

There are no Bulletin Sponsors this week.

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**Readings:** Acts 9:32-42 (4th Sunday after Pascha)  
John 5:1-15 (4th Sunday after Pascha)

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**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.

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**Sunday service:**  
Hours - 9:40 AM      Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM

**Although the restrictions on attendance have been lifted, we are still following social distancing guidelines. It is still necessary to let Fr. Matthew know if you plan on attending Sunday Liturgy.**

Fr Matthew has sent out reader's services via email each week to follow at home. In addition, the diocesan web page [nynjoca.org](http://nynjoca.org) has online services for viewing.

### **Church School**

Church School is temporarily not meeting.

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We are praying for all of our parishioners and their families. Let's keep praying for each other and remember to reach out and keep in touch.

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### **Announcement:**

- **If you are unable to attend church, please consider mailing your weekly donation to our treasurer:**  
**Church of the Mother of God, c/o Holly Dawson, treasurer,**  
**111 Main Ave, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234**  
Thank you to everyone who has been sending in their donations.

### **Reminders:**

- Because of the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) pandemic, SERVICE and EVENT info, here and on our web site's calendar, may change.
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, can be submitted by email to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org) (there is no longer a sign up sheet at the candle stand).
- We still need sponsors for the bulletin each week as they go out via e-mail to many people. Send your donation to the treasurer in time to get it into the bulletin.
- The Living Clean Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 pm downstairs in the community room.
- The Grey Book Step Meeting Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 pm downstairs in the community room.

**Sunday of the Paralytic:**

On this Sunday, 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."

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To read more about the saints remembered today, see:  
<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/05/23>

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**Christ is Risen!**

Христос  
Воскресе!

**Indeed, He is Risen!**

Воистину  
Воскресе!

Sunday of the Paralytic

*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!"*

Troparion – Tone3

**Today the Church remembers:**

**4th SUNDAY OF PASCHA** • St. Michael the Confessor, Bishop of Synnada (831) • Synaxis of the Saints of Rostov and Yaroslavl • Ven. Euphrosynē, Abbess of Polótsk (1173) • Ven. Paísii, Abbot of Galich (1460) • Martyr Michael "the Black-robed" of St. Savva Monastery (9th c.)

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**May 23, 2021**

**4th SUNDAY OF PASCHA**

**Tone 3**

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