

ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH
OLYPHANT, PENNSYLVANIA
SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

May 6, 2012 Righteous Job the Long-suffering (ca. 2000-1500 B.C.)



Acts 9:32-42 (Epistle): Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed.” Then he arose immediately. So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper

room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, arise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

John 5:1-15 (Gospel): After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your bed and walk.” And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, “It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed.” He answered them, “He who made me well said to me, ‘Take up your bed and walk.’” Then they asked him, “Who is the Man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk?’” But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, “See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come

upon you.” The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

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Services & Activities:

Sunday, May 6	Sunday of the Paralytic
	9:00 am Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, May 9	3:00 pm Akathist MID-
PENTECOST	
Saturday, May 12	5:30 pm Confession
	6:00 pm Great Vespers
Sunday, May 13	Sunday of the Samaritan
Woman; Mothers' Day	
	9:00 am Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, May 15	7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting
Thursday, May 17	7:00 pm Prof. Will Cohen will give a
	talk on Philippians 2:3 "Humility
	regarding others"

ANNOUNCEMENTS: *CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!*

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

TODAY THE OLYPHANT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL BE COLLECTING FOR ARC (ASSOCIATION OF RETARDED CITIZENS)

OUTSIDE OUR CHURCH.

Message from Chrissy Semon: “Dear Parish Family, Christ is Risen! May Christ’s Resurrection strengthen all of you! My deepest appreciation for your generous prayers and support! The church youth group is growing, thanks be to God, and the locals here are planting in their gardens. With much gratitude, Chrissy Semon+ OCMC Missionary to Moldova.”

MISSION TRIP TO MONGOLIA: JOHN & ELIZABETH

HUDANISH’S DAUGHTER THOMAIDA WAS ACCEPTED FOR A TWO WEEK MISSION TRIP TO MONGOLIA IN JUNE FOR CATECHETICAL & BIBLE STUDY IN THE ONE ORTHODOX CHURCH IN ULAN BATOR THE CAPITOL. COUNTRY IS ANIMIST, MUSLIM & BUDDHIST. ANY DONATIONS WILL BE CONSOLIDATED AND SENT ON TO OCMC BY ELIZABETH HUDANISH. THANK YOU.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all of the parishioners of **All Saints**, their families, neighbors, and friends, especially Martha, Conor, Laura, Michael, Justin, Liam, Andrew, Allen, Cory Joseph, Michael, George, Gregory, Patricia, Matushka Martha, Vera, Joseph, Andrew, all those serving in the Armed Forces, (Michael & Loreen), all missionaries (Christina), all clergy, monastics, and seminarians, the sick and suffering, those in nursing homes, hospitals and prisons, especially for those for whom we have been asked to pray, **and all the departed members and family members and friends of All Saints, the newly departed:** (among them: Stephen Paulishak, Cynthia, Sharon Scochin). If you would like Fr. Gabriel to remember the living or the departed at the Divine Liturgy, please give the names to Fr. Gabriel to remember at the Proskomedia.

ALTAR COVERS NEEDED. Please give your donations to Joni Rezanka.

PLEASE HELP WITH COFFEE HOUR! PLEASE FORM A NEW COFFEE HOUR TEAM OR JOIN A COFFEE HOUR TEAM! This is an important part of our parish outreach. See Julie Cohen. Thank you to Dorothy Mayday and Fr. Gabriel for the coffee hour today. T SHIRTS (ALL SAINTS) AVAILABLE \$8 EACH & RECONSECRATION ORNAMENTS AVAILABLE \$3 OR 2 FOR \$5.

**ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY DINNER AT ST. JOHN'S
ORTHODOX CHURCH, DUNDAFF, SUNDAY, MAY 13
FEATURING BARBECUE CHICKEN AND HALUPKE. TAKE
OUT 11AM SERVING NOON UNTIL SOLD OUT. ADULTS \$10;
CHILDREN \$5 AT DOOR. SEE HELEN & JOE SEMON FOR
TICKETS AND 50/50 RAFFLE.**

ST. TIKHON'S MONASTERY MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

PILGRIMAGE, FRIDAY MAY 25-MONDAY, MAY 28: The Myrrh-streaming Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos from Hawaii will again visit the Monastery this Memorial Day from Friday May 25th at 4 p.m. to Monday May 28th at 4:00 p.m. Healings from cancer, demon possession and blindness have been attributed to the intercessions of the Mother of God through this Miraculous Myrrh-streaming Icon. This event is open to the general public. Monday, May 28: 7:30 a.m. Early Divine Liturgy; 10:00 a.m. Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, Metropolitan Jonah presiding accompanied by other hierarchs; 2 p.m. Healing Service.

