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***We are each of us angels with only one wing...  
And we can fly embracing each other...***

Luciano DeCrenzenzo

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**April 26, 2026** Sunday of the Paralytic; The Holy Hieromartyr Basil, Bishop of Amasia.

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*Intentions this Sunday*

Saturday at 4:15pm: Parishioners; Sunday at 9:30am: Parishioners; Sunday at 11am: Parishioners.

***Paschal Troparion***

Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death. And to those in the tombs He granted life.

***First Antiphon***

Shout to the Lord, all the earth,\* sing now to His name, give glory to His praise.\* *Through the prayers of the Mother of God,\* O Saviour, save us.*

Say unto God, "How awesome are Your works!\* Because of the greatness of Your strength Your enemies will flatter You".\* *Through the prayers of the Mother of God,\* O Saviour, save us.*

Let all the earth worship You and sing to You,\* let it sing to Your name, O Most High!\* *Through the prayers of the Mother of God,\* O Saviour, save us.*

Glory. Now. Only-begotten Son.

***Third Antiphon***

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord,\* let us acclaim God, our Saviour. *Son of God, risen from the dead,\* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

Let us come before His face with praise,\* and acclaim Him in psalms.\* *Son of God, risen from the dead,\* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

For God is the great Lord,\* and the great king over all the earth.\* *Son of God, risen from the dead,\* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

***Entrance***

Come, let us worship\* and fall down before Christ.\* *Son of God, risen from the dead,\* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

***Troparia and Kontakia***

*Troparion, Tone 3:* Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,\* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm.\* He

***Пасхальний Тропар***

Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав,\* і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував.

***Перший антифон***

Воскликніте Господеві, вся зємле,\* співайте ж імені Його, віддайте славу в хвалі Йому! *Молитвами Богородиці,\* Спасе, спаси нас.*

Скажіте Бóгові: як страшні діла Твої!\* У мно́жестві сили Твоїї лєстїтимуть Тобі ворогї Твої. *Молитвами Богородиці,\* Спасе, спаси нас.*

Вся зємля нехай поклóниться Тобі і співає Тобі,\* нехай же співає імені Твоєму, Всевїшній!\* *Молитвами Богородиці,\* Спасе, спаси нас.*

Слава. І нині. Єдинорóдний Сїну.

***Третій антифон***

Прийдіте, возрадуємся Господеві,\* воскликнім Богу, Спасителеві нашому.\* *Спасї нас, Сїну Бóжий,\* що воскрес із мєртвих, співаємо Тобі: Аلیلїя.*

Ідїм перєд лицєм Його з ісповіданням,\* і псалма́ми воскликнім Йому.\* *Спасї нас, Сїну Бóжий,\* що воскрес із мєртвих, співаємо Тобі: Аلیلїя.*

Бо Бог – великий Господь\* і цар великий по всїй землі.\* *Спасї нас, Сїну Бóжий,\* що воскрес із мєртвих, співаємо Тобі: Аلیلїя.*

***Вхідне***

Прийдіте поклóнимся\* і припадїм до Христá.\* *Спасї нас, Сїну Бóжий,\* що воскрес із мєртвих, співаємо Тобі: Аلیلїя.*

***Тропарі й кондаки***

*Тропар (г. 3):* Хай веселяться небєсні, хай радується земнії,\* бо явив могúтність руки Своєї Господь,\* подолав

trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead;\* He saved us from the abyss of Hades\* and granted great mercy to the world.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

*Kontakion, Tone 3:* Lord, as of old You raised the Paralytic,\* lift my soul by Your divine presence,\* for by many sins and foolish actions,\* I, too, am now afflicted and crippled.\* Raise me, that being saved I may cry to You:\* Glory to Your power, O merciful Christ.

Now and forever and ever. Amen.

*Kontakion, Tone 8:* Though You descended into a tomb, O Immortal One,\* yet You destroyed the power of Hades;\* and You rose as victor, O Christ God,\* calling to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice!\* and giving peace to Your Apostles:\* You, who grant Resurrection to the fallen.

### **Prokeimenon**

*Tone 1:* Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

*Repeat:* Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

*verse:* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.

*Repeat:* Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

**Epistle** Acts 9:32-42

**Alleluia, Tone 5**

*verse:* Of Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation..

*verse:* For You have said, "Mercy will be established forever.

