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**SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC,
ST. ATHANASIUS THE GREAT**
FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA

Epistle Reading
Acts 9:32-42

Gospel Reading
John 5:1-15

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,
And upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

Troparion (Resurrection)

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

Kontakion (Pentecostarion)

By Thy divine intercession, O Lord, as Thou didst raise up the Paralytic of old, so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts; so that being saved I may sing to Thee: "Glory to Thy power, O compassionate Christ!"

Kontakion (Pascha)

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming, "Rejoice!" to the Myrrhbearing Women, granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

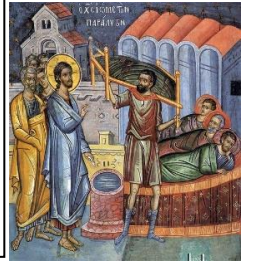
Memory Eternal

We offer prayers today for Nenad Markovic on the first anniversary of his falling asleep. With the Saints give rest, O Christ, to the soul of Thy servant and may his memory be eternal. Većnaja Pamjat+

Mother's Day Thank You

We extend heartfelt gratitude to the men of our parish for hosting last Sunday's Mother's Day Luncheon. The chefs and the servers presented the elegant meal and beverages with style and smiles. The flower centerpieces, the children's decorations, and the roses were lovely. God bless Deacon Stefan for coordinating the event and each one for their kindness.

In the Canon for the Paralytic, the Angel who stirred the water in the Sheep Pool is identified as the Archangel Michael, called "Leader of the Angels" and "Supreme Commander". In Ode 6, we ask him to guide us on the paths of life. In Ode 8, we ask him to pray with all the Bodiless Hosts, that we may be granted deliverance from our offenses, correction of our lives, and enjoyment of eternal blessings.



Welcome to all guests with us today in person and by livestream as we celebrate the Divine Liturgy. You are invited join us for Coffee Hour. If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, please talk with Fr. John and our parishioners. We look forward to seeing you again for worship and fellowship.

OCA Ukrainian Refugee Relief Fund – May 11, 2022 News Release

Archpriest Alexander Rentel, OCA Chancellor, recently traveled to Poland and Romania to see first-hand the humanitarian efforts for the Ukrainian refugees. "We are pleased that the large outpouring of support from the faithful of the Orthodox Church in America is being used by Eleos to help the displaced persons begin the difficult work of rebuilding their lives after such horrible tragedy." The total raised by OCA for Ukrainian refugees was \$739,726.45. Thank you to all who donated. (See the full article on www.oca.org.)

Orthodoxy 201 – Schedule Change

Our Wednesday class will not meet this week but will resume on May 25: Gospel of Luke.

Sisterhood Patron Saint Day/Slava – Sunday, May 22

A slava celebration is planned for the Sisterhood's SS Cyril & Methodius Slava after Liturgy next Sunday. It is a time to honor the dedicated work of the women of the parish and to remember all those departed who laid the foundation for the ministries of hospitality and philanthropy. Helene Watts will be the Slava Kuma. It will be the last Sunday before she moves to her new home in New England. We anticipate she will return to visit us often.

Sisterhood Matching Funds for Alaskan Delegates to the All-American Council – May 22

Our women are donating \$1000 to sponsor Alaskan clergy and lay delegates for their travel and hotel costs for the All-American Council in Baltimore this July. Further financial assistance is needed. The Sisterhood will welcome donations next Sunday while providing matching funds of \$500. Please help us support the church's sister parishes in Alaska.

God Grant You Many Years!

God bless Danielle Damjan on her 11th birthday, Tatjana Jovanic and Letezgu Mekonnen on their birthdays later this week. Also, blessings and congratulations to Eli and Saloomeh Romanchak on their 4th wedding anniversary. Mnogaja ljeta to all!