

ST. ELIAS THE PROPHET CHURCH BULLETIN

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Sunday of the Paralytic

Close to the Sheep's in Jerusalem, there was a pool, which was called the Sheep's Pool. It had round about it 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 to step in after the troubling of the water immediately of whatever there that the paralytic of lying, tormented by his years. When Christ him, "Wilt thou be made answered with a quiet have no man, when the me into the pool." The "Rise, take up thy bed, straightaway the man took up his bed. Walking he departed rejoicing to



was healed malady he had. It was today's Gospel way infirmity of thirty-eight beheld him, He asked whole?" And he and meek voice, "Sir, I water is troubled, to put Lord said unto him, and walk." And was made whole and in the presence of all, 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.

GOSPEL AND EPISTLE READINGS

EPISTLE READING

Acts of the Apostles 9:32-42

IN THOSE DAYS, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Gospel Reading

John 5:1-15 Sunday of the Paralytic

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to

put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked.

Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.' "They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

Resurrectional Apolytikion Third Tone

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord by His Might, has created a Dominion. He has conquered death by death, and become the first-born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of Hades, and has granted the world great mercy.

Church Apolytikion

Incarnate Angel and summit of the Prophets, second forerunner of the coming of Christ glorious Elijah sent down grace from on high to the Prophet Elisha. He heals diseases and cleanses the leprous. He pours healings on all who honour him.

Kontakion

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Greek Festival 2012

We need voluntaries for this year's Greek Festival 2012. If you like to voluntary please contact Kerry Tramountanas. We are also selling our Festival raffle tickets after church. Please see Kerry Tramountanas after church.

Why we do not kneel after Pascha?

KNEELING – We should not kneel or make prostrations in Church or in our private prayers at home from Pascha through Pentecost (this year, June 3). Kneeling and prostrating are postures of repentance and sorrow for our sins. The brilliant solemnity of the events that we are celebrating takes precedence over such external manifestations of penitence. For our Lord's death and resurrection "blot[ted] out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us ... nailing it to His cross; and having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it." (Col. 2:14,15) Accordingly, "[t]here is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus ..." (Rom. 8:1) For these same reasons, we do not generally kneel on any Sunday of the year as each Sunday is a "mini-Pascha," commemorating our Lord's resurrection. We resume kneeling at appropriate times during the "Kneeling Vespers" celebrated after the Divine Liturgy for Holy Pentecost.

Congratulations!!!

We would like to express our warm congratulation to Christiana Josefakis daughter of Yianni Josefakis and Alexia Constantaras, granddaughter of Dr. Alex and Niki Constantaras and Andriana Josefakis, for receiving the Block-M award from St. Michael High School. May God continue to protect you and guide you with good health and happiness.

SERVICES AND INFORMATION

Sunday 6, May Paralytic

prosforo and coffee hour Nia Parry

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Saturday, 12 May Great Vespers 5:00pm

Sunday, 13 May Samaritan Women/ MOTHER'S DAY

prosforo/ coffee hour Mac Ennis

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Saturday, 19 May Great Vespers 5:00pm

Sunday, 20 May Blind Men

prosforo/ coffee hour Susan and Paul Proestos

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Monday, 21 May St. Constantine and Helen

prosforo Fr. Dimitri

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Thursday, 24 May Ascension

prosforo Fr. Dimitri

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Saturday, 26 May Great Vespers 5:00pm

Sunday, 27 May Holy Father's 1st Council

prosforo Fr. Dimitri coffee hour Mary Santikos

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Saturday, 2 June Saturday of the Souls

prosforo Fr. Dimitri

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Sunday, 3 June Pentecost

prosforo Fr. Dimitri coffee hour Nyphe Kefal

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Saturday, 9 June No Great Vespers

Sunday, 10 June All Saint's Day

prosforo Fr. Dimitri coffee hour Helen Skinas

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Friday, 15 June Greek Festival

11:00am - 9:00pm

Saturday, 16 June Greek Festival

11:00am - 9:00pm

No Great Vespers

Sunday, 17 June FATHER'S DAY

prosforo Fr. Dimitri coffee hour Frederika Vaupen

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Saturday, 23 June Great Vespers 5:00pm

Sunday, 24 June St. John the Prodomos

prosforo Fr. Dimitri Coffee hour Anastasia Stevens

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Friday, 29 June SS. Peter and Paul

prosforo Fr. Dimitri

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Saturday, 30 June

No Great Vespers

Sunday, 1 July

Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am