THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On May 10 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Apostle Simon the Zealot; and Venerable Laurence of Egypt.

On this day, the fourth Sunday of Pascha, we commemorate the Paralytic and, as is right, we celebrate the miracle wrought for him.

Verses

The word of Christ was strength for the paralytic;
So that this word alone was the man’s full healing.

Jesus healed the Paralytic at the Sheep’s Pool, located near the Sheep’s Gate of Jerusalem, where people sacrificed their beasts and washed their insides. The pool had five sides, with a porch and arch on each. A number of people, afflicted with various diseases, passed through them, waiting at the water for an angel to come down and stir it. Once it moved, whoever stepped into the water first was instantly healed. One poor man, whose story is recounted in today’s Gospel lection in the Divine Liturgy, waited 38 years for someone to lower him into the water, because he was unable to move into the water himself. However, the Savior merely commanded the man to get up and walk, and he was healed.

In Thine infinite mercy, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Orthodox Vocabulary

Naos


Sunday, May 10, 2020

Sunday of the Paralytic
CHRIST IS RISEN, TRULY HE IS RISEN!
We welcome our Visitors & Guests: Please take a moment to fill out a Visitor Card. We invite you to join us for coffee hour at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

Receiving Communion: Only those Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves may approach the chalice for Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after the Liturgy.

Prayer Line
St. Mary ~ Internet Prayer Line
Prayer requests can be sent to us via the internet at
office@stmarypawtucket.org

All requests must be received by Wednesday noon to be included in that week’s bulletin. Any requests received after that time will be included in the following week’s bulletin.
Visitations
Please contact Fr. Elie with any names of parishioners that are in need of visitation either at home, in hospital or nursing homes.

ONLINE BULLETIN
The Bulletin is available online on our website at:
http://stmarypawtucket.org

Sunday of the Paralytic
Tone 3 / Eothinon 5

RESURRECTIONAL APOLOITYKION: Tone 3
Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

TROPARION OF THE DORMITION: Tone 1
In giving birth, Thou didst keep Thy virginity and in thy repose, Thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos, for Thou art the mother of life, and Thou didst pass over into life; and through thy intercession from death Thou dost redeem our souls.

KONTAKION OF PASCHA: Tone 8
Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

CHRIST IS RISEN, TRULY HE IS RISEN!
المسيح قام، حقا قام.

“We receive salvation by grace and as a divine gift of the Spirit. But to attain the full measure of virtue we need also to possess faith and love, and to struggle to exercise our free will with integrity.

~St. Macarius of Egypt

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

V. Rev. Fr. Isaac Crow
Lillian Betor
Georges Karam
Offered by: Elie, Julia & Naji Karam

Janice Hallal
Offered by: Her Loving Husband Ron

Janice Hallal
Offered by: Rhonda Hallal & Bob Lienert, Hannah & Emma

Janice Hallal
Offered by: Sharyn Hallal

Janice Hallal
Offered by: Keith & Maria Hallal, Isabel & Matthew

Janice Hallal (our dear sister)
Offered by: Albert & Victoria Hallal

Janice Hallal (our dear aunt)
Offered by: Karen, Linus, Katie & Lauren Vachon
James, Paula & Joshua Hallal
David, Terrie, Jonathan, Nicholas & Jack Hallal

Janice Hallal
Eivon Bazerji
Offered by: Nabih & Salwa Khoury

Janice Hallal
Offered by: John & Anita Chamoun & Family

Leon & Lily Hattab
Basses & Valentine Trabulsi
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Sophie Hallal
Sarah Massiwer
Nellie Hallal
Offered by: Holly Laizieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint

Charles Agaty
Offered by: Elaine Agaty

Emil Awad
John Kelley
Offered by: Matt & Amani Kelley

Mary Agaty
Jeanette Swistak
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Jameela, Sophie, Matilda, Kh. Joanne, Hida
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

Don Hayes
John Massiwer
Tom Andrew
Sophie & Fred Hallal
Moses Lazieh
Sarah, George, Emil & Abraham Massiwer
Louis Hashway
Dawn Boukari
Eivon Bazerji
John Swistak
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Family

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“Christ is risen, truly He is risen!”
القيامة حقيقة ولامعنة

May God strengthen all of us in faith and love, and help us to keep pure the good works which we have begun in Him, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

~St. Macarius of Egypt
**THE EPISTLE**

_Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands, all you nations._

The Reading from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles. (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.

**THE GOSPEL**

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (5:1-15)

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethsaida, 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 38 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 befalls you.” The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus Who had healed him.