



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION † ORTHODOX CHURCH

MAY 3RD, 2026 | 4TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA | TONE 3

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

SCRIPTURE READINGS

ACTS 9:32-42 | EPISTLE (23)

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.

JOHN 5:1-15 | GOSPEL (14)

After this 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.

MANY YEARS!

ANNIVERSARIES

3RD – Jeb & Jennifer Billmire
10TH – Ben & Linda Hendrix
16TH – Butch & Helen Sakala
25TH – Bill & Colleen Hendrix
27TH – Josh & Lacie Leithead
29TH – Matt & Libbie Dawson

BIRTHDAYS

2 ND – Leonard Volosin	14 TH – Joshua Sisneros
5 TH – Austin Jackson	18 TH – Dee Eurich
5 TH – Colleen Hendrix	19 TH – Abigail Bourge
7 TH – Vickie Tipton	24 TH – Rachel Stevens
8 TH – Nadia Sisneros	26 TH – Betty Eurich
8 TH – Victor Volosin	27 TH – Harry Mikita
10 TH – Makenzie Schulte	28 TH – Tori Jackson
11 TH – Lauren Nelson	29 TH – Kaleb Ritter
13 TH – Madeleine Hlatki	30 TH – Brock Burnside

CALENDAR

MAY 2ND – SATURDAY

Great Vespers, 6:30 pm

MAY 3RD – SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am

- coffee hour to follow in hall -

MAY 3RD – MOTHER & DAUGHTER BANQUET

Sunday Evening, 5:30 pm

@ Calhan United Methodist Church, 581 Denver Street

MAY 6ND – MID PENTECOST

Services TBA

MAY 9TH – SATURDAY

Baptism, 10:00 am

MAY 9TH – SATURDAY

Great Vespers, 6:30 pm

MAY 10TH – SAMARITAN WOMAN | MOTHER'S DAY

Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am

- No fellowship after service -

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THE SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

In the fifth chapter of John's Gospel, we find Jesus in Jerusalem at a pool the locals called Bethesda — a Hebrew word meaning "house of mercy." There, under five covered colonnades, lay a great number of the sick, the lame, and the blind, all waiting for an angel to stir the water. The first one in after the water moved was said to be healed. It was a place of desperate hope and daily disappointment.

Among those gathered was a man who had been ill for thirty-eight years. Thirty-eight years of watching others enter the water ahead of him. Thirty-eight years of the same answer: "I have no man to help me." When Jesus sees him lying there and learns how long he has been in this condition, He asks a question that cuts straight to the heart: "Do you want to be made well?"

It seems like an odd question. Of course the man wants to be healed. But the Lord asks it anyway, and for good reason. After decades of unanswered waiting, a person's identity can become bound up with their suffering. The man's answer reveals exactly this — he doesn't say "yes." Instead he explains why it hasn't happened yet, why he keeps missing the moment. Jesus meets him exactly where he is. Without water, without ritual, without the man doing anything at all, the Lord simply says: "Rise, take up your bed and walk." And immediately, the man was made well.

The Church places this Sunday in the Paschal season deliberately. The paralytic's healing is a sign pointing beyond itself — to baptism, to the resurrection, to the power of Christ that makes well what no pool or physician can restore. Just as the man lay helpless until the One who is himself the Fountain of healing appeared, so we come to Christ not with our merits, but with our helplessness. The question He asked then, He asks still: Do you want to be made well? The answer He waited for is the answer He waits for from each of us.

Christ is Risen!

TROPARIA & KONTAKIA — DIVINE LITURGY

TROPARION | TONE 3 (RESURRECTION)

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.

KONTAKION | TONE 3 (PENTECOSTARION)

By Thy divine intercession, O Lord, as Thou didst raise up the Paralytic of old, so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts; so that being saved I may sing to Thee: "Glory to Thy power, O compassionate Christ!"

KONTAKION | TONE 8 (PASCHA)

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming, "Rejoice!" to the Myrrhbearing Women, granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

PRAYER LIST

LIVING:

Met. Tikhon, Abp. Benjamin, Bp. Vasily, Fr. Andreas, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Zechariah, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Silouan, Mother Cassiana, Dcn. Herman Combs & Family, Dcn. Tikhon Krueger & Family

David, Carol, Charlie, Anita, Chad, Jan, Harold, Libbie, Toni Dell, Tyler, David, Victor, Kyla, Tony, Diane, Betty, Muriel, Child Gerhard ✠ Meryl, Tammy, Litsa, Lilliana, Carl, Christina, Lindy, John, Alicia, Patricia, Danny, Jerry, Roberta, Wendy, Judy, Jill, Beverly, Joseph, Jackie Joan, Trisha, Lee, Ethan, Nauvlet, Austin, Brian, Josh, Mother Magdalena, Kodiak, Miriham, Cheri, April, Madalyn, Makenzie, MaKiya, Hannah, Haylee, Keith, Samantha, Christina, Jake, Jetlyn, Lauren, Bob, Georgianna, Clint, Murl, Carolyn, Millie, Child Charlotte, Cathy, Victoria.

DEPARTED: Melvin

THOSE WHO ARE CONFINED: Basil, Hannah, Theodore

INFANTS: Infant Lawrence, Infant Dominic, Infant AdaLynn, Infant Gus

COMMEMORATIONS

4th Sunday of Pascha — Sunday of the Paralytic; Holy Martyrs Timothy the Reader and Maura his wife, Egypt; Venerable Theodosius, Abbot of the Kiev Caves; Svena Icon of the Mother of God; Kiev Caves Icon of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos; Holy Martyr Xenia of Kalamata

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This evening at 5:30 PM, the Calhan United Methodist Church hosts a Mothers & Daughters Banquet — all women of St. Mary's are warmly invited. Location: 581 Denver Street, Calhan.

Next Sunday, May 10th, is Mother's Day. There will be no coffee hour fellowship following Liturgy.

Rocky Mountain Orthodox Youth Camp registration is open for July 6–9 at Buckhorn Camp, Bellvue, CO. Details and registration at rmoyc.org.

Many Years! Mat. Lindsey has delivered a healthy baby boy — Stephen Charles Osburn III. God grant them many years!

The Rose Marie ladies invite each family to take a flower home from the church today following Liturgy.