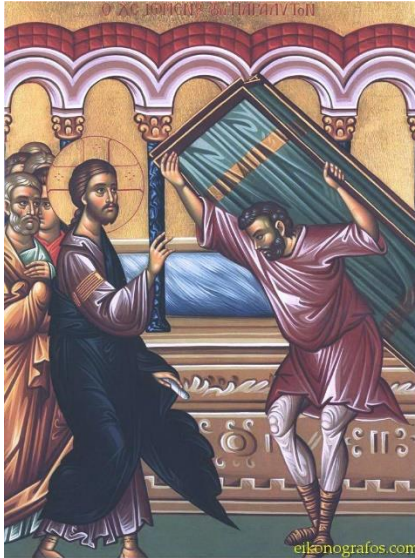


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Healing of the Paralytic and Bethesda



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Very Rev. Mitred Archpriest Father Don Anthony Freude, Parish Rector
Rev. Protodeacon James M. Gresh, Attached*

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES
PASCHAL SEASON

**4th SUNDAY OF PASCHA-Tone 3 – A Paralytic is Healed
at the pool of Bethesda**

Saturday, May 14

5:00 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, May 15

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Sue Ellen Turscak

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Sue Ellen Turscak

Epistle: Acts 9:32-42 Gospel: John 5:1-15

MIDFEAST OF PENTECOST

Tuesday, May 17

**6:00 pm Vesperal Divine Liturgy of Saint John
Chrysostom**

Lesser Blessing of Water

5th SUNDAY OF PASCHA-Tone 4 – Samaritan Woman

Saturday, May 21

5:00 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, May 22

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Bud Graham

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Bud Graham

Epistle: Acts 11:19-26,29-30 Gospel: John 4:5-42

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

Christos Voskrese! Voistinnu Voskrese!

Christos Anesti! Alithos anesti!

El Messieh Qam! Hakken kahn

Hristos a Inviat! Adevarat a inviat

Christus ist auferstanden! Wahrlich Er ist auferstanden!

Cristo e' risorto! Veramente e risorto!

Le Christ est ressucite! En verite il est ressucite!

PARISH MEETING TODAY, MAY 15

**A Parish Meeting will be held to
Elect a Delegate to the OCA All-American Council**

The 20th All-American Council

The 20th All-American Council is scheduled to take place Monday, **July 18th - Friday, July 22nd, 2022**, in Baltimore, Maryland at the Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor Hotel. Parishes are permitted to send their assigned priests and an equal number of lay delegates. Once the registration is complete, the AAC team will review it and the names of the delegates from each parish will be sent to their diocesan hierarchs for approval.

OUR STEWARDHIP – May 8, 2022

Candles:	\$42.00
<u>Sunday Offering:</u>	<u>795.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$837.00

Tithely Donations: \$ 111.72

Visit the St. Elia Shop

If you haven't visited the little St. Elia "shop" downstairs in the parish hall lately, we are carrying a number of new items including coffee mugs with quotes from the saints, and St. Elia T-shirts and baseball caps. If you are interested in a piece of St. Elia "spirit wear" in a certain size or style that's not currently available, please see Aaron Gray about a special order. All proceeds go toward the life and ministry of our parish. Thank you for your support.

Today's scripture Readings

Epistle: Acts 9:32-42

Aeneas Healed

³² 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. ³³ There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. ³⁴ And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately. ³⁵ So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

Dorcas Restored to Life

³⁶ 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. ³⁷ But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid *her* in an upper room. ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ 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. ⁴⁰ 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. ⁴¹ Then he gave her *his* hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. ⁴² And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

Gospel: John 5:1-15

A Man Healed at the Pool of Bethesda

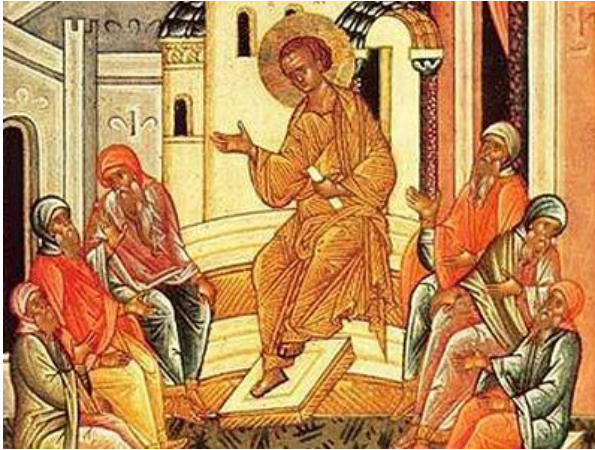
5 After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. **2** Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep *Gate* a pool, which is called in Hebrew, ^[a]Bethesda, having five porches. **3** In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, ^[b]paralyzed, ^[c]waiting for the moving of the water. **4** 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. **5** Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. **6** 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?”

