

**Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:**

**For the health, long life and salvation of:**

**John** Dantine on his birthday, offered by his family.  
 Our granddaughter, **Charlotte Mae**, offered by Nonna and Pappy Ellmore  
**All Living Mothers, Stepmothers, Grandmothers, and Godmothers**,  
 offered by the Parish Council on Mother's Day.

**For the eternal memory of:**

**Vyacheslav** Markevich on his birthday, offered by Tatsiana Markevich-DaGrosa and her family  
**All Deceased Mothers, Stepmothers, Grandmothers, and Godmothers**,  
 offered by the Parish Council on Mother's Day.

**Readings:**

- Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (Ss Cyril and Methodius)
- Matthew 5:14-19 (Ss Cyril and Methodius)
- **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.

<b><u>Saturday service: Vespers – 6:30 PM</u></b>	
<b><u>Sunday service:</u></b>	
<b>Hours – 9:40 AM</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM</b>
<b>Private Confession – Half hour before any service.</b>	
See Fr Matthew for other times.	
<b>General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month</b>	
<b>Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month</b>	

**Coffee hour** – after Liturgy, downstairs in the Community Room

**Church School** - Sunday 9:30 AM (no classes 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month)

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

**Announcements:**

- The **next meeting of the Parish Council** will be **Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>** after coffee hour.
- The **next meeting of the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God** will be **Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>** after coffee hour.
- **Reader Charles** has accepted the call to serve with an **OCMC Youth Outreach Mission Team** going to Albania June 16 to July 1, 2014. Please remember him in your prayers in his many preparations. If your heart is moved to support him financially, please speak to him for information on how to do so. Every dollar donated over the cost of the trip will be given to the orphanage (Children's Home of Hope on the grounds of the Shen Vlash Monastery and Resurrection of Christ Theological Academy in Durres, Albania).

**Special Announcements:**

- Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)
- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the signup sheet at the candle stand.

**Sunday of the Paralytic:**

Today, 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:**

This 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.

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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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

**Today the Church remembers:**

**4th SUNDAY OF PASCHA • Paralytic**

- **Holy Equals-to-the-Apostles Cyril (869) and Methodius (885), First Teachers of the Slavs** • Commemoration of the Founding of Constantinople (330) • Hieromartyr Mocius (Mucius), Presbyter, of Amphipolis in Macedonia (3rd-4th c.)
- Ven. Sophrony, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th c.) • St. Joseph, Metropolitan of Astrakhan (1671) • St. Nicodemus, Archbishop of Serbia (1325)

**May 11, 2014**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha**

Pentecostarion Week 4  
Tone 3.