

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, May 10, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Pascha

Tone 3 – The Paralytic

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY – NADEZHDA MELNIK

Nadezhda's 100th Birthday is this Friday, May 15.

She is currently with family in the South but watches our services on the Internet and keeps connected to her parish family here.

To send a birthday greeting, contact Toni Melnik at antoniaweeks52@gmail.com

Grant, O Lord, a prosperous and peaceful life, health, salvation, visitation and good hastening in all things, to Thy handmaiden Nadezhda, and protect and preserve her, we pray Thee, for many blessed years! "Mnogaya Lyeta!"

WHAT IS THAT STRANGE LOOKING ICON ON THE LEFT?

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SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

All Services May Be Joined by Live Stream at

Web Address www.facebook.com/htocelmiraheights or www.youtube.com/user/frdavidcowan

Today – 4th Sunday of Pascha: The Paralytic

8:50 AM 3rd Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, with Prayers for Mother's Day

12:00 PM Virtual Fellowship Hour, on "Zoom" – Parishioners, check your email for instructions

Wednesday, May 13 – Midfeast of Pentecost

8:50 AM 3rd Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Thursday, May 14

3:00 PM Youth Fellowship, on "Zoom" – Parents & Families, check your email for instructions

Saturday, May 16

5:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, May 17 – 5th Sunday of Pascha: The Samaritan Woman

8:50 AM 3rd Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

12:00 PM Virtual Fellowship Hour, on "Zoom" – Parishioners, check your email for instructions

EPISTLE Acts 9:32-42 In those days: As Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Gospel:

GOSPEL John 5:1-15 At that time: Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

WHAT IS THAT STRANGE LOOKING ICON ON THE FRONT PAGE?

That is an icon of the Healing of the Paralytic, discovered in what is called "The Dura-Europos House Church" in Syria. This is the earliest identified house church, a regular home converted for worship sometime between 233-256 AD. So if part of your home is becoming a church while we are "on Pause" ... you are part of a nearly 2,000 year tradition!

Prayer List

Memory Eternal: Archpriest Paul Lazor (+5/9), Anne, Leonel, Carl, Anatoly, Tamika, Vera, Cherie, Tara, Lydia, Irine, Cynthia, Inna, Stanley, Marcel, Robert, Lorna, John, George, Protopresbyter Justin, Gary, Charles, Richard, Matushka Nina, Julianna, Catherine, Elena, Sergei, Anastasia, Robert, Eleni, Miron, Gary, Kaye, Tekla, His Grace Bishop MILUTIN (Serbian Orthodox Church), Fr. Constantinos, Mary, Lillian, Gloria, Randy, Mary, Barbara, Svetlana; all those taken from us by the Coronavirus. All our departed mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and wives, remembered especially on this Mother's Day.

For Health: Archpriest Jason, Archpriest Nicholas, Archpriest Herman, Archpriest John, Archpriest Ken James, Dn. John, Rdr. Thomas, Rdr. William, Mat. Mary, Mat. Cynthia, Mat. Anastasia, Mat. Anastasia, Jane Ann, Susan, James, James, Child Hannah, Joshua, Chloe, Mary Ann, Helen, Nadezhda, Kathleen, Antonina, Ruth, Harriett, Katherine, Kristen, Anastasia, Sierra, Maria, Michael, Kate, Rachel, Julie and the child to be born to her, Lorraine, Abigail. **In the Diocese:** Fr. Leonid, Fr. Igor, Fr. Stephen, Fr. Terence & Mat. Barbara, Mat. Tabita, Mat. Mary, Mat. Valeria, Rdr. Vasily, Anna, newborn Kaiden (great-grandson of Kelly Mary Randall), newborn Samuel, Sylvia & baby Esther, Brandon, Christine, Ricardo, Joseph, Judi, Virginia, Sue, John, June, Dr. Sonia, Claudia, Lore, Rocco, Olga, Nicholas, Magdalena, Michael, Tara, Rebecca, Shawn, Ashley & her unborn child, John, Robert, Alessia Cara, Michael, Josephine, Erika, child Levi, GianCarlo, Carl, Dr. Brian, Sandy, Bob, Michael, Jan, Michael, Peter, Phyllis, Merrill, Jacklyn, Melissa & family, Barbara, Natia, Salvatore, Vasily, Maryanne, Sister Peter Paul, Brittany, Juliana & child, Samuel, Shojil, Metropolitan Nicholovos, Boryana, Anna, Marina, Maximus, Vasily, Vladimir, Dr. Alexis, Grace, Dr. Peter, Lucretia, Mirjana, Zoran, Khatuna, Gurami, Olga, Christine, Christopher, Ilia, Ludmilla, Sheila, iconographer Heather. Officers Luke and Boris and all of the healthcare professionals and first responders in our parish and our communities; all those afflicted with the Coronavirus and those caring for them. **Birthdays:** Nadezhda Melnik, turning 100 on Friday, May 15! Barbara Knighton (Abp. Michael's sister, 5/8); Myra Shazer (5/10). **And:** All of our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and wives, honored on this Mother's Day!

Parish Children:

Lucia	Hannah	Jeremiah	Andrew	Myra	Anthony	Anysia
Lydia	Natalie	Emilia	Patrick	Sophia	Dmitri	Jonah
Gabriel	Angelina	John	Thomas	Nikolai	Melania	Alexei
Larissa	Julianna	Nadia	Nathan	Justus	Gabriel	

College Students:

Anna McKane – Duke University

Katherine McKane – Sarah Lawrence College

Please give prayer requests to Fr. David or to a Subdeacon or Reader.

Typically, prayers for Newly Departed and Health

remain on this list for 40 days, unless requested otherwise. Thank you.

PRAYER CONCERNING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O God Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth, and of all creation visible and invisible: In thine ineffable goodness, look down upon us, thy people gathered in thy Holy Name. Be our helper and defender in this day of affliction. Thou knowest our weakness. Thou hearest our cry in repentance and contrition of heart. O Lord who lovest mankind, deliver us from the impending threat of the Corona Virus. Send thine angel to watch over us and protect us. Grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus. Guide the hands of physicians and preserve those who are healthy. Enable us to continue to serve our suffering brothers and sisters in peace; that together we may glorify thy most honorable and majestic name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.