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.

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"Christ is Risen!"
"Khristos Voskres!"

April 24-25, 2021
Paralyzed Man

THIS WEEKEND we plan on livestreaming the Holy liturgy at 6 pm Saturday via the YouTube platform. Be sure to inform all your friends and relatives about this terrific opportunity to pray and sing with us. It's all free and all for you. Next weekend we will livestream the Holy Liturgy in Ukrainian on Sunday, May 2, at 9 am.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL will be in session this Sunday at 11 am for all our grades and classes. Only a few weeks remain in the current spring semester, so be sure that your children tune in at 11 am on GoogleMeet to learn about our Lord Jesus and His Holy Church.

THIS PAST WEEK we were able to paint the blue doors of the hall on Coates St, plant a new apricot tree in the rectory orchard, inspect all the AC units in all the buildings, oversee the installation of a new compressor in one of the units of our hall kitchen, repair one circulator pump for the hall heating system, caulk the rectory tub and sink and cut the white House hedges. Thank God for all our good help.

On Saturday, May 1, we will sing the burial prayers for +Patricia Baker, formerly of Bridgeport and mother of three sons. On Tuesday, May 4, we will pray the burial prayers for +Rosanna Vasiliadis, wife of Thomas vasiliadis in Calvary Cemetery. VICHNAYA PAMYAT!

OUR PARISH is so very grateful to all the good folks who supported our Church this past week with their generous donations, both in person and by mail. We also received most generous donations to pay for the replacement of the operating units for the Hall kitchen refrigerator. Your generosity enables our parish not only to stay alive but also to thrive and drow, thanks be to God for such great people.

LOOKING AHEAD, WE WILL CELEBRATE Father Pastor's 80th birthday the weekend of May 22-23 and First Holy Communion on Fathers' Day, June 20. Stay tuned for more details. Also, the final day of our Sunday School will be Sunday, May 16.

THERE ARE STILL a bunch of church calendars available, as well as unclaimed church envelope boxes in the church basement. Please check out these items today and take them home with you.

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Ap. 24, 6 pm	+Howard Taylor (Dr. John Cienki)
Sunday, Ap. 25, 9 am	+Danylo Berezovskiy (Son Volodymyr)
	+Steve Popivchak (Frances Yuschak)
Saturday, May 1, 6 pm	+Joseph Dudas (Margaret, Daughters)
Sunday, May 2, 9 am	+Roman Dychdala (Lidia and Family)

TODAY'S TROPAR: Let the Heavens rejoice and the earth exult for the Lord has shone strength with His Hand. He conquered death by death. He became the Firts-born of the dead. He delivered us from the abyss of hell and gave great mercy to the world.

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE SON...

TODAY'S KONTAK: O Lord, with Your divine power raise up my soul, which is ailing with various vices and improper deeds. Help me as You once did with the Paralyzed man, so that when once cured, I may exclaim to You: "O Bountiful Christ, glory be to Your merciful Hand".

TODAY'S PROKIMEN: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us for we have trusted in You, amen.

LOVE, Fr. Orale