

Christ is Risen!  
Χριστός Ανέστη!

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Indeed He is Risen!  
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Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!

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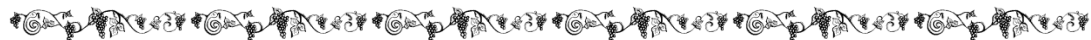
## 21 April, 2013: Sunday of the Paralytic Man

*The Holy Bishop-Martyr Januarius and His Companions  
The Holy Martyr Theodore of Perge*

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat. Apr. 20	<b>5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil</b> <i>+Anthony Giacobbi requested by Sis D'Angelo &amp; Carl</i>				
Sun. Apr. 21	<b>10:30 AM: Sunday of the Paralytic Man: pro populo</b>				
Sat. Apr. 27	<b>9:30 AM: First All Souls' (Rescheduled)</b> <b>5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil</b> <i>+Robert Spirko requested by St. Mary's Youth Group</i>				
Sun. Apr. 28	<b>10:30 AM: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman: pro populo</b>				
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	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>		
Sat. Apr. 20	M. Mihalko	J. Kontir	D. Cianciotti, J. Snitzer		
Sun. Apr. 21	E. & R. Hess	L. Cianciotti	G. Krynicky, D. Hess		
Sat. Apr. 27	M. Mihalko	M. Hulyk	D. Mihalko, J. Kontir		
Sun. Apr. 28	D. Cianciotti	B. Chirdon	W. Furwa, J. Knouse		

**Collection: 04/14/13:** Easter \$830; Adult \$1000; Candles \$55; Student \$15; Fuel \$20;  
**Total: \$1920.00.**



**Week of the Paralytic Man:** The pool of Bethesda – House of Mercy – did not have the power to heal the man paralyzed for thirty-eight years, but the pool of the waters of baptism, touched by Christ, risen from the dead, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, have the power to heal our souls of sin and bring us to eternal life. In the fourth week after Pascha we learn of the grace of baptism.

**Kontakion, Tone 3:** With your divine protection, O Lord, as you once raised the Paralytic, now lift up my soul, paralyzed with all kinds of sin and evil deeds of wickedness, so that, as saved, I may cry out to you: Glory to your might, O merciful Christ.

In Book 4 of Vergil's *Aeneid*, the greatest of Latin poets gives one of the most vivid and stunning descriptions of a monster in ancient literature. Though **Rumor – Fama** in Latin – has a frightening appearance, its greatest destructiveness appears at the end of the passage: by mixing factual information with invented, false information, **Rumor** is believable and therefore most destructive and injurious! Note that in this passage **Rumor** begins with a capital letter. For ancient Romans, this meant **Rumor** was to be understood as one of their many **gods**.

**Rumor, the swiftest of evils ... thrives on speed and gains power as she goes. Small and timid at first she grows quickly, and though her feet touch the ground her head is hidden in the clouds. The story goes that Mother Earth, vexed with the gods, bore this one last child, a sister to Cœus and Enceladus.**

**Fast on her feet, her beating wings a blur, she is a dread, looming monster. Under every feather on her body she has – strange to say – a watchful eye, a tongue, a shouting mouth, and pricked up ears.**

**By night she wheels though the dark skies, screeching, and never closes her shining eyes in sleep.**

**By day she perches on rooftops or towers, watching, and she throws whole cities into panic, as much a hardened liar as a herald of truth.**

**Exultant now, she fills the people's ears with all kinds of talk, intoning fact and fiction: ...**

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When we Christians engage in rumor or gossip, like the pagan Romans, we **DEIFY** that which is evil, malevolent, malicious. Did we not just run the course of the Great Fast praying: **O Lord and Master of my life, spare me from the spirit of indifference, despair, lust for power and IDLE CHATTER?!**

### ***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.



**TRUE FAME. CHRYSOSTOM:** If you want to be remembered and are anxious for true repute, imitate her, and build edifices like that, not going to expense on lifeless matter but displaying great generosity in regard to your fellow man. This is the remembrance that is worth admiring and brings great benefit. HOMILIES ON GENESIS 30.8.