

May 10, 2020
Forth Sunday of Pascha
The Paralytic

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

Upcoming Services:

All services are cancelled (see notice on next page)

Fourth Sunday of Pascha - The Paralytic

Close to the Sheep's Gate in Jerusalem was a pool called the Sheep's Pool. It had five porches - five sets of pillars supporting a domed roof. Under this roof lay many sick people with various maladies, awaiting the moving of the water. The first person to step in after the troubling of the water was healed immediately of whatever malady he had. It was there that the paralytic of today's Gospel was lying, tormented by his infirmity of thirty-eight years.

When Jesus saw him lying there, knowing he had been in that condition a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"

The weak man replied, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up. And 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.

Now that day was the Sabbath. The Jews therefore ridiculed it was not lawful to do any work on that day, carry any beds, or perform any miracles. The man explained, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.' "

When they asked him who this man was who said to him, "Take up your bed and walk," he didn't know, for Jesus had withdrawn into the crowd.

Afterwards 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.

<p><u>Reader Schedule:</u> Sun. May 10 - Greg Kuzmenchuk Sun. May 17 - Kurtis Lauser Sun. May 24 - Jim Hamer Sun. May 31 - Wesley Hatch</p>

Birthdays:

May 11 - George Trotto
May 12 - Janet Flocco, & Lori Mascuilli
May 13 - David Bentley

Upcoming Events:

May 19, Tues- 7:00 pm Executive Board Meeting in the church hall.

Notices:

Covid-19 Virus Shut Down

Based on this information the following would have to be achieved in order to reopen churches:

1. Chester County would have to enter into the Yellow Phase before reopening church can even be considered.
2. The City of Coatesville would have to end its restriction on "gatherings of 4 or more unrelated persons in public places."
3. We would need the blessing of our Hierarchs

These are the stipulations we are required to follow, without all three of these occurring we will not be able to reopen our church. We can be reassured that Father Nick is serving Divine Liturgy every Sunday on our behalf. One server and the choir director are the only people allowed to be upstairs in the church. At this point no one else is permitted upstairs in the church proper. Limited persons are permitted in the church hall for food sales, paying of bills, maintenance, getting mail, or other absolutely necessary reasons. We will continue to provide updates via phone chain, bulletin, facebook and our website for any new information.

Anniversaries:

May 11 - Avelino & Margaret Tejaro

Notices:

Notice of Passing

With great sadness we inform the parish of the death of John Richard Lebid. Funeral was Friday, May 8 at Holy Ghost Cemetery.

Church Finances

The church is closed but the bills don't stop. The executive board of Holy Ghost urges that tithes continue to be contributed to the church, they should be mailed to 392 Charles St.

Foods Available For Sale

Pierogies, (Potato/Cheese, Sauerkraut, Mushroom, Sweet Potato), Paska breads (with or no raisins), Kielbasa, Haluski & Pumpkin or Nut Rolls and soups.

2020 National Activities

UOC of USA Church camp and Convention are canceled this year.

Church Directory

Continue to send any Directory updates to Ambrose and Tabitha.

May Charity

Parishioner Care Fund

Prayer Corner:

For the Health of: Avelino Tejaro, Carol Bentley, Nancy, Toby Seip, Erin Bove, & Richard Ziegler

Church President, Tabitha Bentley

For bulletin additions contact Wesley Hatch by Friday 6 pm