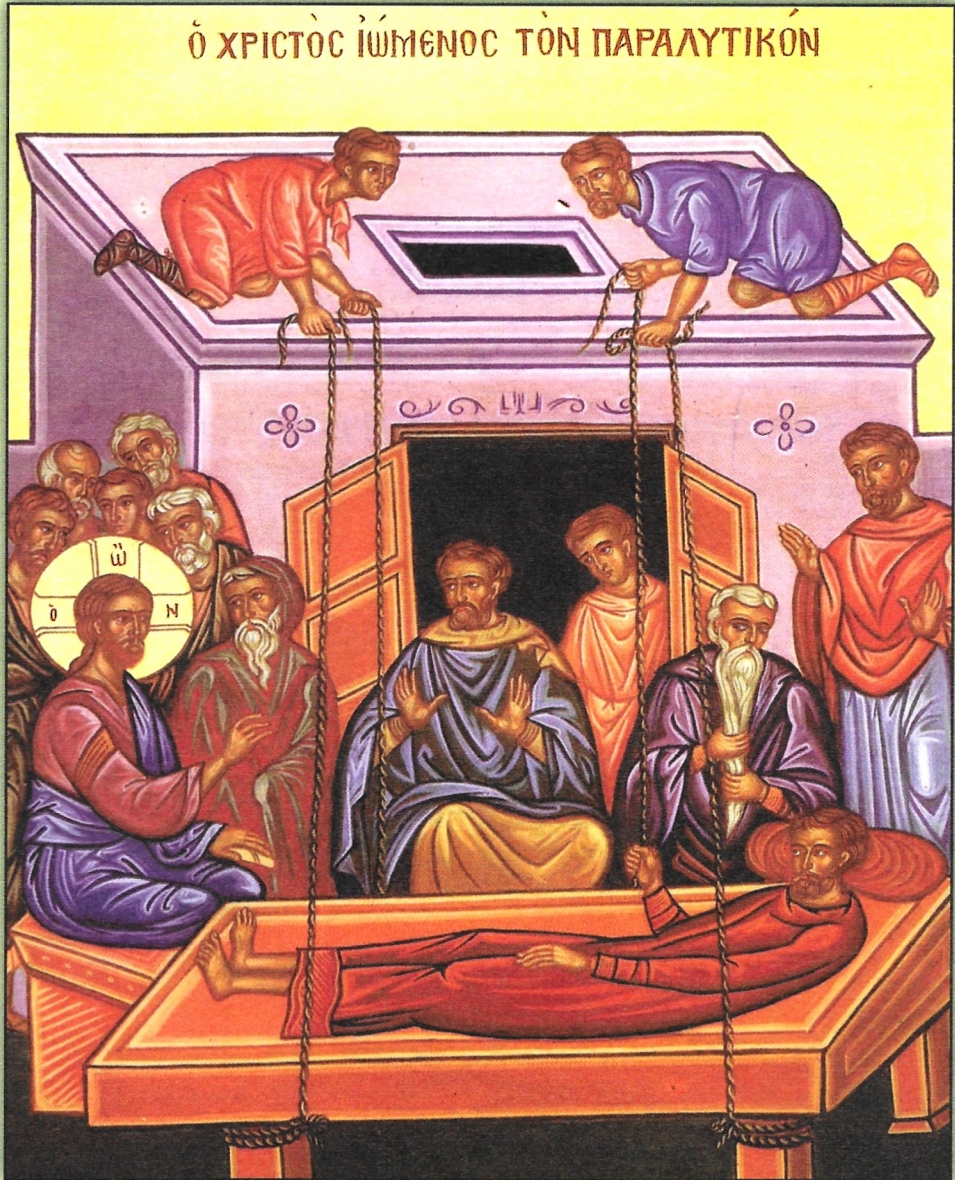


SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
SAINT GREGORY PALAMAS



Icon of the Healing of the Paralytic -- Mark 2:1-12

Sabbath Renewal

Another reason why the Sabbath day was blessed is that He who formed this world in six days foresaw that man would turn towards evil and would, as a result, go back to the ground, descend to Hades, and be imprisoned there; and this whole world would grow old and useless because of man, but would be renewed by God becoming man. This renewal was effected when God incarnate descended into Hades through death and declared there on the Sabbath the recall of souls. It was because He foresaw that this would happen on the Sabbath that He rightly deemed it the only day worthy to be blessed. However, although this work was secretly made ready on the seventh day, the Sabbath, everything was clearly brought to light and accomplished when the body too

