

### *Healing the Heart*

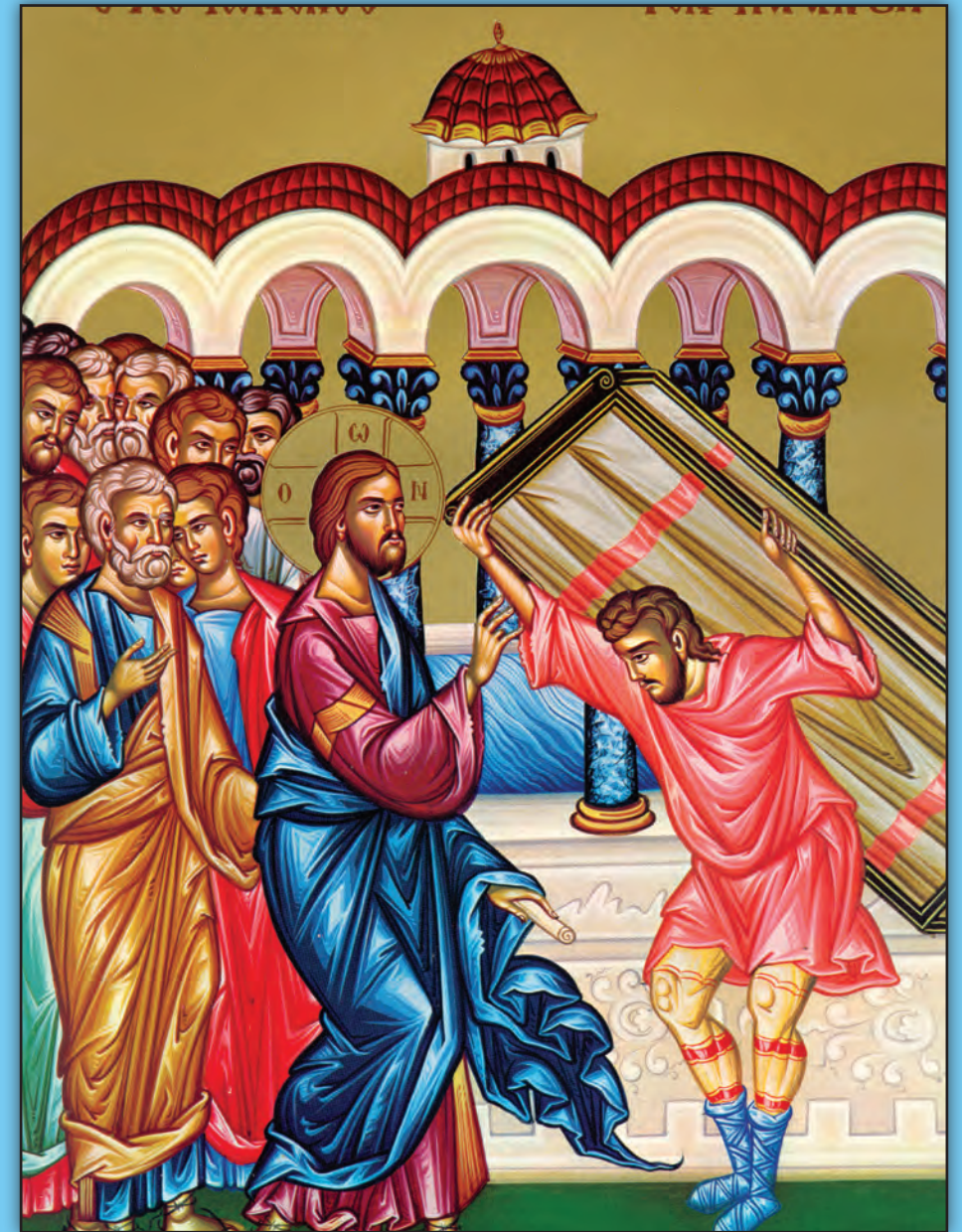
A monk, well known for his holiness, once went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. He had the great fortune of visiting many of the places where Jesus lived and taught. One of his great privileges was to visit the Jordan River, where he immersed himself in the very water in which Jesus had been baptized. He was very eager to take some of this Jordan River water back to the monastery.

As he was journeying back to the monastery, however, he encountered a beggar. The beggar wanted nothing more than a sip of water. The monk refused the request, explaining that the only water he had left was very special water from the Jordan River, and it was not for drinking or sharing. The beggar persisted, and the monk grew angry and cursed the beggar. At that moment the monk heard the words,

“My son, you have washed your body in the Jordan River, but you have not washed your heart.” With that, the beggar vanished from his sight.

In the Gospel reading today, we hear of Jesus’ cure of a paralyzed man near the pool of Bethesda. It was believed that anyone who washed in that pool, during the stirring of the water, would be cured. How wonderful it would be, we might say to ourselves, to have such a pool of healing today. Let us remember that we do not need a pool or any other means of miracles when we have Christ Himself. Our Risen Lord, Who has power over death, certainly has dominion over illness and our bodies as well. Sometimes, however, He desires for us a healing of the heart, before a healing of the body.

## SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN



*Icon of the Paralytic Man*

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Sunday – May 8, 2022

Христос Воскрес – Воістину Воскрес Christ is Risen – Indeed He is Risen

All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

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OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR LITURGIES

<b>Sunday May 8</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mother's Day</b> (Living and Deceased Mothers) (For the Parish)
<b>Wednesday May 11</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	(Deceased of the Nagurney-Medwid Family) <b>MOLEBEN FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE</b>
<b>Thursday May 12</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(Iwanna Bartoszyk from Orest)
<b>Friday May 13</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(Peace in Ukraine from the Nagurney Family)
<b>Sunday May 15</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday of the Samaritan Woman</b> (For the Parish) (+Susan Bavlsiskova from the Mulvey Family)

**MOLEBEN OF THE MOTHER OF GOD FOR PEACE DURING MAY**

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 7pm to pray the Moleben of the Mother of God for Peace in Ukraine.

**MOTHER'S DAY 2022 – CHILDREN OF THE PARISH TO HONOR THE MOTHER OF GOD**

As we honor our Moms this year, the children of our parish will honor the Blessed Mother in a special way. Please have your children in church on Sunday May 8 at our 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 Divine Liturgies.

**Prayer List**

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Chuck Basile, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Taisia Bullard, Michele Burns, Robert Matthew C., Mary Connors, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Alice Gogniat, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Oksana K, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Fr. Mykhailo Kuzma, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Mark Pidlusky, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, James Salandro, Maria Sawkiw, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Cindy Turcek, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Jennifer Wilson.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

**God With Us Catechism**

In both the Epistle and Gospel proclaimed in the Church today we hear of healings. And lest we be “dazzled” by these healings it is important to remember their true meaning and purpose. For Christ’s miracles were meant for one purpose, to bring those who were “dazzled” by them to faith in him and trust in his word. Yes, these miraculous healings did take place, but they were not simply a bodily healing. More importantly, Jesus’ healings were an opportunity for the one healed to walk once again with God. “Go,” Jesus tells the former paralytic, “and sin no more.”

**MOTHER'S DAY 2022**

God gave each of us a special gift – our Moms! On this Mother’s Day, if you are blessed and still have your mother, make sure you share your love and gratitude with her. And if your mother is no longer with us, be sure to offer a multitude of prayers for her that she continues to know your love for her. God Bless all of our mothers with joy and peace!

**Happy Mother's Day!**

**Come to Church - Come to Confession - Come to Holy Communion**

**The Time Is Now**

**+Pray for Ukraine+**