

**Sunday of the Paralytic:**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> **Sunday of Pascha**, the Church remembers the man who lay by the Sheep's Pool in Jerusalem for thirty-eight years, waiting for someone to put him into the pool. The first one to enter the pool after an angel troubled the water would be healed of his infirmities, but someone always entered the pool before him. Seeing the man, the Lord felt compassion for him and healed him.

The Kontakion for this Fourth Sunday of Pascha asks Christ to raise up our souls, *"paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts."*

**Midfeast of Pentecost (May 18):**

Wednesday is the midpoint of the fifty days between the Feasts of Pascha and Pentecost. St John tells us (John 7:14) that *"in the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the Temple, and taught."* The Feast in question is the Feast of Tabernacles (celebrated in September), not Pentecost.

But the Church has appointed John 7:14-30 to be read for the Midfeast, thereby linking Pascha and Pentecost. In Chapter 8 of St John's Gospel, the Lord came to the Temple again and taught the people who came to Him. After leaving the Temple, he encounters the man born blind. We will hear about him on the Sunday of the Blind Man.

The Troparion of the Midfeast (*"In the middle of the Feast, O Savior, fill my thirsting soul with the waters of godliness, as Thou didst cry to all: If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink [John 7:37]. O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to Thee!"*) hints at the encounter of Christ and the Samaritan Woman in just a few days.

On this day, some churches perform the **Lesser Blessing of Water**, and the **Blessing of Fields**.

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# Church of the Mother of God

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Healing of the Paralytic

## Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

**On this day the Church remembers:**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Pascha – Paralytic** • Ven. Pachomius the Great, Founder of Cœnobitic Monasticism (348 A.D.) • St. Isaiah, Bishop and Wonderworker of Rostov (1090) • The slain Crown Prince Dimitry of Uglich and Moscow (1591) • Ven. Isaiah, Wonderworker of the Kiev Caves (1115) • Ven. Pachomius - Abbot, and Silvanus, of Nerekhta (1384) • Ven. Evfrosin (Euphrosynus), Abbot and Wonderworker of Pskov, and his disciple, Ven. Serapion (Pskov - 1481) • St. Achilles, Bishop of Larissa (4<sup>th</sup> c.).

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*By Your divine intercession, O Lord,  
As You raised up the paralytic of old,  
So raise up my soul, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts;  
So that being saved I may sing to You:  
"Glory to Your power, O compassionate Christ!"*

Kontakion - Paralytic

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**May 15, 2011**  
**Sunday of the Paralytic**

Tone 3 (Tone 1)

| 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Pascha

| Pentecostarion Week 4

**Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:****For the eternal memory of:**

**Michael**, father of Fr. Boris, offered by Fr. Boris and Matushka Galina.

**For the health of:**

**John** Dantine on his birthday, offered by his family.

**Readings:**

- Acts 9:32-42
- **John 5:1-15**

**At that time**, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked.

Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk?'" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

**Sunday service:**

Hours - 9:40 AM

Divine Liturgy - 10:00 AM

Church School - 9:30

Coffee hour after Liturgy

**We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy for coffee hour downstairs.**

**Announcements:**

- Remember to check out our church store for fine and reasonably priced items. We have icons, matryoshka dolls, and other handcrafted items that would be perfect gifts for Feast days, birthdays, weddings or baptisms.
- **Visit by Bishop Michael, Saturday, June 18, 2011**  
The parish is happy to announce that His Grace, Bishop Michael will visit our parish on Saturday, June 18. There will be a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy followed by a luncheon. The luncheon will cost \$10.00 per person. There will be no advanced sale of tickets to the luncheon, but **luncheon reservations should be made by using the sign up sheet at the candle stand.** Greeting and vesting of the Bishop will be at 9:30 AM with the Liturgy starting around 10:00AM.

**Special Announcements:**

- **Today, May 15<sup>th</sup>, will be the Wedding of Charles and Nina.**
- **Water will be sanctified next Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>,** after the Liturgy, according to the Lesser Blessing of Water at Mid-feast of Pentecost.
- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the sign up sheet at the candle stand.
- Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)
- Dues and assessments are being collected for the year 2011, Total is \$175. (\$30 dues, \$145 assessment) Partial payments are gladly accepted.