had been summoned to immortality through the Lord's Resurrection on the eighth day. This is why we call it the Lord's Day. As Friday, the day of preparation, stands in relation to the Sabbath, so is the Sabbath in comparison with Sunday, which is obviously superior to it. As perfection and reality surpass beginning, pattern, and shadow, so is Sunday more excellent and honorable, because on it the exceedingly blessed work was finished, and on it we await the General Resurrection of all, the perfect entry of the saints into the divine rest and dissolution of the world into its elements.

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Glory to iesus!
Slava Isusee Khristoo!

Second Sunday Lent
March 4-5, 2023

THE GREAT FAST (Velyky Pist) has now begun, as we prepare for Easter Sunday and the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday. Our Church instructs us to fast from all meat on Friday, attend the Holy Liturgy every weekend, and perform good deeds for the needy. REMEMBER: Unless we fast, we will not be able to feast on Easter!

DONATION REPORTS for 2022 can now be obtained from the parish office. Simply give your name to the ushers and Father will prepare a confidential report for your church offerings in 2022.

THIS WEEKEND we will livestream the Holy Liturgy on Saturday at 6 pm. Next weekend we will again livestream on Sunday, March 12th on YOUTUBE at 9 am. Please tell all your relatives and friends about this wonderful service for our home-bound and sickly folks around the whole Country.

THIS SATURDAY we will baptize, Chrismate and give Holy Eucharist to the neonate Aiden Michael, son of Anthony and Halej (Wilson) Falco, Plymouth Meeting, PA. We pray today that the Good Lord Jesus will bless this little Angel with good health and a robust faith in Jesus Christ, as well as all his family. MANY GOOD YEARS!

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR HEARTS all our dear ailing and sickly folks, particularly Dottie Dolgash, Olga Danko, Gina Plisiewicz, John Morenko, Vera Tryciecky, Luba Jackson, Jim Deskiewicz, Pat Pascall, Joann Plisiewicz, the Timbario Boys, the Katarynick Family, the Tomchick Family, a special prayer for the very ill John morenko and Jim Patzuk, 95th birthday this week.

PLEASE TAKE HOME TODAY A CHURCH CALENDAR FROM THE VESTIBULE AND YOUR donation envelopes for ourselves and all your family and neighbors from the church basement. Thank you for helping us distribute these items.

PLEASE TAKE HOME ALSO A COPY OF THE 2022 financial report from our parish. We thank Zenny and Dorrie martyniuk for preparing this report.

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 4, 6 pm	+George, Anna Ferenz (dudas Family) Health of Jim Patzuk ,95th B-Day
Sunday, March 5, 9 am	Health of Fonnock, Maruszczak F. (Bill M))
Saturday, March 11, 6 pm	Health of Gina Plisiewicz (Parish Women)
Sunday, March 12, 9 am	Peace in Ukraine (Kromiak, Khrotiak Fam.)

TODAY'S TROPAR:

Angelic Powers on Your Sepulchre, as the guards become deadlike, as Mary stood by Your Tomb seeking Your Most Pure body. You captured Hell yet were not detained by it. You are the bestower of life, O Lord, Risen from the dead, AMEN.

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE...

TODAY'S-KONTAK:

Now the time for action has come, as the judge draws near. Let us arise in fasting and bring the tears of sorrow upon our eyes. . And let us say: We have sinned more than there are grains of sand on the seashore. O Creator of all, forgive us all our sins, so that we may receive the crowns of Heaven.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN:

You, O Lord will protect us all the days of our life

Слава Україні!

O. P. H. A. M. G.