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FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA
Healing of the Paralytic

THE VOICE

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His Eminence Alexander, Archbishop of Toledo, Bulgarian Diocese,
Very Rev. Mitred Archpriest Father Don Anthony Freude, Parish Rector
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SAINT ELIA THE PROPHET PARISH

2024 Parish Council

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Coordinators: Subdeacon Aaron Gray, Veronica Bilas

Scheduled Readers - 2024

Sunday, May 26 - Sue Ellen Turscak
Sunday, June 2 - Daniel Slife
Sunday, June 9 - Bud Graham
Sunday, June 16 - Sandy Graham
Sunday, June 23 - Reader Michael Luc
Sunday, June 30 - Reader Nicholas Morelli

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA. Tone 3

Sunday of the Paralytic
Saturday, May 25
5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Sunday, May 26
9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Sue Ellen Turscak
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Sue Ellen Turscak
Epistle: Acts 9:32-42 Gospel: John 5:1-15

MIDFEAST OF PENTECOST

Tuesday, May 28
6:00 pm Vesperal Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom. Lesser Blessing of Water

FIFTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA. Tone 4

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
Saturday, June 1
5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Sunday, June 2
9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Daniel Slife
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Daniel Slife
Epistle: Acts 11:19-26, 29-30 Gospel: John 4:5-42

Historically, MEMORIAL DAY was started by former slaves on May 1, 1865, in Charleston, South Carolina to honor 257 dead Union Soldiers who had been buried in a mass grave in a Confederate prison camp. They dug up the bodies and worked for 2 weeks to give them a proper burial as gratitude for fighting for their freedom. They then held a parade of 10,000 people led by2,800 black children where they marched, sang and celebrated.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 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 [a]Tabitha, which is translated [b]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.

OUR STEWARDSHIP, May 19, 2024

Candles:	**$ 60.00**
Tray Offerings:	**2,180.00**
TOTAL:	**$2,240.00**
Tithely Donations:	**$772.38**
PayPal Donation:	**64.04**
TOTAL:	**$836.42**
TOTAL OFFERINGS:	**$3,076.42**

NEW PROCESSIONAL LANTERNS

The **Processional Lanterns** located on each side of GOLGATHA-CROSS, have been donated to St.Elia Church by Veronica Bilas in memory of her parents, Samuel and Maria Paluch, and her brother, Reader William Paluch. **May their Memory Be Eternal**

Midfeast of Pentecost

Commemorated on May 29

The Midfeast of Pentecost's 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, however, has appointed this Gospel, John 7:14-30, to be read for the Midfeast, thereby linking Pascha and Pentecost

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 with the Paralytic at the Pool of Bethsaida in this Sunday's Gospel, the Samaritan Woman at Jacob's Well in next Sunday's Gospel, and we will hear about the Man Born Blind on the sixth Sunday of Pascha.

The Vesperal Divine Liturgy will be celebrated for this Feast on Tuesday, May 28, at 6:00 pm, followed by the Lesser Blessing of Water.

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

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

REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Archbishop Alexander
Archbishop Benjamin
Archbishop Nathaniel
Archpriest Emil Huntyan
Florence Lambo
Martin Vronick
Pani Dolores Zuder
Mitered Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Matushka Myra Kovalak
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Laryssa Huntyan
Subdeacon Martin Paluch
Sarah Nigilo
Melissa Trace
Halina Woroncow
Louis Hakim
Mary Elizabeth Marcin
Carl Nickoloff
Joseph Taylor (nephew of DiPuccio Family)

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!