



**Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ukrainian Catholic Church
(St. Mary's)**

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Sunday Divine Liturgies: 8:30 a.m.

Holy Days as scheduled in the Bulletin

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

APRIL 25, 2021

Sunday, April 25, 2021 Sunday of the Paralytic Man

08:30AM – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular

For special intention of Linda & Tom Matwijec from Martha & John Stine

Saturday, May 01, 2021 Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers

03:00PM – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular in memory of Leon Byrd

from Martha & John Stine

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Sunday of the Paralytic Man

The fourth Sunday of Holy Pascha is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of the Paralytic. The day commemorates the miracle of Christ healing a man who had been paralyzed for thirty-eight years. The biblical story of the event is found in the Gospel of John 5:1-15.



Close to the Sheep's Gate in Jerusalem, there was a pool, which was called the Sheep's Pool. It had five porches, that is, five sets of pillars supporting a domed roof. Under this roof there lay very 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 Christ beheld him, He asked him, "Will you be made whole?" And he answered with a quiet and meek voice, "Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool." The Lord said unto him, "Rise, take up your bed, and walk." And straightaway the man was made whole and took up his bed. Walking in the presence of all, he departed rejoicing to his own house.

According to the expounders of the Gospels, the Lord Jesus healed this paralytic during the days of the Passover, when He had gone to Jerusalem for the Feast, and dwelt there teaching and working miracles. According to Saint John the Evangelist, this miracle took place on the Sabbath.

The icon of the Sunday of the Paralytic depicts the biblical story of the Christ healing the paralytic. Our Lord, accompanied by His disciples, is shown blessing the paralytic. The man has risen and taken up his bed as commanded by Christ. The paralytic is bowing toward the Lord in reverence and in gratitude for the great miracle that has been done. In the background of the icon is the pool where the infirmed came for healing. *Source: goarch.org*

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC
(Fourth Paschal Sunday)
THE HOLY APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST MARK

Christ is risen from the dead! By death He conquered Death, and to those in the graves He granted life. (3)

Troparion and Kontakion:

Troparion (3): Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm. He trampled death by death; He became the firstborn of the dead; He saved us from the abyss of Hades and granted great mercy to the world.

Troparion (3): Learning from Peter the chief apostle you too became an apostle of Christ, and shone on various lands like the sun. O blessed one, adornment of Alexandrians, through you Egypt was freed from deceit. For you are a pillar of light for the Church enlightening all with your teaching of the Good News. Therefore, we feast your memorial, O Mark divinely inspired. Ask God whom you preached to all to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion (2): You received from on high the grace of the Spirit, and destroyed the snares of the orators, O Mark, most glorious apostle. You caught the nations and brought them to the Master by preaching to them the divine Good News.

Now and for ever and ever: Amen. Kontakion (3): With Your divine protection, O Lord, as You once raised the paralytic, now lift up my soul paralyzed with all kinds of sin and evil deeds of wickedness, so that, as saved, I may cry out to You: Glory be to Your might, O merciful Christ! **Prokimenon (1):** May Your kindness, O Lord, be upon us who have put our hope in You.

Verse: Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting.

Prokeimenon (8): Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

Verse: The heavens tell the glory of God, and the firmament declares the work of His hand.

Epistle: Reading of the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (Acts 9,32-42) In those days, as Peter was passing through every region, he went down to the holy ones living in Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been confined to bed for eight years, for

he was paralyzed. Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and make your bed." He got up at once. And all the inhabitants of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now in Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which translated means Dorcas). She was completely occupied with good deeds and almsgiving. Now during those days she fell sick and died, so after washing her, they laid [her] out in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing 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. When he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs where all the widows came to him weeping and showing him the tunics and cloaks that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter sent them all out and knelt down and prayed. Then he turned to her body and said, "Tabitha, rise up." She opened her eyes, saw Peter, and sat up. He gave her his hand and raised her up, and when he had called the holy ones and the widows, he presented her alive. This became known all over Joppa, and many came to believe in the Lord.

Alleluia Verses: Verse: I will sing forever of Your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim Your truth. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Verse: Of this I am sure, that Your love lasts forever, that Your truth is as firmly established as the heavens. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Verse: The heavens shall confess Your wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the church of the saints. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Verse: God is glorified in the assembly of the saints. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel: (Jn 5,1-15) At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem at the Sheep [Gate] a pool called in Hebrew Bethesda, with five porticoes. In these lay a large number of ill, blind, lame, and crippled. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been ill for a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; while I am on my way, someone else gets down there before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your mat, and walk." Immediately the man became well, took up his mat, and walked. Now that day was a sabbath. So

the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to carry your mat." He answered them, "The man who made me well told me, 'Take up your mat and walk.' They asked him, "Who is the man who told you, 'Take it up and walk'?" The man who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away, since there was a crowd there. After this Jesus found him in the temple area and said to him, "Look you are well; do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse may happen to you." The man went and told the Jews that Jesus was the one who had made him well.

Instead of It is truly right... (Or the Hirmos of the Feast): The angel exclaimed to her, full of grace: Rejoice, O pure Virgin, again I say: Rejoice! Your Son is risen from the grave on the third day and has raised the dead. Let all nations rejoice. Shine in splendor, O new Jerusalem! For the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. Sing with joy and rejoice, O Zion, sing. And you, pure Mother of God, rejoice in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Verse: Receive the Body of Christ! Drink the Source of immortality. Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Instead of Blessed is He Who Comes: Christ is risen from the dead! By death He conquered Death, and to those in the graves He granted life.

Instead of We have seen the true light: Christ is risen from the dead! By death He conquered Death, and to those in the graves He granted life.

Instead of May our mouths be filled: Christ is risen from the dead! By death He conquered Death, and to those in the graves He granted life. (3)

Instead of Blessed be the name of the Lord: Christ is risen from the dead! By death He conquered Death, and to those in the graves He granted life. (3)

Glory and Now: Christ is risen from the dead! By death He conquered Death, and to those in the graves He granted life. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Give the blessing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Parishioners and Friends! We welcome you to our Sunday Liturgy with the indoor service. Please keep in mind that social distancing applies and wearing a mask during the celebration of the Liturgy is mandatory to help stop the spread of coronavirus.

IMPORTANT! Please note that in observance of Easter by Julian Calendar next Sunday, May 2nd, the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Saturday at 3:00 PM instead of 8:30 AM on Sunday. Thank you for your understanding, and cooperation!

Mother's Day On Sunday, May 9, 2021, we celebrate Mother's Day and will remember all of our Mothers at the Divine Liturgy. There will be petitions for their health and continued blessings and a requiem service, Panachyda, for all our Mothers who have passed away, that the Lord God remembers them. Please send the names of mothers along with your offering for prayer by filling out the Mother's Day envelope in your envelope box and putting the envelope with your donation in the collection or submit it to Fr. Alexander no later than May 2, 2021

All Mothers and donors names will be listed in the church bulletin on Sunday, May 09, 2021.

Support your Church In addition to caring for your neighbor and taking care of yourself, one of the most practical ways to help the Church is to continue to do what you have always done: support our parish with your financial resources. Please, continue to contribute to your parish, even during the period you are unable to attend the Liturgy, with your gifts of alms during this Great Fast. Parishioners' weekly contributions are the main source of financial support for our parish, and while some expenses may be a little lower during this time, parishes have many fixed costs that need to be attended to. You may send your donations to PO Box 2735, Manassas VA 20108

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YOUR OFFERINGS Collection:

Sunday, April 10, 2021 - Sunday, April 17, 2021 -

Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!