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MAY 3, 2015

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

TONE: 3

EOTHINON: 5

Commemorations: Martyrs Timothy the reader and his wife Maura of Egypt; Peter, archbishop of Argolis; Ekumenios, bishop of Trikala; Venerable Luke of Mt. Stirion.

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and became the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy

Now sing the apolytikion of St. George our patron saint.

KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.

Prokeimenon:

Sing praises to our God, sing praises.

Clap your hands, all you nations.

EPISTLE: The Reading from the 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: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (5:1-15)

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t 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 38 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 befalls you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus Who had healed him.

HOLY BREAD

Holy Bread is offered for the health and welfare of Berhane, Kidan and all their children and grandchildren and in memory of Manu, Senbetu and Abraham.

COFFEE HOUR

The coffee hour will be hosted by the Haliemichael family. Please join us!

WELCOME to all our guests and visitors. We are delighted to have you visiting and worshipping with us this morning and hope that you return soon. We invite you to participate in the Divine Liturgy, but, sadly, due to the divisions in Christianity, **only baptized/chrismated members of the Orthodox Church who have made their Confession before an Orthodox priest and prepared themselves by fasting may receive Holy Communion.** Please come forward after Liturgy to venerate the Cross and partake of the *Antidoron* - Holy Bread. Please join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour after the Liturgy. Also, please **turn off your cell phones and all electronic devices.**

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Lorraine DeFlorin, Wally & Maria Golden, Allen Golden, John N. Etoll, Yasmin Kakish, Jakob Kakish, Carol Haddad, Betty Ablan, Ted & Camille Goll, Kh. Vergin Khoury, Kyle Krache, Erma Ziton, Jackson & Hunter Golden, Mavis Aussey, Margaret Boalbey, Norm & Gracie Holmes, Dn. Russell & Phyllis Hodge, Sarah Vanlerberghe, Kh. Vera Proctor, Rick, Kh. Amy Hodge, Beryl Toms, Mya Lee, Ellie Brynjulfson, Edgard Siouffy, Magdalen Ng, Lorraine Hartwig, Berhane Haliemichael, John Burbank, George Droubie, Rosa Neimy, Robert Wyllie.

If you are ill and wish to be remembered in the Liturgy and daily prayers of the priest, please contact Fr. Tom.

THIS WEEK

HOLY PASCHA – 40 Days

In the Antiochian Archdiocese from Pascha and throughout the Paschal season (40 Days), you are permitted not to fast.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

We will hold our choir rehearsal Wednesday, May 6, at 7:00 pm. All members are asked to be present. We also are seeking new people to become choir members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONDOLENCES

Anthony Rezcallah's grandmother, Mary Rezcallah, fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday evening. We pray God's comfort and mercy for Anthony and all the family and friends. Her funeral will be Monday morning in Toledo. May her memory be eternal!

Brother Michael (Poe)

Our friend, Brother Michael Poe, fell asleep in the Lord on April 18. Michael was a regular attendee in our church for a short time. He greatly desired to live the monastic life. May God grant comfort to his loved ones! May his memory be eternal!

SUMMER MISSION

Fr John Chagnon and John Windsor will be serving with the Orthodox Christian Mission Center this summer. Fr John is the Team Leader for an Alaska project supporting the Faith in two remote villages and John Windsor will be traveling to Moldova, a small country between Romania and Ukraine, to serve in a youth camp assisting the Church there as it rebuilds. You can contact each for more information and if you'd like to support them you can send a tax deductible donation to:

OCMC
220 Mason Manatee Way
St. Augustine, Fl
32086

Simply write "Support for" either or both in the check memo line. You can also donate on line and Fr John and John can tell you how. Thanks.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to have an announcement published in the weekly bulletin, please note you must submit the information by Wednesday NOON before the Sunday you desire to have it in the bulletin. Please make sure the spelling of the names is correct.

SOCIAL HALL

Please remember, if you host a coffee hour you need to clean up the kitchen, take home the used linens, wash and return them, wipe the tables, take out the trash bags and put them into the dumpster. This is everyone's responsibility. Please try to help to preserve our beautiful hall.

KITCHEN USE

The Parish Council has determined that anyone wishing to use the kitchen at any time **must** contact George Khoury to reserve their date and time on the kitchen calendar.

PASTA AND PASTA SAUCE COLLECTION FOR FOCUS MN

In addition to our Food Drive for Neighbors, in which we help out persons in the West St. Paul community, we are again this year helping stock the shelves at FOCUS MN. Please donate pasta or sauce (any type of tomato base will do; sauce, paste, or actual pasta sauce are all welcome). **Please place these items on the left side table** outside the church hall and if possible label the bag "FOCUS."

