

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church



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New Parishioners: Welcome! Please see Father for registration



DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR APR 26th to MAY 10th, 2026

Sunday Apr 26th 11:00 a.m.	Sunday of the Paralytic Man – pg 181 Readings: Acts 9:32-42; Jn 5:1-15 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish
Apr 29th	Mid-Pentecost
Sunday May 3rd 11:00 a.m.	Sunday of the Samaritan Woman - pg 186 Readings: Acts 11:19-26 & 29-30; Jn 4:5-42 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish
Sunday May 10th 11:00 a.m.	Sunday of the Man Born Blind - pg 189 Readings: Acts 16:16-34; Jn 9:1-38 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!

CHRISTOS VOSKRESE! VOISTINNU VOSKRESE!

(Slavonic/Rusin)

FELTAMADT KRISZTUS! VALOBAN FELTAMADT!

(Hungarian)

KRISTOS ANNESTI! ALITHOS ANNESTI!

(Greek)

Sunday of the Paralytic Man

Acts 9:32-42

Now as Peter went here and there among all the believers, he came down also to the saints living in Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years, for he was paralyzed. Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; get up and make your bed!" And immediately he got up. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.



Jn 5:1-15

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.



Now that day was a sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, "It is the sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat." But he answered them, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Take up your mat and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take it up and walk?'" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there. Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

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



Theresa Glagola at Sundale

Keep all our ailing and healing parishioners in our prayers every day.

Please let Father Kyp 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 Kyp at (724) 953-6835 Thank You.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES go to:

Jennifer Dubetz on May 1st

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



Sanctuary Candles Intention is for **+Mary Toth**



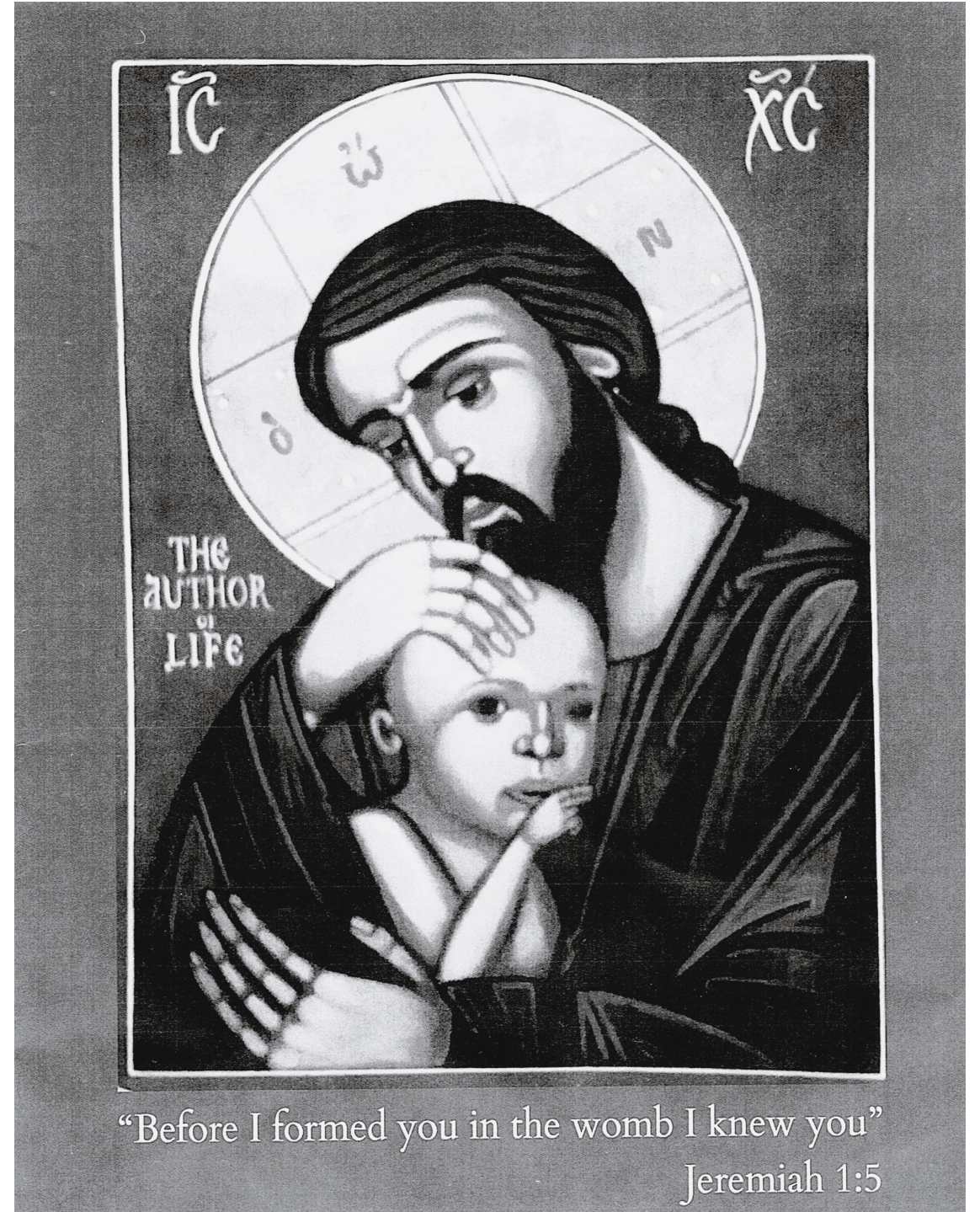
In the Eastern Church, the various prayers for the departed have as their purpose: to pray for the repose of the departed; to comfort the living; and to remind those who remain behind of their own mortality, and the brevity of this earthly life.



