

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

Nadja Boschuk, mother of Barbara Funk

For the health of:

Lisa on her birthday, daughter of Lore Stefy.

Peter Freed on his birthday, nephew of Lore Stefy.

Readings:

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

IN THOSE DAYS, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

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

(General Confession – 9 50 AM on the first Sunday of each month. Except Lent)

(Private Confession – Half hour before any service. Please don't delay the service.)

(Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month)

Church School - 9:30 AM (no classes 1st Sunday of each month)

Coffee hour - after Liturgy

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

Announcements:

- The **2012 Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors** program is underway. This is a way to: Support our diocesan seminarians, establish more mission parishes in our Diocese, and support for existing parishes that need help. Our parish will be having a special collection for the next few weeks to donate to this fund. We ask that you help out by contributing to the collection and/or donating directly by mail with a "**Vision for Our Future ~ DDB**" flyer, or online at the website: http://nynjoca.org/vision_for_future_2012.html
- **The next meeting of the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Theotokos will be on Sunday, June 3rd**, after coffee hour.

NJ Deanery Dates to remember

- **May 12**, His Grace, **Bishop Michael's 2nd Anniversary of his consecration to the Holy Episcopacy**. Divine Liturgy at Ss Peter and Paul Church Jersey City New Jersey. His Grace will enter at 9:30 AM - We will greet him vested in White.
- **May 14**, NJ Deanery Meeting, Holy Assumption Church, Clifton, NJ
- **May 28**, Annual Memorial Day Pilgrimage, St. Tikhon's Monastery,
- **May 29**, Diocesan Council Meeting
- **June 6**, Healing service, Hawaiian Iveron Icon, Jersey City 7:00 PM
- **June 16**, **Parish Council Conference**, 10 AM, Clifton, NJ - Parish rectors and council members are expected to attend one of the conferences
- **June 24**, Healing Service, Saddlebrook 5:00 PM
- **July 15**, NJ Deanery Clergy Family Picnic. Wantage, NJ 2:00 PM

Sunday of the Paralytic:

Today 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."*

Righteous Job the Long-Suffering:

Today we also remember the **righteous Job** (whose name means *"persecuted"*), God's faithful servant, was the perfect image of every virtue. The son of Zarah and Bossorha (Job 42), Job was a fifth-generation descendent of Abraham. He was a truthful, righteous, patient and pious man who abstained from every evil thing. Job was very rich and blessed by God in all things, as was no other son of Ausis (his country, which lay between Idoumea and Arabia). However, divine condescension permitted him to be tested.

Job lost his children, his wealth, his glory, and every consolation all at once. His entire body became a terrible wound covered with boils. Yet he remained steadfast and patient in the face of his misfortune for seven years, always giving thanks to God.

Later, God restored his former prosperity, and he had twice as much as before. Job lived for 170 years after his misfortune, completing his earthly life in 1350 B.C. at the age of 240. Some authorities say that Job's afflictions lasted only one year, and that afterwards he lived for 140 years, reaching the age of 210.

Job's explanations are among the most poetic writings in the Old Testament book which bears his name. It is one of the most edifying portions of Holy Scripture. Job teaches us that we must endure life's adversities patiently and with trust in God. As St Anthony the Great (January 17) says, without temptations, it is impossible for the faithful to be saved.

The Orthodox Church reads the book of Job, the first of the seven wisdom books of the Old Testament, during Holy Week, drawing a parallel between Job and Christ as righteous men who suffered through no fault of their own. God allowed Satan to afflict Job so that his faithfulness would be proven. Christ, the only sinless one, suffered voluntarily for our sins. The Septuagint text of Job 42:17 says that Job *"will rise again with those whom the Lord raises up."* This passage is read on Great and Holy Friday, when the composite Gospel at Vespers speaks of the tombs being opened at the moment the Savior died on the Cross, and the bodies of the saints were raised, and they appeared to many after Christ's Resurrection (Mt.27:52)

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Sunday of the Paralytic

Christ is risen!

Христос
Воскресе!

Indeed he is risen!

Воистину
Воскресе!

*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

On this day the Church remembers:

4th Sunday Of Pascha • Paralytic

- **Righteous Job the Long-suffering** (ca. 2000-1500 B.C.) • Ven. Micah, disciple of Ven. Sergius of Radonezh (1385) • Martyrs Barbarus the soldier, Bacchus, Callimachus, and Dionysius, in Morea (ca. 362)
- Martyr Barbarus in Thessaly, who was a robber.

May 6, 2012

4th Sunday Of Pascha
(Tone 3)

Pentecostarion
Week 4