**LOTTERY DRAWING every 2 weeks: \$100 to church, \$50 each
Friday & Saturday.**

**Winners: Ted Soryrda 805 3/23; Steve Stafursky 175 4/6; Barbara
Schlasta 010 4/21; Fran Meholic 937 4/20.**

**PLEASE GIVE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF COLLEGE STUDENTS
AND EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS YOU WOULD LIKE ADDED TO
MONTHLY BULLETIN MAILING LIST OUTREACH TO SUBDEACON
JOE SEMON**

***LOOKING FOR ALL 2012 HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE
GRADUATES: PLEASE GIVE NAMES TO JONI REZANKA.***

**SPONSORSHIPS: Bulletin (\$30); Web-Site (\$25); & Shut-in
mailings (\$25): in memory of John Gima—Thank you to all
of our Donors and Sponsors!**

**SAMPLE PLEDGE CARDS: Please prayerfully consider
handing in your pledge card as soon as possible to help
us with budgeting for 2012.**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION: 4/29/12: \$723.00; Tithes: 30.;;
Donations for Altar Covers from proceeds of Bake Sale:
\$656.00 & Thomas Sunday Breakfast: \$271.80. Bake
sale also donated a new toaster and Flowers for**

planters.

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC: Close to the Sheep's in Jerusalem, there was a pool, which was called the Sheep's Pool. It had round about it five porches, that is, five sets of pillars supporting a domed roof. Under this roof there lay very many sick people with various maladies, awaiting the moving of the water. The first to step in after the troubling of the water was healed immediately of whatever malady he had. It was there that the paralytic of today's Gospel was lying, tormented by his infirmity of thirty-eight years. When Christ beheld him, He asked him, "Wilt thou be made whole?" And he answered with a quiet and meek voice, "Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool." The Lord said unto him, "Rise, take up thy bed, and walk." And straightaway the man was made whole and took up his bed. Walking in the presence of all, he departed rejoicing to his own house. According to the expounders of the Gospels, the Lord Jesus healed this paralytic during the days after the Passover, when He had gone to Jerusalem for the Feast of Pentecost, and dwelt there teaching and working miracles. According to Saint John the Evangelist, this miracle took place on the Sabbath. (www.goarch.org)

The commemoration of this event is made on this particular day because it occurred during the celebration of the Hebrew Pentecost, (Fifty Days) which took place fifty days after the Passover and commemorated the people of Israel crossing the wilderness after passing through the Red Sea, for fifty days has passed from the time they crossed the sea to the time when Moses received the Law on Mt. Sinai for the people of Israel. On Pentecost the people of Israel thankfully offered to God bread prepared with new wheat from the wheat harvest and they decorated their homes and synagogues with greenery and flowers, as a reminder of their sufferings in the desert and the hardships they endured to reach the Promised Land until in thanksgiving they were able to partake of the first harvest after wandering in the desert when they could finally taste of the fruits, wheat and wine in the Promised Land. This miracle of the Healing of the Paralytic is celebrated now because it happened during the fifty days, like the miracle of the Samaritan Woman and the Blind Man to be commemorated the next two weeks, whereas the preceding weeks of St. Thomas and the Myrrh-Bearing Women were celebrated because they led many to belief in the Resurrection of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ from the dead. (From the *Synaxarion*)

I am grievously paralyzed in a multitude of sins and wrongful deeds. As You raised up the paralytic of old, also raise up my soul by Your divine guidance, that I may cry out, "Glory to Your Power O Compassionate Christ." Kontakion

NORMAL FASTING WEEK: FASTING ON WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY.