NEIGHBORS INC

Please help replenish the food shelves of which Neighbors Inc. is one. Our neighbors, your neighbors, everyone's neighbors need our help. Please bring in one item each week during the month of March: one box of Mac & Cheese, box of cereal, pancake mix, can of tuna, Ragu, ANYTHING! The littlest thing can make a big difference. Cash donations may be made to George Droubie or Michelle Apman. **All** dollars and food donated to Neighbors stays at Neighbors. Thank you for your generosity.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLY BREAD LIST

May 10, Antiochian Women
May 17, Kh. Vergin Khoury family (Memorial-Mary S)
May 20, Ascension (Mary Rudquist)

COFFEE HOUR LIST

Brunch by Men's Club
Vergin Khoury family
N/A

To schedule holy bread and/or memorial, please contact Joannie Alevizos. It is completely proper to have more than one memorial or Holy Bread on a Sunday. *When signing up for Holy Bread, please indicate "yes" or "no" if you will also be providing coffee hour.* If you would like to host a coffee hour please contact Sanaa Jubran. It is important to *e-mail or call Fr. Tom or Brigitte Khoury bgkstgeorge@gmail.com by Wednesday noon prior to the Sunday of your memorial, with your information in order to print the bulletin in a timely manner.*

2015 Annual St Alexis (Toth) Lecture

The Sixth Annual St Alexis Lecture takes place on **Wednesday, May 6 at 7 pm**, following Vespers at St Mary's Cathedral in northeast Minneapolis. We are blessed this year to have the well-known scholar and speaker Dr Christopher Veniamin, Professor of Patristics at St Tikhon's Theological Seminary. Dr Veniamin will speak on *The Orthodox*



Understanding of Salvation: Theosis in Saint Silouan the Athonite and Elder Sophrony of Essex.

ORTHODOX GAME LEAGUE

The next game night will be Saturday, May 9, 7:00 P.M. at Holy Trinity Church (956 Forest, St. Paul, MN) Bring a munchie and/or a dessert to share. See the flyer on the bulletin board.

FOCUS Festive Spring Fundraiser - Save the Date! Friday, May 15, 2015 FOCUS Minnesota will hold its annual festive spring fundraiser from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church in Minneapolis. 2015 is turning out to be a very important year for us, with the mobile clinic slated to launch this summer. We need your support -- please make plans to come and hear about our dedicated outreach to those living in poverty in our community. Help spread the word ... and bring a friend! See <http://areyouinfocus.weebly.com/> for more details and to purchase tickets (\$35 each) online!

MOTHER'S DAY SOCIAL

This year, our Antiochian Women's Mother's Day Social will be Sat., May 16. Please join us from 11:30am to 1:30pm at the Beirut restaurant. Lunch is \$15.00 per person and includes your choice of chicken or beef kabob, tabouli, rice, non-alcoholic beverage, dessert and tip. All ladies are welcome! There will be a sign up sheet posted in the parish hall. Hope to see you at Beirut for delicious food and wonderful fellowship! If you have any questions please call Katrina Roseland.

ARABIC LITURGY

Our next Arabic liturgy will be Saturday, May 23 at 10:00 A.M. Fr. Nicholas from Chicago will be our main celebrant. Please spread the news and come join us.

MIDWEST PLC

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Grand Rapids, MI will host the Midwest Parish Life Conference, June 24-28. For information please visit: www.midwestplc2015.com

8th ANNUAL ST GEORGE MIDDLE EASTERN FESTIVAL – 2015

This year we will hold our 8th Annual Middle Eastern Festival on July 17th, 18th and 19th, 2015. Please plan on joining us for a fun-filled weekend of fantastic food, great entertainment and the best hospitality in the Twin Cities! Featuring a silent auction, pastries, food, Middle Eastern marketplace and much, much more! Visit us online at www.mideastfest.com and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/mideastfest. SEE YOU AT THE FESTIVAL! **"There are color flyers in the church hall for you to take and post at work and to give to your friends. Please tell everyone you can about the festival."**

St Mary's Summer Camp: June 27- July 3, 2015

Registration will be open starting Bright Tuesday, April 14th, at 10:00 AM (CDT)

- Held at Camp Wapogasset in Amery, WI
- For Ages: Entering 3rd grade through 12th grade (in school) in the fall.
- Please contact your parish priest early for scholarship assistance.

Online registration at www.stmaryscamp.com

Registration Fee: \$450.00

From 5/02/15 through 5/28/15

Last Day to Register Thursday 5/28/15 by 4:30 PM (CDT)

Announcing the 2015 Summer Camp Scholarship Contest!

Open to our entire Pan-Orthodox Community! Two Camp scholarship coupons will be awarded in memory of Presbyteria Mary Coniaris and James H. Zubulake. Camp registration fees will be rebated to two contest winners. The 2015 theme for camp is "Defending Our Faith." This year's essay question is, "*As an Orthodox Christian how do I defend my faith?*"

There will be two divisions:

Junior Division- open to children entering 3rd- 6th grades Fall 2015. Contestants are required to submit a 250- word (typed) essay on the theme.

Senior Division- open to teens entering 7th- 12th grades Fall 2015. Contestants are required to submit a 500- word (typed) essay on the theme.

Entries must remain as close to the word limits (250 or 500) as possible.

ENTRIES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY MAY 22, 2015. Please submit entries to:

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Also the St. George AW Camp Scholarship will give 100.00 to the Jr. and 100.00 to the Senior Division for the same essay.