

(No Bulletin sponsors this week)

**Acts 9:32-42** (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pascha)

**Readings:** [Galatians 1:11-19](#) (St Alexis)

**John 5:1-15** (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pascha)

[John 10:1-9](#) (St Alexis)

**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 Services:

<b>Hours - 9:40 AM</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM</b>
<b>General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month</b>	
<b>Private Confession - by appointment, contact Fr Matthew Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month</b>	

### Coffee hour - after Divine Liturgy.

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

### Church School is now meeting every week after Communion.

#### Announcements:

- Please remember our Parish Family in your prayers, especially Lore Stefy, Bill and MaryAnn Kuzemchak, Alex Guedes, Susan, Mike, Jonathan and Gabrielle Guedes.
- Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.
- Donations are being accepted for an outdoor chairlift to be used on our steps.

#### Reminders:

- 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.
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)** (there is no longer a sign up sheet at the candle stand).
- The Grey Book Step Meeting Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 pm downstairs in the community room.
- The Living Clean Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 pm downstairs in the community room.
- Prospora (bread) is again available at the candle stand for a donation of \$2. The faithful can have the bread sent into the altar with a list of names for prayers of health and salvation for the living and for the repose of the departed servants of God. (Prospora should be purchased at least a week in advance of the Sunday Liturgy.)

**Rest of Saint Alexis Toth, Confessor and Defender of Orthodoxy in America:**

*Let us, the faithful, praise the Priest Alexis,  
a bright beacon of Orthodoxy in America,  
a model of patience and humility,  
a worthy shepherd of the Flock of Christ.  
He called back the sheep who had been led astray  
and brought them by his preaching to the Heavenly Kingdom!*

Kontakion – Tone 5

**Sunday of the Paralytic:**

*Let the heavens rejoice,  
let the earth be glad,  
for the Lord has shown strength with His arm.  
He has trampled down death by death.  
He has become the first born of the dead.  
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,  
and has granted to the world great mercy.*

Troparion – Tone 3

*By Your divine authority, O Lord,  
as You raised up the paralytic of old,  
so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sundry sins and unseemly acts;  
so that being saved I may cry:  
“Glory to Your power, O compassionate Christ!”*

Kontakion – Tone 3

**To read more about the saints remembered today, see:**

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/05/07>

\* The *Pentecostarion* (also known as the Flowery Triodion, Festal Triodion, Paschal Triodion, or Joyful Pentecostarion) is the service book of the Orthodox Church that provides the texts for the moveable portions of the divine services from Pascha through the feast of All Saints

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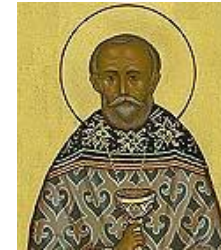
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**Christ is  
Risen!**

**Indeed he  
is risen!**

Rest of St Alexis Toth, Confessor  
& Defender of Orthodoxy in America

*O righteous Father Alexis, our heavenly intercessor and teacher,  
divine adornment of the Church of Christ!  
Entreat the Master of All  
to strengthen the Orthodox Faith in America,  
to grant peace to the world and to our souls, great mercy!*

Troparion – Tone 4

**May 7, 2023**

**Today the Church remembers:**

**Rest of St. Alexis Toth, Confessor and Defender of Orthodoxy in America (1909 • Paralytic • Commemoration of the Appearance of the Sign of the Precious Cross over Jerusalem in 351 AD • Martyr Acacius the Centurion at Byzantium (303) • Rest of Ven. Nilus, Abbot of Sora (1508) • St. John of Zaden in Georgia, and 12 disciples: Ss. Shio, David, Anthony, Thaddæus, Stephen, Isidore, Michael, Pyrrhus, Zeno, Jesse, Joseph, and Abibus (6<sup>th</sup> c.) • Ven. Nilus the Myrrhghuser of Lavra (Mt. Athos—1651) • Monastic Martyr Pachomius (Mt. Athos—1730) • The “ZHIROVITSKAYA” Icon of the Mother of God (1470)**

4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA  
(Pentecostarion)\*

Tone 3