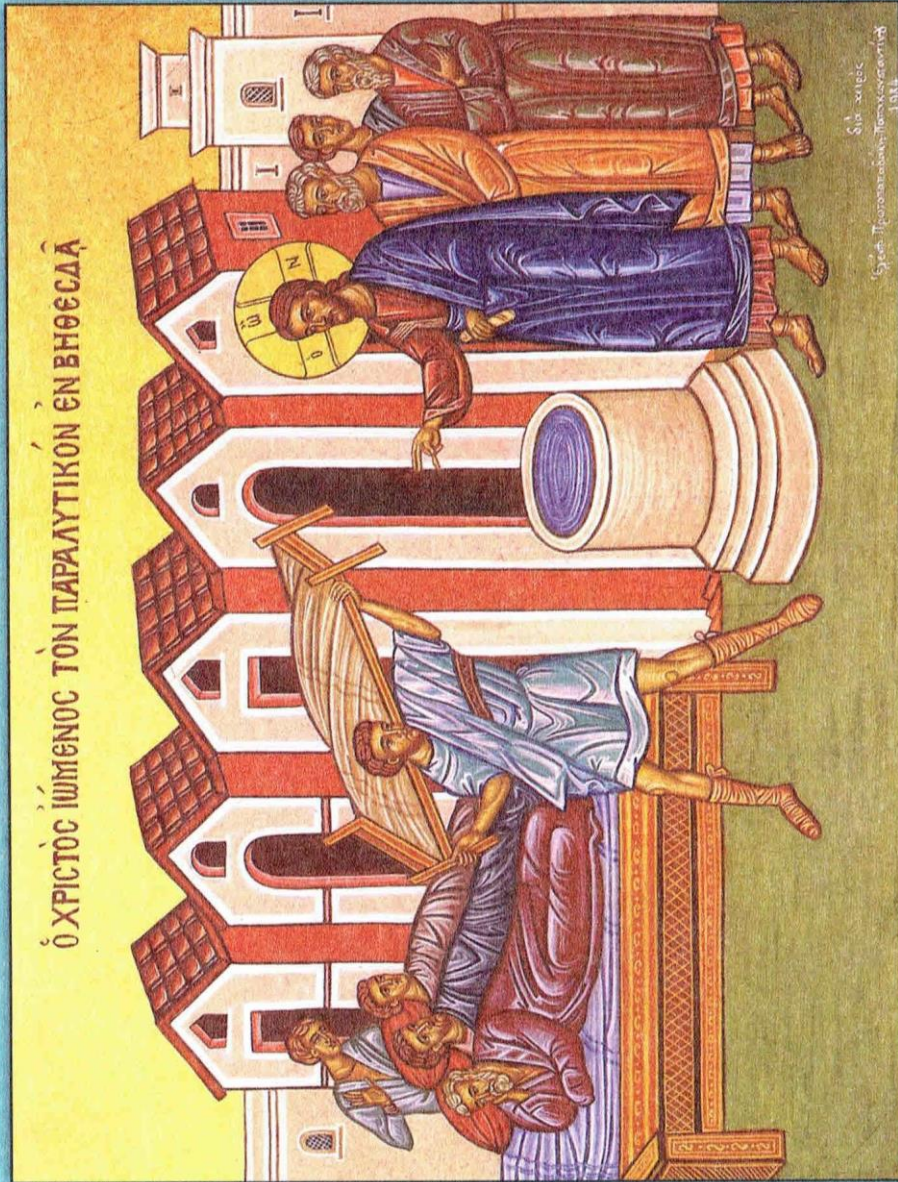


SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Healing a Paralytic (Matthew 9:1-8)

# St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church

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*Holy Mystery of Reconciliation:* After Liturgy or by appointment  
*Holy Mystery of Anointing:* prior to surgery or whenever requested  
*Holy Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation:* Arrange with Father Jim  
*New Parishioners:* Welcome! Please see Father for registration



## DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR JUN 30th to JUL 14th, 2024

<b>Sunday</b> <b>Jun 30th</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday After Pentecost</b> - pg 146 Readings: Rom 12:6-14; Mt 9:1-8 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>July 3rd</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> Readings: 1 Cor 7:12-24; Mt 14:35-15:11 Intention: Miline Mazerowski, by Bob and Sharon Toth
<b>Sunday</b> <b>July 7th</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday After Pentecost</b> - pg 152 Readings: Rom 15:1-7; Mt 9:27-25 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>July 10th</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> Readings: Gal 5:22-6:2; Lk 6:17-23 Intention: Mary Spearman, by Bob and Sharon Toth
<b>Friday</b> <b>July 12th</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Akathist to Our Lady, Searcher for the Lost</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>July 14th</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils</b> - pg 156 Readings: 1 Cor 1:10-18, Mt 14:14-22 and Heb 13:7-16; Jn 17:1-13 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish



**CHOOSE LIFE!** That the people of this nation may come to fully understand that abortion means the violent death for an unborn child, we pray to the Lord.



**Joanne Beard** will undergo hip replacement surgery on July 1 and will have approximately a 6-8 week recovery. Prayers appreciated!