**Gospel** John 5:1-15

**Hymn to the Mother of God, in the place of It is truly right**

The Angel cried out to the One full of Grace: O chaste Virgin, rejoice! And again I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and raised the dead. Let all people rejoice!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exult now and be glad, O Sion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

**Communion Hymn**

Receive the Body of Christ;\* taste the fountain of immortality.\* Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia.

смертю смерть, первенцем мертвих став,\* з безодні аду визволив нас\* і подав світові велику милість.

Слава Отцю, і Сїну, і Святому Духові.

*Кондак (г. 3):* Душу мою, Господи, у гріхах всіляких і безглуздими діяннями тяжко розслаблену,\* воздвигни божественним Твоїм заступництвом,\* як і розслабленого воздвигнув Ти древньо,\* щоб я кликав до Тебе, спасаючись:\* Слава, Христе, владі Твоїй.

І нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.

*Кондак (г. 8):* Хоч і у гріб зійшов Ти, Безсмертний,\* та адову зруйнував Ти силу,\* і воскрес еси як переможець, Христе Божє,\* жінкам-мироносицям звістивши: Радуйтеся,\* і Твоїм апостолам\* мир даруєш,\* падшим подаєш воскресіння.

### **Прокімен**

*(г. 1):* Будь, Гóсподи, милість Твоя на нас, бо уповали ми на Тебе.

*Всі:* Будь, Гóсподи, милість Твоя на нас, бо уповали ми на Тебе.

*Стих:* Радуйтеся, праведні, у Гóсподі, правим належить похвалá.

*Всі:* Будь, Гóсподи, милість Твоя на нас, бо уповали ми на Тебе.

**Апостол** Ді. 9, 32-42.

**Алилуя (г. 5)**

*Стих:* Милості Твої, Господи, повік оспівуватиму, з роду в рід.

*Стих:* Бо сказав Ти: Повік милість збудується.

**Євангеліє** Ів. 5, 1-15.

**Замість Достойно співаємо:**

А́нгел сповіщав Благодáтній: Чістáя Діво, радуйся! І зно́ву кажú: Рáдуйся! Твій Син воскрес триднєвний із грóбу, і мёртвих воздв́гнув Він. Лю́ди, веселі́теся!

Світíся, світíся, новий Єрусали́ме, сла́ва бо Гóсподня на то́бі возсі́яла! Рáдій нині й веселі́ся, Сіо́не. А ти, чіста Богорóдице, втіша́йся воскресінням Сі́на свого́.

**Причасний**

Ті́ло Христо́ве приймі́ть,\* джерелá безсмер́тного споживі́ть.\* Хвалі́те Гóспода з небéс,\* хвалі́те Його во ви́шніх.\* Алилу́я, алилу́я, алилу́я..\* Алилу́я, алилу́я,\* алилу́я.

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To restore broken things, to recycle what people throw away, is another way of responding to the Lord's command: "Gather up fragments lest they be lost." And so we gather up fragments, whatever they may be, and whenever they come our way. One learns a great deal through restoring and recycling them. You might say through restoring and recycling them. You might say that "One man's scrap is another man's gold."

## Liturgical Schedule

<b>Monday, April 27</b> The Holy Hieromartyr Simeon, Relative of the Lord	Acts 10:1-16 John 6:56-69			
<b>Tuesday, April 28</b> The Holy Apostles Jason and Sosipater	Acts 10:21-33 John 7:1-13			
<b>Wednesday April 29</b> Mid-Pentecost	Acts 14:6-18 John 7:14-30			
<b>Thursday, April 30</b> + The Holy Apostle James, Brother of Saint John the Theologian.	Acts 10:34-43; Acts 12:1-11 John 8:12-20; Luke 5:1-11			
<b>Friday, May 1</b> The Holy Prophet Jeremiah	Acts 10:44-11:10 John 8:21-30			<i>Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat.</i>
<b>Saturday, May 2</b> ☩ Our Father Among the Saints Athanasius the Great.	Acts 12:1-11 John 8:31-42	4:15pm 5:30pm	Divine Liturgy (English) Great Vespers	Intention: Parishioners
<b>Sunday, May 3</b> Sunday of the Samaritan Woman	Acts 11:19-26, 29-30 John 4:5-42	9:30am 11am	Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) Divine Liturgy (English)	Intention: Parishioners Intention: Parishioners

## Other Events This Week

Monday, April 27 at 11am: Senior Exercise Class

Wednesday, April 29 at 11am: Senior Exercise Class

Thursday, April 30 at 7am: Perogy and cabbage roll making. Lunch provided.

