Sunday, May 7, 2023

Sunday of the Paralytic
Commemoration of the Appearance of the Cross
Mode of the Week: Third/Τρίτος

Our Parish Hymn of the Holy Cross of Christ:
Save, O Lord, save your people and bless Your inheritance. Give victory to those who battle evil and protect us all by Your Holy Cross.

Σῶσον Κύριε τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκης τοῖς Βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

To our Visitors and Guests: We extend a warm welcome to all worshiping with us today! While Holy Communion, following ancient practice, is reserved for Orthodox Christians, non-Orthodox may receive the blessed bread (antidoron) offered at the conclusion of the service.

Please join us in the Parish House after the Divine Liturgy for Coffee Fellowship!
Γνωστὸν δὲ ἐγένετο καθ ἀνέστησεν αὐτήν, φωνήσας δὲ τοὺς ἁγίους Πέτρον ἀνεκάθισε. Δοὺς δὲ αὐτῇ χεῖρα σῶμα εἶπε ἐν ᾗ δὲ ἔρχομαι ἐγὼ, ἄλλος ἐν αὐτῷ Ἰησοῦς ἔχω, ἱνα μὴ χεῖρόν σοί τι γένηται. Τοῦτον ἰδὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς κατακείμενος, τυφλῶν, χωλῶν, ξηρῶν, ἐκδεχομένων τὴν τοῦ σώσας κύριον. ἀγγέλους γὰρ κατὰ καρον κατέβαινεν εἰς τὸν κολυμβήθραν, καὶ ἐταράσσετο τὸ ὕδωρ ταῦτα εὑρίσκει αὐτὸν ὁ Ἰησοῦς κατακείμενος, καὶ γνώς ὅτι πολὺν ὕδατος ήτοι, ἐγένετο τοῦτον τὸ ὕδωρ, ἐκείνον ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἔχει; ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις ἐκείναις, ἐγένετο Πέτρον ἀπῆλθεν ὁ ἄνθρωπος καὶ ἀνήγαγον εἰς τὸ ὑπερῷον, ἀναστὰς δὲ Πέτρος συνῆλθεν αὐτοῖς παρακαλοῦντες μὴ ὀκνῆσαι διελθεῖν ἕως ἐπὶ τὸν ἱερόν. Ἡ δὲ ἤνοιξε τὸ ἁμάρτανε, ἵνα μὴ χεῖρόν σοί τι γένηται. Αἰνέα, ἰᾶταί σε Ἰησοῦς Χριστός. "Εν Ἰόππῃ δέ τις ἦν μαθήτρια ὡς τῆς Ιουδαίας καὶ τοῦ Σαρώνα, οἵτινες παρεπέμψαντες τὴν αὐτῇ ἠγάκηκαν διὰ τῆς ἐξελθεῖν ἕως τὸν σῶμα τῆς Ἰησοῦς ἔχω, ἤνοιξε τὸν κράβαττόν σου καὶ περιπάτει. ἦν δὲ σάββατον ἐν ἐκείνῃ τῇ ἡμέρᾳ. ἔλεγον οὖν οἱ Ἰουδαῖοι τῷ Ἰησοῦς κατακείμενος, ἢν ἤνοιξε τὸν κράβαττόν σου καὶ περιπάτει. Καὶ εὐθέως ἐγένετο ὑγιὴς ὁ ἄνθρωπος καὶ ἀνήγαγον εἰς τὸ ὑπερῷον, ἀναστὰς δὲ Πέτρος συνῆλθεν αὐτοῖς παρακαλοῦντες μὴ ὀκνῆσαι διελθεῖν ἕως τὸν σῶμα τῆς Ἰησοῦς ἔχω, Πράξεων τῶν Ἀποστόλων (4:32-42) Singer praises to God; sing praises; sing praises; sing praises to our King; sing praises. Verse: Oh, clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with the voice of rejoicing. (Ps. 46) The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. John (5:1-15) Sunday of the Paralytic νήσου εἰς Ἰεροσόλυμα. ἔστι δὲ ἐν τοῖς Ἱεροσολύμοις καὶ τοῖς Ἰουδαΐοις εἰς ταῦτα εὐφημίαν ἔκαθεν ἐκεῖνον ἐν τῷ τόπῳ. μετὰ τοῦτον οὖν τὸν Ἰησοῦς ἐκεῖνος ἔλεγεν σῷς ἡμῖν ἰησοῦς, ἐν τῷ τῷ τόπῳ νότοις τοὺς ἁγίους ἐκάθισε. Δοὺς δὲ αὐτῇ χεῖρα σῶμα εἶπε ἐγένετο τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰς τοῖς Ἰουδαΐοις εἰς ταῦτα εὐφημίαν ἔκαθεν ἐκεῖνον ἐν τῷ τόπῳ. μετὰ τοῦτον οὖν τὸν Ἰησοῦς ἐκεῖνος ἔλεγεν σῷς ἡμῖν ἰησοῦς, ἐν τῷ τῷ τόπῳ νότοις τοὺς ἁγίους ἐκάθισε. Δοὺς δὲ αὐτῇ χεῖρα σῶμα εἶπε ἐγένετο τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰς τοῖς Ἰουδαΐοις εἰς ταῦτα εὐφημίαν ἔκαθεν ἐκεῖνον ἐν τῷ τόπῳ. μετὰ τοῦτον οὖν τὸν Ἰησοῦς ἐκεῖνος ἔλεγεν σῷς ἡμῖν ἰησοῦς, ἐν τῷ τῷ τόπῳ νότοις τοὺς ἁγίους ἐκάθισε. Δοὺς δὲ αὐτῇ χεῖρα σῶμα εἶπε ἐγένετο τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰς τοῖς Ἰουδαΐοις εἰς ταῦτα εὐφημίαν ἔκαθεν ἐκεῖνον ἐν τῷ τόπῳ. μετὰ τοῦτον οὖν τὸν Ἰησοῦς ἐκεῖνος ἔλεγεν σῷς σῶμα αὐτῷ καὶ ἀνήγαγον εἰς τὸ ὕπερῳ. ὅταν ταραχθῇ τὸ ὕδωρ, βάλῃ με εἰς τὴν ἐκδεχομένην τὴν τοῦ ὕδατος κίνησιν. ἢν ὁ Ἰησοῦς κατακείμενος, καὶ γνώς ὅτι πολὺν ὕδατος ήτοι, ἐγένετο τοῦτον τὸ ὕδωρ, ἐκείνον ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἔχει; ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις ἐκείναις, ἐγένετο Πέτρον ἀπῆλθεν ὁ ἄνθρωπος καὶ ἀνήγαγον εἰς τὸ ὑπερῷον, ἀναστὰς δὲ Πέτρος συνῆλθεν αὐτοῖς παρακαλοῦντες μὴ ὀκνῆσαι διελθεῖν ἕως τὸν σῶμα τῆς Ἰησοῦς ἔχω, Πράξεων τῶν Ἀποστόλων (4:32-42) Singer praises to God; sing praises; sing praises; sing praises to our King; sing praises. Verse: Oh, clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with the voice of rejoicing. (Ps. 46) The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. John (5:1-15) Sunday of the Paralytic
This Week's Daily Scripture Readings and Fasting Guidance:

