceu, St. Paraskeva Orthodox Charity, helping orphans and abandoned children in Romania	During “Coffee Hour”

2023 Vacation Church School at Three Saints Park: June 19-23, 2023

(NOTE NEW DATES). Youth aged 5–15 are invited for a day camp at Three Saints Park, 112 Miller Road, Bethany, CT. VCS meets daily 9 AM to 4 PM, with Family Night on Friday starting at 5 PM. Cost is \$45 per child. Your child will experience fun, faith, friendship, swimming, games, bible study, religious education, worship and song. This year’s theme will be “The Holy Apostles.” Questions? Call Fr. Patrick Burns (203) 734-3988.

Children of all faiths are welcome!

Diocesan Youth Rally is set for Aug. 7–12, 2023. Children aged 9–17 are encouraged to attend this high-quality camp run by the Diocese of New England at the St. Methodios Faith & Heritage Center, New Hampshire. Many adults from our parish serve as Rally Staff, and parish youth have been blessed over the years by the experience. Rally volunteers Tim Tassmer, Elias and Ephraim Mosher would be glad to answer questions.

Our parish Charity Fund offers financial aid to help children attend Youth Rally. We strongly believe this is an excellent opportunity to build up our children’s faith and especially to enable them to make Orthodox friends across the diocese. If you would like to support participation in Youth Rally, **please contribute to our Charity Fund.**

Another way to support Youth Rally is to participate in ONE Stewards, which directly funds valuable outreach like Youth Rally. For details, see the bulletin board or the diocesan website: <https://dneoca.org>

We are planning a **prospophora baking workshop** in the next few weeks. The prospophora is the bread offered up for communion and all the surrounding prayers of the Divine Liturgy. It is a crucial service for the life of our church. If you are interested, please share with Fr. Joshua times that would work best in your schedule. We will announce a final day and time soon.

We Ask Your Prayers

Many years to all those who have as their heavenly patron one of the Holy Myrrh-bearers (3rd Sunday of Pascha), **or the Great Martyr Irene** (May 5).

For the Sick & Suffering:

Matushka Deborah (Belonick)—suffered a serious fall

William (Waas)—family of Sarah Massaro

Corey (Knap)—nephew of Valentina Knap, recovering from a serious accident

William (Weidmann)—husband of Adrian, suffering from a chronic immune condition similar to multiple sclerosis

Steven (Cardillo)—local Neighborhood Association organizer

Gregory (Mankevich)

Christopher (Sullivan)

Anita (Propheter)

Rosemary (Delaney)

Mary Jane (Rodgers)

Irene

Lorraine

Jacob

Katelyn

Crystal

Victoria

Bruce and Stacia

Cyprian and Dana

Nicole and Naaman

Helen and Helene

For Our Shut-Ins:

Yvonne (Rutcho)

Jennie (Padick)

Margaret (Savchik)

Ann (Kreshik)

Jill (Zadar)

Helen (Olsen)

To share news in the bulletin, or to add someone to our prayer list, please contact Fr. Joshua: priest@sspeterpaul.org or 203-237-4539.

If you would like to commemorate loved ones by lighting the cross in church, please contact Alexia Tassmer: 203-284-0856.

Hymns of the Day

Tone 3 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

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.

Tone 4 Troparion *(St. Alexis)*

O righteous Father Alexis,
our heavenly intercessor and teacher,
divine adornment of the Church of Christ,
entreat the Master of All
to strengthen the Orthodox Faith in America,
to grant peace to the world//
and to our souls great mercy!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

Tone 2 Kontakion *(St. Alexis)*

Let us, the faithful, praise the Priest Alexis,
a bright beacon of Orthodoxy in America,
a model of patience and humility,
a worthy shepherd of the flock of Christ!
He called back sheep who had been led astray
and brought them by his preaching//
to the Heavenly Kingdom.

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 3 Kontakion *(from the Pentecostarion)*

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!”

Prokeimenon in the First Tone

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us /as we have set our hope on You!
(Ps. 32:22)

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! *(Ps. 32:1)*

Tone 7 Prokeimenon *(St. James)*

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord / and shall hope in Him. *(Ps. 63:11a)*

Alleuia after the Epistle

I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim
Your truth from generation to generation. *(Ps. 88:1–2)*

For You have said: Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be
prepared in the heavens. *(Ps. 88:3)*

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His
commandments. *(Ps. 111:1)*

Hymn to the Theotokos

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace:
“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, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem!
The glory of the Lord has shone on you!
Exult now, and be glad, O Zion!
Be radiant, O pure Theotokos,
in the Resurrection of your Son!

Communion Hymn

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality!
Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the
ends of the universe. *(Ps. 18:4)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

At the Dismissal, the Priest says: “Glory to You, O Christ...”

The choir responds:

“Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!” *(thrice)*

And unto us He has given eternal life.