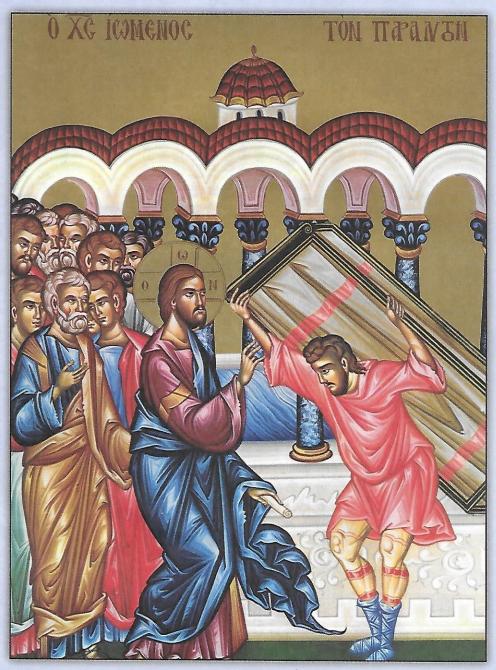
SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN



Icon of Jesus Healing the Paralytic Man

The Cure of Baptism Foreshadowed

What manner of cure is this? What mystery does it signify to us? For these things are not written carelessly, or without a purpose, but as a figure and type they show in outline things to come, in order that what was exceedingly strange might not, by coming unexpectedly, do harm among the many the power of faith. What then is it that they show in outline? A Baptism was about to be given, possessing much power, and the greatest of gifts, a Baptism purging all sins and making men alive instead of dead. These things then are foreshown as in a picture by the pool, and by many other circumstances. And first is given a water which purges the stains of our bodies, and those defilements which are not, but seem to be, as those from touching the dead, those from leprosy, and other similar causes; under the old covenant one may see many things done by water

on this account. However, let us now proceed to the matter in hand.

First then, as I before said, He causes defilements of our bodies, and afterwards infirmities of different kinds, to be done away by water. Because God, desiring to bring us nearer to faith in Baptism, no longer heals defilements only, but diseases also. For those figures which came nearer [in time] to the reality, both as regarded Baptism, and the Passion, and the rest, were plainer than the more ancient. ... And this miracle was done in order that men, learning that it is possible by water to heal the diseases of the body, and being exercised in this for a long time, might more easily believe that it can also heal the diseases of the soul.

St. John Chrysostom

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"Khristos Voskres"!
"Christ is Risen"!

May 12, 2019 First Communion

ON SUNDAY, nine terrific youngsters will receive the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion for the first time. These communicants were taught this year by two wonderful teavhers, Kathy Plush and Christine Pandolfo. We congratulate these children, their parents and entire families for this great achievement in the life of followers of Jesus Christ. We will take a group photo after the Liturgy and then head to our Parish Hall for a continental breakfast for everybody. The Communicants are: Fatima Amador, Catrina Costa, Justin DeLeo, Zoey DeLeo, Isabella Rose Dinich, Jocelyn Mendez, Marley Kay-Conway, Loretta Pandolfo, Erik Louis Richard. God bless all these angels!

NEXT SUNDAY, May 19, is the date of our big bus excursion to Washington, DC, and the 25th jubilee celebration of our spiritual son Fr. Robert Hitchens as a faithful priest of jesus Christ. I think that our bus now has a full complement of riders, but you can check with the ushers if you have not signed on yet. Departure time is 6:30 am from the church.

SOME 2019 church calendars and church donation envelopes still can be found today in the church basement. Please take these items home today for your family and friends.

ON MONDAY, MAY 27, we will honor all our military deceased, as well as all our parish deceased, with the 9 am divine liturgy in Church and the 10 am Panachyda service at our cemetery. Please come and pray with us on this Memorial Day to remember your beloved deceased.

ON TUESDAY, May 14, our Parish Hall will host the primary voters of the Second Ward in Bridgeport. Our parish is proud to perform this community service for all our friends and neighbors. Be sure to vote on Tuesday!

WE SEND OUT OUR PRAYERS for the ailing Larry Brady, Bridget Kovach and Mary Irene Maslayak, as well as all ourparish infirm and elderly. Please remember all these struggling folks with a prayer, a card, a kind word.

WE ARE SO VERY GRATEFUL to all our good people for their generous donations to our growing and vibrant parish. Your loving kindness is the reason for the success and growth of our Parish.

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 6 pm +Anita Chomiak 9Russell Chomiak)
Sunday, 9 am +Joseph Bean (Peter, MaryLyn, Peter Kohut)
Thursday, 7 am +Olga and George (The Maruszczak Family)
Friday, 7 am +Helen Leszynski (The Doherty Family)
Saturday, 8 am +Anna and Michael Chomiak (Son Russell)
Saturday, 6 pm +Anna Lonchar (The Rapine Family)
Sunday, 9 am +Cousin Oksana (Slava, Roslana, Lilia)

TOTAY'S TROPAR: Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, bestowing life upon those in the grave.

Glory to the Father and...

TODAY'S KONTAK: O Lord, with Your Divine power, raise up my soul, which is sick with various sins and wrong deeds. Raise me up as You raised up the Paralyzed man, so that when healed, I may callout to You: "O bountiful Christ, glory be to You forever".

TODAY'S PROKIMEN: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, for we have

trusted in You.

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