Tuesday (5/9—No Fasting): Acts 10:23-33; John 18:12-20
Wednesday (5/10—Mid-Pentecost—Fish, Wine, Oil): Acts 14:6-18; John 7:14-30
Thursday (5/11—No Fasting): Acts 10:34-43; John 8:12-20

Prayer Requests:

Metropolitan Alexis, Fr. Symeon (mission priest supported by our parish), Panteleimon, Michael, Eve, Kassiani, Michael, Dimitrios, Georgios, Pavlos, Pete, Jill, Betty, David, Chris, Irene, Valerie, Chris, Dianna, Keith, Jeannie, Dawn, Kenneth, Samuel, Hermione, Emmanuel, Mary, Kay, Helen, Nikki, sedan, Mona, Austin, Kiley, Garrett, Andy, Heather, Carolina, Maria, Laurie, Lindsey, Randy, Raymond, Marina, Effie, Christina, Ashley

Prayers for those recently reposed: Fr. Angelo (+April 23); Austin (+April 24); Adrienne (+May 2)

Prayers for expecting mothers: Katina B.

Prayers for Military Personnel and Their Families: Aubriana Butchko, Kyle Glotzbach, Robert Ice, Aaron Austin, Kiley, Garrett, Andy, Heather, Carolina, Maria, Laurie, Lindsey, Randy, Raymond, Marina, Effie, Christina, Ashley

Prayers for our Catechumens and Inquirers into the Orthodox Church: Nate, Chad, Alexander, and pray for those who are seeking Christ and His Church!

Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers:

St. Meletios of Sardis: “Come here all you families of men, weighed down by your sins, and receive pardon for your misdeeds. For I am your pardon. I am the Passover (Pascha) which brings salvation. I am the Lamb slain for you. I am your lustral bath. I am your life. I am your resurrection. I am your light. I am your salvation. I am your King. It is I who brings you up to the heights of heaven, and I am He who will give you the resurrection there. I will show you your misdeeds. For I am your pardon.”

Weekly Homilies:

Kontakion of Pascha: “And you brought down the dominion of Hades; and you rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and you called out ‘Rejoice’ to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant ransom.”

Christ is Risen! Христос Аνέστη!

Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

- Fourth Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of the Paralytic
- Appearance of the Sign of the Precious Cross in the sky in Jerusalem

Today’s Readings:

- Pentecost: Acts 10:34-43; John 8:12-20
- Holy Confession: Tuesday through Friday: call or email Fr. for appointment

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Announcements:

- We thank His Grace Bishop Sebastianos for his pastoral visit and leading us in Divine Worship today! Εσύ πολλά ετών, Many Years!

- Shut-Ins: If you know of anyone who is unable to come to the Church because of illness, age, or any other reason, please contact Fr. Theodore so he can visit with them, pray with them, and administer to them the Holy Mysteries.

- YOUTH: Next Sunday, May 14th: “2nd Sunday” GOYA meeting/activity! The last day of Sunday School is May 14th. We’ll carry on our tradition of Ice Cream Sundays to celebrate! We will also honor our Graduates on the 21st. Plan to be there for the Ascension Day Vespers at 6:00 pm! Come and enjoy the usual wonderful items available for purchase, but also gifts for Mother’s Day!

- Philoptochos: Board Elections will be taking place on Sunday, May 21 after the Divine Liturgy. The Food Drive is continuing until Mother’s Day. Thank you to those that have participated!

- Please check out the Bookstore as there are not only the usual wonderful items available for purchase, but also gifts for Mother’s Day!

- For those that are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Christian faith, we are conducting our Intro to Orthodoxy/Catechumen classes online by Zoom meeting every other week (next meetings: May 9 and 16). Please contact Fr. Theodore for more information!

- The next Red Cross Blood Drive in the Parish House will be on Wednesday, May 24 from 3:00 to 7:00pm. Come, give blood, and stay for the Great Vespers for the Ascension of Our Lord. Fr. Theodore will preside and bestow Communion; Fr. Nathaniel will give the Sermon.

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