



# ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

May 7th, 2023  
SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC  
& REPOSE OF ST. ALEXIS TOTH

## Scripture Readings

### Epistle: Acts 9:32-42

Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately. So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

### Gospel: John 5:1-15

At that time, there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed." He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'" Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk?'" But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

## MAY Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1st - Christopher Rozdilski
- 2nd - Leonard Volosin
- 3rd - Jeb & Jennifer Billmire
- 5th - Austin Jackson
- 5th - Colleen Hendrix
- 7th - Vickie Tipton
- 8th - Victor Volosin
- 8th - Nadia Sisneros
- 10th - Ben & Linda Hendrix
- 10th - Makenzie Schulte
- 13th - Madeleine Hlatki
- 14th - Joshua Sisneros
- 16th - Butch & Helen Sakala
- 18th - Dee Eurich
- 19th - Abigail Heuberger
- 24th - Rachel Stevens
- 25th - Bill & Colleen Hendrix
- 26th - Betty Eurich
- 27th - Harry Mikita
- 27th - Josh & Lacie Leithead
- 28th - Tori Jackson
- 28th - Kaleb Ritter
- 29th - Matt & Libbie Dawson
- 29th - Fr. Stephen & Mat. Lindsey Osburn
- 30th - Brock Burnside

## SCHEDULE

- May 13th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
- May 14th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

## WISDOM

*"The soul is greater than the body: the body becomes sick, and with that it is finished. But a spiritual sickness extends into eternity."*

- St. Macarius

## WEEKLY JOKES

*What do you call a reluctant potato? A hesitater.  
What do you call a typo on a tombstone? A grave mistake.  
What did Papa Roach say when he went to Pizza Hut?  
Cut my life into pizza. This is my plastic fork.*

# CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

## Bookstore in the Hall

Our bookstore is specifically for our parish. We receive the books from Holy Theophany but we do make money on the books. There are plenty of good books for sale as well as service texts and such. If you are looking for a particular book that we do not have, we can order it at a great price.

## No Coffee Hour Next Sunday (May 14th)

## Parish Council Meeting (May 21st) / No Meeting in June

## Memorial Day Cleanup (May 28th)

We will have our annual Memorial Day Cleanup on May 28th after Liturgy. We need volunteers to clean the hall as well as to mow the grass around our properties. It is especially important that our younger people (under 50) step up and help with this effort in keeping our community beautiful.

## Bingo Night at St. Michaels Catholic Church (June 2nd)

St. Michael's Catholic Church is hosting a bingo night every first Friday of the month. The cost is \$5 to enter and there is an extra cost for bingo packets. Check it out!

## Rocky Mountain Youth Camp (July 17th-20th)

The forms for this year's camp are in the Narthex. This year we will have a unique opportunity with another group from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese. We will do some things together, such as Liturgy, paraklesis, and/or small group talks with the older kids. One note is this camp is at the same time as El Paso Fair, so this will impact our numbers but if your child/children are not participating, please consider going to camp this year. The Rose Marie Ladies have agreed to cover the cost again this year so all youth are invited. We do need volunteers as well again. Please see Fr. Stephen for more info.

## Rockies Game (July 2nd)

We are looking to see the Rockies play on July 2nd against the Detroit Tigers. The game starts at 1:10 PM, which means we would do Liturgy at 8:30 AM that day. The cost of the tickets are around \$16 per ticket. If you are interested in going, please see Fr. Stephen and let him know so we can order the tickets ahead of time and get the discounted rate.

## Sunday of the Paralytic:

Many miracles in the Old Testament involve water. To name but a few, the water of the Nile turned to blood after Moses lifted his rod and struck the water before Pharaoh and His servants (Exodus 7:20). Not only was the Nile turned to blood, but also "their rivers, their canals, their ponds, and all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and there shall be blood throughout the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone" (Exodus 7:19). In chapter 14 of Exodus, Moses divided the waters of the Red Sea, and the Hebrews passed over as if on dry land. When they were safely across, the waters came together, and their Egyptian pursuers were drowned. On their forty year journey to the Promised Land, the Hebrews camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for them to drink. The people murmured against Moses, asking him why he had led them out of Egypt. God told Moses to strike the rock at Horeb. Then water came out of it so that everyone could drink (Exodus 17:6). In Judges 6:36-40 we read about Gideon and the dew on the fleece. When Gideon squeezed the fleece, there was enough to fill a bowl with water. On the Fourth Sunday of Pascha, the Church remembers the man who lay paralyzed at the Sheep Pool in Jerusalem for thirty-eight years, waiting for someone to put him into the pool. The first person 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 Lord healed the paralytic during the days of the Passover, when He had gone to Jerusalem for the Feast, and He remained there teaching and working miracles. According to Saint John the Theologian, this miracle took place on the Sabbath. Like some Old Testament miracles, many of Christ's miracles also involved water, and they prefigure the Church's Baptism, which cleanses us of every sin. In the Sheep Pool, once a year, only one person was healed, but Christ saves endless multitudes by divine Baptism. Sometimes, as in the case of Saint Vladimir (July 15), Baptism can also heal our bodily infirmities. In the Canon for the Paralytic, the Angel who stirred the water in the Sheep Pool is identified as the Archangel Michael. Some of the Troparia call him "Leader of the Angels," and "Supreme Commander" (Ode 1). In Ode 3 we ask him to "protect us from falling into the passions of life." In Ode 6, we ask Saint Michael to guide us on the paths of life." In Ode 8, we ask him to pray with all the Bodiless Hosts, that we may be granted deliverance from our offenses, correction of our life, and the enjoyment of eternal blessings. As we remember the paralytic, let us ask Christ to "raise up our souls, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts" (Kontakion of the paralytic).

## The Come and See Challenge:

Have you brought someone NEW this month?

Have you gone to Great Vespers at least once this month?

When was the last time you went to Confession?

## Prayer List

### Living:

Abp. Benjamin, Abp. Melchisedek, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Simon, Muriel, Meryl, Harold, Vern, Tammy, Daron, Steve, Litsa, Jill, Leilani, child Lillian, Carl, Christina, Lindy, John, Johnny, Jeremy, Sabrina with child, Loren, George, Mark, Betty, Alicia, Richard, infant Gideon, Iryland, Patricia, Casey, Bruce, Alice, Christina, Danny, Cassi with child, Jerry, Infant Dominic, Roberta, Leonard, Annabelle, Devin, Georgianna, Morgan with child, Natalie, Wendy, Judy, April with child, Greg, Haily with child, Melvin, Anita, Sally, Brandon, Austin, Joseph, Michael

### Departed:

Petr, Gordon, Dorothy, child Arrayah, Paula, Robert

### Youth:

#### Board Game Night (NEXT SAT):

On Saturday the 13th, we are looking to have a board game night in the Hall after Vespers. We will have Pizza as well. Youth, invite your friends!

### Volunteers Needed:

Coffee Hour (New List Up)

Church Clean Up (New List Up)

### St. Ambrose Donations

(Bin in the Hall, please donate)

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