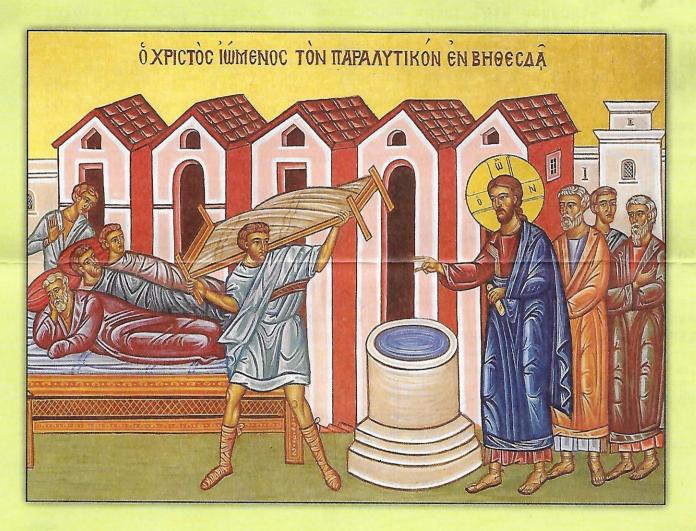
SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN



Icon of Our Lord Healing the Paralytic

Healing the Heart

A monk, well known for his holiness, once went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. He had the great fortune of visiting many of the places where Jesus lived and taught. One of his great privileges was to visit the Jordan River, where he immersed himself in the very water in which Jesus had been baptized. He was very eager to take some of this Jordan River water back to the monastery.

As he was journeying back to the monastery, however, he encountered a beggar. The beggar wanted nothing more than a sip of water. The monk refused the request, explaining that the only water he had left was very special water from the Jordan River, and it was not for drinking or sharing. The beggar persisted, and the monk grew angry and cursed the beggar. At that

moment the monk heard the words, "My son, you have washed your body in the Jordan River, but you have not washed your heart." With that, the beggar vanished from his sight.

In the Gospel reading today, we hear of Jesus' cure of a paralyzed man near the pool of Bethesda. It was believed that anyone who washed in that pool, during the stirring of the water, would be cured. How wonderful it would be, we might say to ourselves, to have such a pool of healing today. Let us remember that we do not need a pool or any other means of miracles when we have Christ Himself. Our Risen Lord, Who has power over death, certainly has dominion over illness and our bodies as well. Sometimes, however, He desires for us a healing of the heart, before a healing of the body.

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"Glory to Jesus Christ!"
"Slava Isusu Khristoo!"

The Ninth Sunday August 1, 2020

FATHER RONALD is currently doing some serious fishing on his annual vacation and will return home this coming Friday, August 7. In case of a death in the family or other emergency, please phone the Caretakers Michele and Maureen at 1 610 246 6141.

FATHER JOSEPH LOYA, a young Greek Catholic priest from Villanova U., will celebrate the Holy Liturgy at the parish on Saturday at 6 pm this weekend. Please give Father Joseph a big wave of thanks and a mighty "Mnohaya Leeta" after the Liturgy. We all thank Father Joseph for his goodness for doing this great favor for our parish.

NEW DOWNPIPES AND GUTTERS were installed on Wednesday on our church building. Now our church is shiny and bright as new. We thank the Cooper Roofing people and our dear parishioner Chris Senyk for their care and love for our Parish.

THIS WEEKEND there will be no live-streaming of the Divine Liturgy, as we all take a break from this service to all our shut-ins around the Country. We will resume this wonderful ministry next weekend by live-streaming the Holy Liturgy on Saturday, August 8, at 6 pm. Please inform all your friends and neighbors about this schedule.

OUR TERRIFIC SUNDAY SCHOOL might resume this fall in a virtual mode. We will meet with all our School Staff in late August to determine the feasibility of this practice, even as we take into account the health and safety of our dear students and their families, as well as that of all our teachers and staff.

dok choken is now open to the public, as we take all possible precautions to ensure the safety and health of our faithful. All the people in church must wear a facemask and maintain a physical distance from each other. We disinfect the building after every service.

WE REALLY APPRECIATE THE FOLKS who attend the Holy Liturgy and bring their donations with them. We also appreciate the many folks who send their donations through the mail in these troubled times. May the Good Lord Jesus bless all of you with good health and peace every day. DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 1, 6 pm For all the Faithful's health & peace

Saturday, August 8, 6 pm +Joan Chermak Brown (Husband David)

Sunday, August 9, 9 am +Roman Stanko (Luba Somits) ***********

TODAY'S KONDAK: By Your cross You destroyed death and opened Paradise to the Good Thief. You stopped the sighs of the Myrrhbearing Women and told them to tell the Apostles that You rose from the dead, O Christ Our God, Who gives great mercy to the world.

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE SON ... TODAY"S KONTAK: No longer can the power of death hold mortals in captivity, for Christ has descended to crush its might. Hell is fettered, as the Prophets all rejoice. The Savior has

appeared to the believers to say: "Come forth now to the Resurrection." TODAY'S PROKIMEN: Pray and give glory to the Lord our God.

TR. Ronald