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SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

Epistle: Acts (9:32-42) Gospel: John (5:1-15)

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 But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place.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.

TROPARION TONE III

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown might 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 the world great mercy!

KONTAKION TONE III

On this day You did rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the prophets and patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power!

TROPARION TONE III

By your divine intercession, O Lord, as You did 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 You: "Glory to Your majesty, O Bountiful Christ!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates:

Sunday, May 13th – Mother's Day Luncheon

Saturday, May 19th – The Tamburitzan concert will be held at East Allegheny High School at 3:00 p.m. with a reception following the concert at our hall.

Sunday, May 20, 2018 – Celebration of our Slava ó Transfer of the Relics of Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker

Saturday, May 26th ó Memorial Saturday/Zadusnice -Blessing of the graves at Grandview & Export Cemeteries: The Holy Orthodox Church has designated the Saturday before Holy Trinity/Pentecost for blessing of the graves.

Sunday, May 27th – Holy Trinity Sunday/Pentecost

Sunday, July 15th – Annual Church Picnic – All are welcome!

The Fish Fry Cake Table would like to thank all of the workers, bakers, and donors who helped to make our Lenten project a success. We also want to thank all of our wonderful customers who supported us throughout the season. We were able to realize a \$2900 profit, which we turned over to the Men's Club to be used for future church projects. Thanks again to everyone for your hard work, dedication, and generosity! It is greatly appreciated!

Thank you – On behalf of the St. Nicholas parish and Father George, thank you to Steve and RoseMarie Cheran for the beautiful chalice cover set and Mark and Pam Matejevich for the icon case on the center table. Both donated in memory of their beloved parents.

REMINDERS

Family Nights and Adult Bible Study - Will resume after house blessings. Father George will announce when both will reconvene.

Vespers ó Saturday evening 6:00 p.m. Confession 6:30 p.m.

Blessing of Homes - V. Rev. Fr. George continues to bless homes. Please call him at 412.622.4714 to schedule a visit.

A Very Special Thanks to the Maintenance Committee for all your on-going hard work and efforts! It is much appreciated.

Thank you ó I would like to thank all parishioners for their generous FOCUS donations that helped feed the poor and homeless. Also, thank you for all of the donations that benefitted the DiMatteo family who lost their husband/father in a fire. Donations are still being accepted especially during this time of great need.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Has anyone ever asked you, "What is the Orthodox Church?" How would you answer? Let us help!

The Orthodox Christian Church is a worldwide body of believers who confess and worship Jesus Christ as the Son of God, as Lord and Messiah. This body has a tangible and continuous history of Christian faith and practice from the time of Christ's Apostles. The use of the adjective "orthodox" to describe the Church dates back to the earliest of centuries and was applied to those Christians who maintained the tradition transmitted by Christ's Apostles.

Did you know?!

- The Orthodox Church is not a "denomination". She has been labeled as "Eastern" by historians to acknowledge that Christ's Church began and flourished initially in the Eastern portion of the Roman Empire, and to distinguish her from what eventually became separate church bodies in the Western Hemisphere.
- The Orthodox Church is currently the second largest body of Christians in the world, with 225 million adherents across the globe.
- The Head of the Orthodox Church is Jesus Christ. Since "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8), the Church has no need to conform to the newest fads or philosophies. She does, however, adapt to new circumstances, adopt the language of the indigenous people, and embrace everything goodly and good in any culture in which she finds herself.

What Orthodox Christians believe about...

God - God the Father is love. God's loving relationship with His Son and the Holy Spirit is the source and model for the unity that is to be shared among persons in the Church: "That they may be one, even as We are one." (John 17:22).

Sin ó The Orthodox Church teaches that Adam's sin broke man's natural communion with God and tragically brought death into this world. Those who came after Adam, however, are not guilty of his sin, but are rather affected and infected by all the consequences of the fallen condition. In Greek, "sin" means to "miss the target." Sin is the breaking of a relationship with the likeness of God. Sin is a misdirection of man's will and energies away from their true target: life with God.

Salvation ó The Orthodox Church teaches that God alone has redeemed mankind through the cross. Salvation is the process of accepting and incorporating that act of redemption personally. It is a process of transformation (Rom. 5:12). It is not a matter of being declared "not guilty" by legal decree; it is an organic restoration to union with God, a process of "being saved" (1 Cor. 1:18; 2 Cor. 2:15) by God's grace. The Greek word for salvation designates "healing." Orthodox Christians view sin and salvation in terms of illness and healing of the soul. The whole life of the Orthodox Church is given as a means for people to be restored to spiritual health ó to come into an authentic union with God, to become Christ-like, and to be more and more open to the Spirit of God.

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www.ancientfaithradio.com (Orthodox internet radio, streaming music and talk 24 hours a day, plus downloadable podcasts)

<http://journeytoorthodoxy.com>