7 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.”**8** Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your bed and walk.” **9** And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked.

And that day was the Sabbath. **10** The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, “It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed.”**11** He answered them, “He who made me well said to me, ‘Take up your bed and walk.’”**12** Then they asked him, “Who is the Man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk’?” **13** But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being *in that place*. **14** 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.”

15 The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

Midfeast of Pentecost



This celebration is the midpoint of the fifty days between the Feasts of Pascha and Pentecost. Saint John tells us (John 7:14) that “in the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the Temple, and taught.” The Feast in question is the Feast of Tabernacles (celebrated in September), not Pentecost.

The Church has appointed John 7:14-30 to be read for the Midfeast, thereby linking Pascha and Pentecost. In Chapter 8 of Saint John’s Gospel, the Lord came to the Temple again and taught the people who came to Him. After leaving the Temple, he encounters the man born blind. We will hear about him on the Sunday of the Blind Man.

The Troparion of the Midfeast (“In the middle of the Feast, O Savior, fill my thirsting soul with the waters of godliness, as Thou didst cry to all: If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink [John 7:37]. O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to Thee!”) hints at the encounter of Christ and the Samaritan Woman in just a few days.

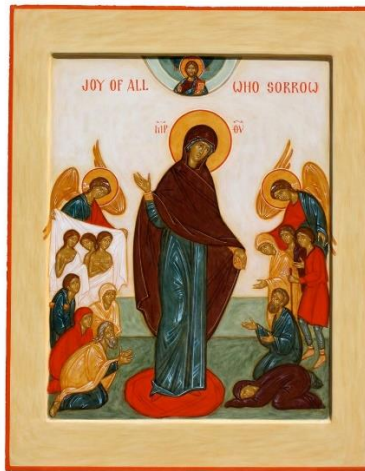
Vesperal Divine Liturgy: Tuesday, May 17 at 6:00 pm followed by the Lesser Blessing of Water.

THE LESSER BLESSING OF WATER

The rite of lesser blessing of water was given its present form by Photius, Patriarch of Constantinople, in the 9th century. Almost all the prayer chants in the rite of the lesser blessing of water are addressed directly to the **Blessed Virgin Mary**, who has been referred to as the Life-Giving Spring and Joy of All Who Sorrow since ancient times.

In Orthodox Christianity, the **Joy of all who sorrow**, or the **Joy of all afflicted** is a title given to the Theotokos (Mary, the mother of Jesus).

The icon depicts the Theotokos in a specific manner, standing beneath her Son, who is in Heaven as a king, and surrounded by people and angels. In addition, specific hymns are dedicated to celebrating her role of bringing hope and salvation into the world, thus becoming joy for all who sorrow:



"To Thee, the champion leader, do we Thy servants dedicate a hymn of victory and thanksgiving, as ones who have been delivered from eternal death by the Grace of Christ our God Who was born of Thee and by Thy maternal mediation before Him. As Thou dost have invincible might, free us from all misfortunes and sorrowful circumstances who cry aloud:

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of Grace, Joy of all who sorrow!"

BANNS OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Banns of Holy Matrimony are announced for Kostadin Georgiev Kostadinov and Sarah Juliana Niglio. The Mystery of Holy Matrimony will be celebrated on May 29.

REMEMBERING THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

Subdeacon Anthony Freude,
son of Fr Don and Popadia Donna Freude
Egor Cravcenco,
son of Serghei and Ludmila Cravcenco

REMEMBERING OUR SICK AND SHUTINS

Metropolitan Herman
Archbishop Paul
Archbishop Benjamin
Archbishop Nathaniel
Joseph Boyle (brother of Kathy Gray)
Phyllis (sister of Rose Marie Vronick)
Angelo Lambo and Florence Lambo
Martin Vronick and Rose Marie Vronick
Pani Dolores Zuder
Matushka Myra Kovalak
Mitred Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Laryssa Huntyan
Sarah Niglio
Gregory Sugden
Eve Tavenier
Sue Ellen Turscak

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is risen!

Krisztus feltamadt! Valoban feltmadt!

Kristos voskres! Voistinu voskres!

Christus resurrexit! Vere resurrexit!

Hristos vaskrse! Vaistunu vaskrse!

Krishti U Ngjail! Vertet U Ngj

PANDEMIC GUIDELINES

Since the beginning of the Covid-19 Pandemic we have been taking every PRECAUTION to protect the health and well-being of our people.

St. Elia Parish will follow these directives:

1)If you are sick and/or exhibit coronavirus symptoms, you must refrain from attending services.

2)The CDC recommends masking while indoors if you are unvaccinated, sanitizing your hands and to maintain social distancing.

3)The kissing of Icons, the Cross, the Gospel Book, the Chalice and the priest's hand when receiving the blessing is permitted if you are comfortable doing so.

4)The sanitizer and masks are available in the vestibule for your convenience