The candles on the tetrapod and before the iconostas are available for sponsorship. Envelopes on the table in the narthex can be used to offer the \$20 for the 6 candles. The candles will burn all week as an offering for the intentions of the sponsor. Remember, offering candles which are consumed in the church is a physical prayer and sacrifice before God. Candles which are not sponsored, and thus have no prayer intention, will not burn throughout the week.



Liturgy on Saturday for the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul was offered for **Anthony Selby**, given by Bob and Sharon Toth.



### Church Arraignment

Given the positive response last week, St. Mary's is maintaining the current pew arrangement for the time being. This is the traditional arrangement for Eastern worship



and will hopefully enhance our worship of the Lord by allowing more interaction. Seating will always be available to those who desire or need it. It is customary in churches without pews to sit on the floor during the homily and to move closer to the priest to hear the Gospel, both of which were the case during Christ's preaching, such as with the Sermon on the Mount. Please feel free to do so as well.



### Handling the Holy Bread ("Antidoron")

After taking Communion, at the end of the Divine Liturgy, and at Vespers/Vigil with a "Litya" or "Blessing of Bread", it is traditional to eat a piece of holy bread or antidoron—the peripheral bread from which Holy Communion was prepared and various commemorations made. While antidoron is not the Body and Blood of Christ, it is still blessed bread, and as such, we should take precaution to eat it carefully so that crumbs don't fall to be trampled underfoot. Monitor the children as they take the antidoron, teaching them to eat respectfully.



### Pray for the Sick, Recovering, and Shut-Ins:



**Theresa Glagola** at Sundale  
**Kathryn Ramezan** at home

**May we keep all our ailing and healing parishioners in our prayers every day.**

Please let Father Jim know to include any family and parish members who are ill, hospitalized, or need a visit for blessing, anointing, confession, or request of prayers. Kindly call Father Jim at (304) 918-3297 Thank You.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES** go to:

**Patty Sersen** on July 4th



May God bless you with Peace, Health, and Happiness!  
For many happy and blessed years!



Sanctuary Candles Intention is for **+Ted and +Mary Eldridge**



In the Eastern Church, the various prayers for the departed have as their purpose: to pray for the repose of the departed; to comfort the living; and to remind those who remain behind of their own mortality, and the brevity of this earthly life.



### Offertory Collection for June 23rd 2024

Envelope Offerings	Loose Offerings	Candles	Feast Day	Total
\$310	\$153	\$13	\$30	\$951

Church Attendance for Sunday was: 36

## Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

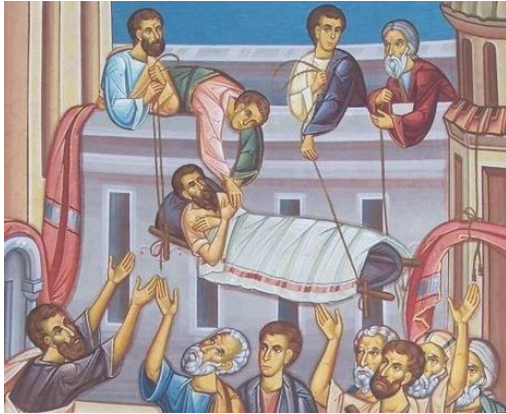
Romans 12:6-14

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Matthew 9:1-8

Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. Some men brought to him a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven." At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, "This fellow is blaspheming!" Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "Get up, take your mat and go home." Then the man got up and went home. When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to man.



### Prayer

Commit yourself to mentioning others by name in your daily prayers. Train yourself to remember those you met during the day and mention them by name before the Lord in your evening prayers. Concentrate on mentioning people who suffer from all sorts of problems: war, flood, earthquake, volcano, spiritual loss, moral collapse, deviation, family problems, health issues, etc. You will see that you will embrace the universe with your spirit, just as your Christ embraced it before you. Pray with sincere tears, and God will reveal to you the benefits of your prayer. Let prayer change you. If, after years of praying, you remain the same as you were before, then you should realize that prayer has not yet become your culture.

<https://www.antiochian.org/regulararticle/2089>

### *Rise and Walk*

It is easier said than done. Whether the sins of the paralytic were forgiven, only He who forgave them knew for sure. "Arise and walk." Both he who arose and those who saw him arise were able to vouch for this. Hence there is a bodily sign in order to demonstrate a spiritual sign, though its impact is to curb the imperfections of body and soul. And we are given an understanding of sin and many bodily weaknesses to come. Perhaps, too, sins are forgiven first, so that with the causes of infirmity removed health may be restored.

*St. Jerome*

Furthermore, so it could be understood that He was in a body and that He could forgive sins and restore health to bodies, Jesus said,

"That you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins," then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your pallet." He could have simply said "Arise," but since the reason for doing every work had to be explained, He added, "Take up your pallet and go home." First He granted remission of sins; next He showed His ability to restore health. Then, with the taking up of the pallet, He made it clear that bodies would be free from infirmity and suffering; lastly, with the paralytic's return to his home, He showed that believers are being given back the way to paradise from which Adam, the parent of all, who became profligate from the stain of sin, had proceeded.

*St. Hilary of Poitiers*