

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!"

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The 10th Sunday

ARCHBISHOP BORYS will visit with us this Saturday and celebrate the Holy Liturgy at 6 pm. This Liturgy will be live-streamed throughout the Land via YouTube and remain available for weeks to come, so be sure to inform all your friends and relatives, near and far, to tune in. We thank the Archbishop in advance of his visit, even as we pray for him and his health in these troubled times. MONHAYA LEETA, VLADYKO!

WE THANK FR. JOSEPH LOYA FOR SUBSTITUTING FOR US AT THE ALTAR LAST WEEK. Father Ronald did get in a few days of rest, reading and fishing in Jersey, but had to scamper home to beat the storm. All's well that ends well, we suppose.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF will soon meet to discuss our plans for the fall semester. Father will present several options for our school program for discussion to see how best to ensure the safety of our school children, while they learn the tenets of our Church and Faith.

THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION of our Lord Jesus on Mt. Tabor (the Sixth of August) will be marked this weekend in our Parish. This holy-day commemorates the revelation of Our Lord to His Apostles Peter, James and John that He was truly the Divine Son of God. On this harvest feast our Church has the custom of blessing fruit. On Saturday morning Father Pastor blessed the Parish orchard, so feel free to pick some fruit after Liturgy today.

THE FEAST OF THE DORMITION (Assumption) (the 15th of August) will be celebrated next weekend in our Parish, This holiday marks the passing

of daily the theotokos from her earthly life to heavenly life, and to her falling asleep in this life. We will bless all the herbs and flowers you bring to church next weekend.

We thank all the Parishioners for their donations in church and those sent by mail. We also thank the folks out there in YouTube land who were so kind in mailing their gifts to our Church. May the Transfigured Lord Jesus grant peace, love and joy to all you wonderful people.

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

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

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

Friday, August 14, 7 am +Dominic, Frances (Maruszczak Family)

Saturday, August 15, 6 pm +Bridget Kovach (Gerry Fontaine)

Sunday, August 16, 9 am +Barb Breitbarth (Bill and Bridget M.)

TRANSFIGURATION TROPAR: O Christ our God, You were transfigured on the Mountain, displaying Your Divine Glory to Your Apostles. Let Your Light now shine for us sinners through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Lord, Glory be to You.

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE SON...

TRANSFIGURATION KONTAK: O Christ our God, You were transfigured on the Mountain, as Your Disciples beheld Your Glory. You displayed Your Divine Glory, so that the Disciples may preach to all the world that You are truly the Divine Light of God.

TRANSFIGURATION PROKIMEN: How great are Your works, O Lord, for You created all things with wisdom.

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