

**For the eternal memory of:**

**Risley**, father of Linda, offered by Linda and Richard

**For the health of:**

**Gabrielle Stefy** on her birthday, granddaughter of Lore Stefy

**Readings:**

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

**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.

**Saturday service: Vespers – 6:30 PM****Sunday service:**

**Hours** - 9:40 AM

**Divine Liturgy** – 10:00 AM

**Private Confession** - Half hour before any service. See Fr Matthew for other times.

**General Confession** - 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month

**Pannikhidas** - after Divine Liturgy 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month

**Church School has ended for the school year.**

Thank you to all students, parents, and grandparents who participated.

**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 Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God** will have a **meeting next Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**, after coffee hour
- The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on June 30<sup>th</sup> after coffee hour.
- The **2013 Parish Council Conference**, called: "**Parish Growth and Evangelization in the Diocese of New York and New Jersey**" will be held on Saturday, 15 June 2013 at Holy Resurrection Church, 285 French Hill Road, Wayne NJ. RSVP by 1 June: Father Paul Kucynda (973-696-6572) Email: pkucynda@optonline.net

**Special Announcements:**

- **Dues and assessments are being collected for the year 2013, Total Parish Membership Fee is \$200.** Partial payments are gladly accepted.
- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the signup sheet at the candle stand.
- Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)

**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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Sunday Bulletin

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**Christ is risen!**

Христос  
Воскресе!



Sunday of the Paralytic

**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**

- Apostles Carpus and Alphæus of the Seventy (1st c.) • Greatmartyr George the New at Sofia (Bulgaria—1515) • Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Makáry, Abbot of Kalyazin (1521) • Martyrs Abercius and Helen, children of the Apostle Alphæus (1st c.) • St. John Psichaita the Confessor, of Constantinople (9th c.) • St. Augustine of Canterbury, Evangelizer of England (ca. 605).

**May 26, 2013**

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

Pentecostarion Week 4  
(Tone 3)