

Christ is Risen!
Χριστός Ανέστη!

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Indeed He is Risen!
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29 April, 2012: Sunday of the Paralytic Man

The Nine Holy Martyrs of Cyzice. Our Venerable Father Memnon the Wonderworker.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat.	Apr.	28	5:00 PM, Sunday Vigil <i>+George & Christine Kopcho requested by Michael Soich & Tamara Kopcho Soich</i>			
Sun.	Apr.	29	10:30 AM: Sunday of the Paralytic Man: For Our Parishioners			
Sat.	May	05	5:00 PM, Sunday Vigil <i>+Helen Krynicky requested by St. Mary Rosary Society</i>			
Sun.	May	06	10:30 AM: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman: For Our Parishioners			
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			<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Readers</u>		<u>Ushers</u>
Sat.	Apr.	28	M. Mihalko	L. Knouse		J. Snitzer, D. Mihalko
Sun.	Apr.	29	D. Cianciotti	S. Vacha		W. Furwa, G. Krynicky
Sat.	May	05	M. Mihalko	M. Hulyk		J. Kontir, R. Garber
Sun.	May	06	E. Hess	J. Hess		B. Knouse, J. Knouse

Collection:

04/22/12: Adult \$846; Student \$4; Candles \$50; **Total: \$900**



Week of the Paralytic Man. The Pool of Bethesda 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 this the fourth week after Pascha we learn the grace of Holy Baptism also known as Holy Illumination.

The Grace of the **Mysteries of Christian Initiation** – *Baptism, Chrismation, and Holy Eucharist* – will be bestowed upon the servant of God **Joseph Steven Wasil** at the Divine Liturgy on 20 May. As his parish family let us remember him, his parents and sponsors in our personal and corporate prayers in these days and weeks leading up to this awesome event.



The healing of the paralytic is the third «SIGN» performed by Jesus in John's gospel. John uses the term «sign» to show that these miraculous actions of our Lord point beyond themselves to the truth that the Kingdom of God has come among us in the Person of Jesus Christ. There are seven signs that Jesus performs:



1. Changing water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana;
2. Curing the nobleman's son;
3. Healing the paralytic on the Sabbath;
4. Feeding the five thousand;
5. Walking on water;
6. Opening the eyes of the blind man;
7. Raising Lazarus from the dead.



This healing of the paralytic illustrates the divine power to restore a person to wholeness. The Fathers teach that this feast is the Old Testament Pentecost (also called the "Feast of Weeks"), which celebrates the giving of the Law (Torah) to Moses on Mount Sinai. The references to the Law of Moses later in this chapter confirm this interpretation.



Wednesday of the Fourth Week after Pascha: Mid-feast of Pentecost

Wednesday of the Fourth Week, the 25th day of Pascha, is called the feast of Mid-Pentecost, at which Christ, "in the middle of the feast" teaches us of his saving mission and offers to all "the waters of immortality", from the Gospel of John (7:14). Again the faithful are reminded of the Master's presence and His saving promise: "*If anyone is thirsty let him come to me and drink*" (John 7:37).

There are three Old Testament readings appointed for Vespers; but, uniquely, no Matins Gospel. In some places an All-Night Vigil is celebrated for this feast, though a Vigil is not called for in the Typikon. At the Divine Liturgy, the readings are from Acts 14:6-18 and John 7:14-30. The icon of the feast depicts the young Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem speaking with the Elders (Luke 2:46-47), the first biblical example of Jesus as teacher (rabbi). In traditional icons of this subject, the figure of Jesus is depicted larger than those of the Elders, showing his superior spiritual status.

Mid-Pentecost has an After-feast of seven days with its apodosis or Leave-taking. Throughout these eight days (including the day of the feast) hymns of Mid-Pentecost are joined to those of the Paschal season.

The giving of the Holy Spirit unites the beginning and the end of the fifty day feast of our Lord. On Pascha, the Lord, the Giver of Life, breathed the Holy Spirit upon His apostles for the forgiveness of sins, and on Pentecost, the Lord sent the Holy Spirit upon His followers that the Gospel for the baptism of repentance might be preached to all the nations. Through the Holy Spirit, we are united with Christ in Holy Communion and are deified by His power. In the middle of the feast we celebrate all these wondrous works of God.

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR NEW ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM: As our new Metropolitan, Archbishop William heads the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh which numbers 58,000 Catholics in seven states from Pennsylvania to Texas. He also oversees three other eparchies across the nation. *"After years of study and planning, the work begins today,"* he said. *"We have to inspire our young and revitalize our leaders to give their lives unconditionally to serve the Lord, the Savior Jesus Christ. No matter how the world changes in the future, we will find a way to bring our young people and those who have gone astray to renewed faith."*

His father worked for U.S. Steel and returned from frequent trips to Pittsburgh with stories about "a magical place with rivers and more bridges than you could count, and roads that went right through the mountains," he said. "They even had a hockey stadium with a removable cover."

Now, he said, *"I pledge to work very hard to build up this church and be a person who hopefully will be a model for our priests and religious, to bring our church back into the spirit of God and the resurrection of the Lord."* The metropolitan was enthroned by Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, papal nuncio to the United States. About 20 Eastern Catholic bishops, some from as far away as Slovakia and Hungary, attended.

