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7 May 2017 / 7525 ~ Sunday of the Paralytic Man

The appearance of the Sign of the Cross in the heavens at the third hour of the day in Jerusalem before the Emperor Constantius. The Holy Martyr Acacius.



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

Sat.	May 06	17:00 Vigil: Sunday of the Paralytic	Suffrages for +Helen Krynicky – James and Donna Fullman
Sun.	May 07	10:30 Sunday of the Paralytic	Suffrages <i>pro populo</i> , Health of Suzanne Blasinsky – James & Patricia Krisner
Wed.	May 10	18:30 Mid-Pentecost	w/ the Lesser Blessing of Water & Mirovanije
Sat.	May 13	17:00 Vigil: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman	
Sun.	May 14	10:30 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman	Suffrages <i>pro populo</i>

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		ACOLYTES	LECTORS	USHERS	
Sat.	May	06	-----	J. Krynicky	D. Mihalko, J. Snitzer
Sun.	May	07	T. M. Syphans	A. Syphan	D. Hess, G. Krynicky
Wed.	May	10	T. M. Syphans	G. Krynicky	Any two present
Sat.	May	13	-----	M. Harhai	R. Knouse, J. Knouse

Sun. May 14	E.R.A. Hess	S. Vacha	A. Syphan, J. Overdorff
04 / 30 / 2017	Adults \$1187	Children \$14	Holy Days: \$10
Collection	Pascha \$200	Candles \$89	Total: \$1500

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Suffrages: short intercessory prayer or petitions offered for the living and the dead.
[Latin: *suffragium*, -i (n.) < *suffragari*: to be favorable, to favor, recommend, support]

Tabitha, Which Means Dorcas PROVIDENCE IN NAMING. CHRYSOSTOM: It was not without purpose that the writer informed us of the woman’s name, but to show that her character matched her name—she was active and wakeful as a gazelle. For many names are bestowed by providence, as we have often said to you. “She was full,” it says, “of good works.” Not only of alms but also “of good works,” both in general and of this good work in particular, “which Dorcas made while she was with them.” What humility! Unlike us, all of them were together, and she worked and made clothes. HOMILIES ON THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 21. «GOD, the Lord, is your strength; He makes your feet like the feet of a deer, He enables you to sprint upon the heights» [Habakkuk 3:19].

Pascha and the Sacrament of Baptism: During the paschal season, the Mystery of Baptism is offered us as a subject for meditation. The services of Great and Holy Saturday are a baptismal liturgy, at which the catechumens in the early centuries received initiation and illumination through Baptism, Chrismation, and the Eucharist. In this way they entered the Church and became members of its body. During the forty days of Pascha, baptism will be the subject of reflection for the entire church. (1) At **Pascha**, the passage from death to life, the Mystery of Baptism is renewed each year for all the faithful. (2) On **Thomas Sunday**, together with the incredulous apostle, we touch with our finger the life-giving side of the Savior, out of which flow water and blood, the source of Baptism and Eucharist. (3) The **Myrrhbearing women** at the tomb remind us that the baptized, having been immersed three times in the water, relive the three days of Christ in the tomb. To die with Christ in order to be born with Him, this is the mystery of both Pascha and Baptism. (4) The **Paralytic** near the pool is waiting for the water to save him, just as many today expect immediate, automatic salvation from the sacrament, often more out of superstition than faith. It is Christ Himself Who grants healing and Who, by His presence, transforms the water into the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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MID-PENTECOST: «The midpoint of the Feast has arrived – the days which begin with the Resurrection of the Savior and are fulfilled in the divine Feast of Pentecost. Truly it unites both Feasts and draws light from their double brightness, giving honor to the Ascension of the Lord, which prefigures our glory.» **The Feast of Mid-Pentecost** is celebrated for an entire week until the following Wednesday, making it an eight day feast. During this entire time the hymns of Mid-Pentecost are joined with that of Pascha. Because of the theme of water, the Church traditionally celebrates the *Lesser Blessing of the Waters* on this day. **Remember to bring a container with you so that you may take some blessed water home with you.** The theme of the feast not only invokes water, but even more central to the Gospel chronology it honors Christ as Teacher and

Holy Wisdom [Hagia Sophia] as He reveals Himself between the stories of the Paralytic and that of the Blind Man. During this time we are told: "Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught...Jesus answered them, and said, 'My doctrine is not mine, but His that sent Me. If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of Myself'" (John 7:14-30).

Next Sunday’s Readings ~ Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
Acts of the Holy Apostles 11: 19 – 26; 29 – 30 *The Church at Antioch*
St. John 4: 5 – 42 *The Samaritan Women at Jacob’s Well*

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~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- The annual **Saints Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary Collection** will be taken up the weekend of **20 – 21 May**. Please be generous in your support for our young men in priestly formation! And remember to pray for Vocations!!!