Offertory Collection for Apr. 19th, 2026

Envelope Offerings	Loose Offerings	Candles	Easter Baking	Building Fund	Thomas Dinner	Total
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

Church Attendance for Sunday was:



Sunday of the Paralytic Man

There are six Sundays in the forty day celebration of the Resurrection (corresponding to the forty days until the Ascension as recorded in the Gospel of Luke). The first three Sundays have a gospel of the Resurrection and the second three a gospel with a baptismal theme. In our day the baptismal theme of the Feast of Pascha has been eclipsed, probably because, more sadly, the Church no longer is growing (except maybe a little) by adult baptisms. At the Paschal Vigil, however, we heard the connection: “Or are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life” (Romans 6:3-4).

This Sunday, we see this is the story of the Paralytic Man. Maybe we can retitle it: the Sunday of the Friendless Lame Man. He was without friends, paralyzed for thirty-eight years and unable to get into the pool when the angel touched the waters.

However, he finds a friend in our Lord, who asks, “Do you want to be well?” **This gospel affirms the sacramental mystery of baptism:** it is not the water touched by an angel that cures the man, but the ultimate power of healing comes from the Lord, in the waters of baptism touched by the Holy Spirit sent by the Lord. The Gospel of John is truly a proclamation of the Son of God who sends the Spirit. It also affirms the meaning of baptism, which is **the rejection of evil and the commitment to Christ.** “Do you want to be well?” Jesus asks, and then the healed man proclaims Jesus as his Healer. Some of the liturgical meaning is lost in some modern Bibles who relegate verse 4 about the angel touching the water to a footnote.

Most of us were baptized as babies. We were not friendless, for we were brought to the baptismal font by loving parents and godparents. We are like the Paralytic in one way, just as he did not know who healed him, we also did not know Christ, but we had to be taught as we grew up in the grace of God. As adults, we often do not know that Jesus is working in our lives. We often do not realize how he blesses us. **Like the Paralytic we all have to come to that knowledge so that we too can profess who heals us.**

“O Christ, cure my soul as you once cured the paralytic man, for it is under the influence of evil and sin. Guide me that I may walk in your paths” (Ode 5, Matins).

“From time to time an angel of the Lord came to stir up the waters of the pool of the Sheep-gate. One man recovered his health, but now an infinite number are saved by Christ through



baptism” (Ode 4, Matins). **Meditation by Archpriest David Petras**

Mid-feast of Pentecost - April 29

Today’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.

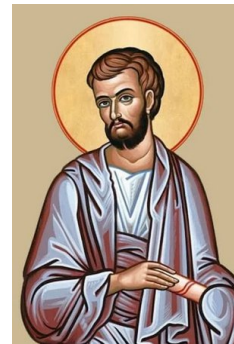
The Church has appointed John 7:14-30 to be read for the Mid-feast, thereby linking Pascha and Pentecost. In Chapter 8 of Saint John’s Gospel, the Lord came to the Temple again and taught the people who came to Him. After leaving the Temple, he encounters the man born blind. We will hear about him on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

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/1949/05/18/38-midfeast-of-pentecost>

Apostle James the Brother of Saint John the Theologian - April 30

Saint James, after the Descent of the Holy Spirit, preached in Spain and in other lands, and then he returned to Jerusalem. He openly and boldly preached Jesus Christ as the Savior of the world, and he denounced the Pharisees and the Scribes with the words of Holy Scripture, reproaching them for their malice of heart and unbelief.

The Jews could not prevail against Saint James, and so they hired the sorcerer



Hermogenes to dispute with the apostle and refute his arguments that Christ was the promised Messiah Who had come into the world. The sorcerer sent to the apostle his pupil Philip, who was converted to belief in Christ. Then Hermogenes himself became persuaded of the power of God, he burned his books of magic, accepted holy Baptism and became a true follower of Christ.

The Jews persuaded Herod Agrippa (40-44) to arrest the Apostle James and sentence him to death (Acts 12:1-2). Eusebius provides some of the details of the saint’s execution (CHURCH HISTORY II, 9). Saint James calmly heard the death sentence and continued to

bear witness to Christ. One of the false witnesses, whose name was Josiah, was struck by the courage of Saint James. He came to believe in Jesus Christ as the Messiah.

When they led the apostle forth to execution, Josiah fell at his feet, repenting of his sin and asking forgiveness. The apostle embraced him, gave him a kiss and said, “Peace and forgiveness to you.” Then Josiah confessed his faith in Christ before everyone, and he was beheaded with Saint James in the year 44 at Jerusalem.

Saint James was the first of the Apostles to die as a martyr.

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/04/30/101248-apostle-james-the-brother-of-saint-john-the-theologian>