Saturday, May 2 at 7pm: Narcotics Anonymous

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. CHRIST IS RISEN! We welcome our visitors joining us for Liturgy this morning.
2. A big **THANK YOU** you to everyone who worked to make our Takeout Fundraiser this past Friday another great success!!
3. We are hosting a 'Spring Bloom' Craft Event in our parish hall on Saturday May 9th from 9am to 3pm. It will be featuring 16 local vendors. Please come out and support this parish fundraiser. You never know what treasures you may find!!

**PRAYER LIST OF SICK, SHUT-INS, AND DEAR ONES FAR AND NEAR:** Lorraine Wilson, Msgr. Anton Szymychalski, Fr. Jaroslaw Lazoryk, Wanda Duczmal, Debbie Bromeley, Antoinette Blunt, Katherine Pasternak, Walter Borowicz, Pat Stratichuk, Betty Pauliuk, Doris Lebel, Jo-Anne Stone, Denise Jacques, Phil Marinelli, Theresa Barsanti, Patty-Ann Bellerive, Jim Parniak, Connie Sampson, Fr. Oleh Yuryk, Fr. John Barszczyk, Dorothy McIntyre, Andrea Stone Pietramale, Lynn Dunne, Fr. Andrew Kormanik, Ray Robinson, Hunter Stone, Gavin Stone, Gerard Dosko, Anderson Knight, Jann, Ron Barsanti, Peter Harlow, Larisa Pochmursky, Elizabeth Cepecawer, MaryAnn & Art Spadoni, Paul Taillefer, Erin, Dave Kowalyk, Mary Romanchuk, McGill Perry, Tammy

Zalewski, Fernando Mannarino, Dave Redfern, Ora, Irene O, Paul M, June, Bob, Dustin Wenmany, Tracey Burmaster, Mel Stanghetta, Norna Martynuck, Sylvie B, Bill McConnell, Anastasiia Pavliuk, Wanda Featherston, Roger McMillan, Clark Hutton, Gerry, Moira O’Pallie, Chris Applejohn, Barb and Gerry, Olena Hankivsky, David Bell, Gary Driver, Rod Stone.

*Lord, Jesus Christ, You Who travelled throughout Galilee healing the sick, enabling the blind to see and the lame to walk, bring healing to Your people who need it this day. Grant relief to the ones who suffer pain and physical torment. Give peace to those whose minds are tortured by mental illness and anxiety. Comfort those who are alone in their suffering; may Your people reach out to them and to all the needy this day. Send Your grace to the caregivers that they may be gentle and effective agents of Your loving mercy. May our sufferings be joined with Yours to bring healing throughout the world. Amen*

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DONATIONS – April 19, 2026  
Collection: \$710 ; Building Fund: \$940  
Easter Offering: \$50; Craft Fundraiser: \$690.60

**THANK YOU!!**

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**“On Call Priest”**

A priest is available in the city for emergencies 24/7 at 705-256-6675.

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**JESUS IS WATCHING YOU**

A burglar broke into a house one night. He shone his flashlight around, looking for valuables, and when he picked up a CD player to place in his sack, a strange, disembodied voice echoed from the dark, saying, “Jesus is watching you.”

He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his flashlight off and froze. When he heard nothing more after a bit, he shook his head, promised himself a vacation after the next big score, then clicked the light back on and began searching for more valuables. Just as he pulled the stereo out so he could disconnect the wires, clear as a bell he heard, “Jesus is watching you.” Totally rattled, he shone his light around frantically, looking for the source of the voice. Finally, in the corner of the room, his flashlight beam came to rest on a parrot.

“Did you say that?” he hissed at the parrot.

“Yes,” the parrot confessed, then squawked, “I’m just trying to warn you.”

The burglar relaxed. “Warn me, huh? Who do you think you are, anyway?”

