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4th SUNDAY OF PASCHA

Healing of the Paralytic

THE VOICE

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Coordinator: Popadia Donna Freude
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Scheduled Readers - 2026

Sunday, May 3 - Mary Beth Gray
Sunday, May 10 - Reader Michael Luc
Sunday. May 17 - Hours: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas
Epistle: Anastasia Bohush

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

! **FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 3 PARALYTIC**

Saturday, May 2

4:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Matins Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Sunday, May 3

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Mary Beth Gray

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Mary Beth Gray

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

MIDFEAST OF PENTECOST

Tuesday, May 5

6:00 pm Vesperal Divine Liturgy of
Saint John Chrysostom

Lesser Blessing of Water

FIFTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA – SAMARITAN WOMAN

Saturday, May 9

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Matins Gospel: John 20:1-10

Sunday, May 10

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Reader Michael Luc

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Reader Michael Luc

Epistle: Acts 11:19-26, 29-30

Gospel: John 4:5-42

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Acts 9:32-42

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. 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 as 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 came, 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 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.

Gospel: John 5:1-15

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and 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.

MIDFEAST OF PENTECOST

In the middle of the fourth week of the Paschal Se, the middle between Pascha and Pentecost is solemnly celebrated. It is called MIDFEAST, at which Christ, ***"in the middle of the feast"*** teaches men of His saving mission and offers to all the ***"waters of immortality"*** (John 7:14). Again, we are reminded of the Master's PRESENCE and of His saving PROMISE: ***"If anyone is thirsty let him come to Me and drink"*** (John 7:37). We are remined of our Baptism in the death and resurrection of Christ and our reception from Christ of the Holy Spirit ion Chrismation. We know that we belong to the Kingdom of God

The Vesperal Divine Liturgy for this Feast will be celebrated on Tuesday evening, May 5, at 6:00 pm. The Lesser Blessing of Water will be celebrated following the Divine Liturgy

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Subdeacon Anthony Freude, son of Fr Don and Popadia Donna
Egor Cravcenco, son of Serghei and Ludmila Cravcenco
Kristopher Barnhart, son of Diego and Chanelle

REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Metropolitan Onuphry of the Ukraine
Metropolitan Theodosy of the Ukraine
Metropolitan Arseny of the Ukraine
Archbishop Benjamin
Archbishop Nathaniel
Archpriest Emil Huntyan
Matushka Laryssa Hnntyan
Mitred Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Matushka Myra Kovalak
Priest Gabriel Bilas
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Valerie Zahersky
Florence Lambo
Michele Lambo
Marc Lambo
Mary Magensky
Sarah Nigilo
Melissa Trace
Frances Hakim
Louis Hakim
Joey Gresh
Halina Woroncow
Joseph Taylor
Sofia Wsevolodov
Gary and Patricia Thompson

CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

AS a Parish Family we can joyfully celebrate the milestones in the lies of one another. Today we will honor our high school and college graduates:

Claire, graduating from High School, will be attending Kent State University to pursue studies in Pre-law Criminology

Mary, after graduation from High School, will be attending Kent State University and working towards a degree in the field of education.

Ariana, having completed her course work at the University of Akron, has been accepted for graduate school at Ohio State University in Occupation Therapy OT.

Elliot, finishing his nursing courses at the University of Akron, will head to Pittsburgh to engage in volunteer work in the field of nursing.

CHURCH SCHOOL APPRECIATION

With the completion of our 2025-2026 Church School Year, our Parish Family thanks the Church School Staff for their dedication to the spiritual formation of our children:
Coordinator: Popadia Donna Freude
Staff: Natalie Slife, Eve Tavenier, Reader Nicholas Morelli, Frances Hakim, Subdeacon David Trace, Deaconisa Heidi Gresh.

Winter/Spring Bible Study:
The Epistle to the Hebrews

Join us as we study and discuss this rich and meaningful book of the New Testament that is read in the Orthodox Church throughout the year. All sessions will be from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.,

Our up-coming and last session on May 14 will meet at the Freude Home,

Deacon Aaron will send the details by e-mail. We look forward to learning together!

Session 6: Let Brotherly Love Continue
Hebrews 12:14 to 13:25 •
Thursday, May 14, Freude Home

OUR STEWARDSHIP: April 26, 2026

Candles	**125.00**
Pantocrator Icon:	**1,600.00**
Bookstore:	**15.00**
Bingo Salad Supper:	**56.69**
Tithely Offering:	**588.25**
Sunday Tray Offering:	**923.00**
TOTAL:	**$3,307.94**

GRASS-CUTTING HELP NEEDED

Please look for the sign-up sheet in the hall and choose any date that you would be able to assist with cutting the grass using our Parish riding-mower. Please see Subdeacon Terrence Bilas if you have any further questions