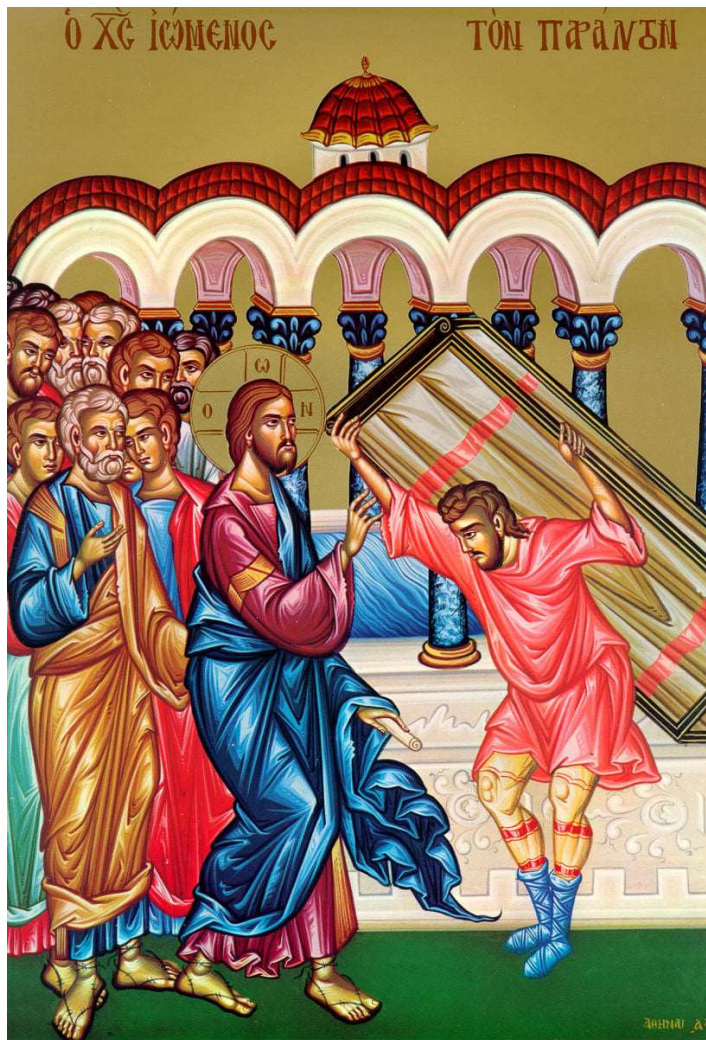
“Moses,” replied the bird.

“Moses!” the burglar laughed. “What kind of ridiculous people would name a parrot ‘Moses’?”

The bird promptly answered, “The same kind of people who would name a Rottweiler ‘Jesus’!”

## Today's Commemoration: The Paralytic

On the Sunday of the Paralytic and for the rest of the Paschal season, Sundays deal with the theme of water. At these Divine Liturgies, the newly baptized adults who had been catechumens were given further instruction in the Christian faith, and so the Sundays all deal with the symbolism of water used in Baptism. These are: the Sunday of the Paralytic, Samaritan Woman, and the dramatic text of the Man Born Blind. In all of these Jesus uses water either in the cure (Paralytic, Man Born Blind) or for teaching (Samaritan Woman).



For the previously baptized Christians, these teachings also served as a reaffirmation of their faith in Jesus and His Church. For them, these Sundays and Mid-Pentecost fortified them and renewed them in their preparation for the great feast of Pentecost. Note that the mid-point of the Easter season is itself called Mid-Pentecost, not Mid-Pascha. The Church is getting ready, through the power of the new life in the Risen Lord, to receive the Holy Spirit and be lifted up in the Gifts of the Spirit to go forth into the world, as the Apostles, Our Lady, and the disciples did after that first, awesome Descent of the Holy Spirit.

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 the fourth week after Pascha, we learn of the grace of baptism.

In John's gospel, this healing is the first public miracle performed by Jesus, one which immediately got the attention of the Jewish leadership. The site was lost to the many destructions of old Jerusalem, and skeptics wrote that this was a fiction created by John. Archaeological excavations have uncovered the Pool of Bethesda, proving that John knew the sites of Jerusalem very well. It is as he described it: a pool with five porches (representing the five books of Jewish law), and near the city's Sheep Gate (an easy

symbolism for Jesus the Good Shepherd!), and that is exactly where it was found. In Aramaic, "beth hesda" means "house of mercy." However, saying "beth hesdo" meant house of disgrace; the word play was popular because the great number of disabled people waiting for the healing to take place was considered to be undesirable.

The double pool is found inside a ruined Byzantine basilica, and nearby is a pagan temple to the Romans' god of healing. Obviously, Jews, pagans, and Christians all realized that something marvelous happened in the rushing of the water when "the angel stirred the waters." This stirring probably came about when water from the upper pool shifted into the lower, healing pool, and for some reason an angel was associated with that movement. Icons often show the pool in the form of a cross, the design used in ancient baptismal fonts, driving home the point of the miracle's spiritual aspect.

*Source: Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix*

Please keep in your prayers Trevor Fisher, who is preparing for Holy Baptism in our parish.