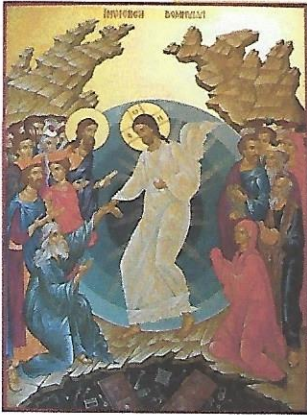


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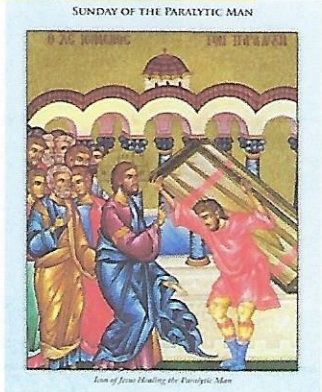


RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

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Sunday of the Paralytic Man

May 23,, 2021

CHRIST IS RISEN! Indeed He is Risen!

**Third Antiphon:**

**Verse:** Paschal Verses are sung.

**People sing:**

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

**Entrance Hymn:**

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia

**Apolytikion:**

Let the heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. For with His Arm the Lord has worked power. He trampled death under foot by means of death; and He became the firstborn from the dead. From the maw of Hades He delivered us; and He granted the world His great mercy.

**People sing the Apolytikion of the Parish Church:** "Hail, O Mother of God . . ."

**People sing the Kontakion of Pascha:**

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

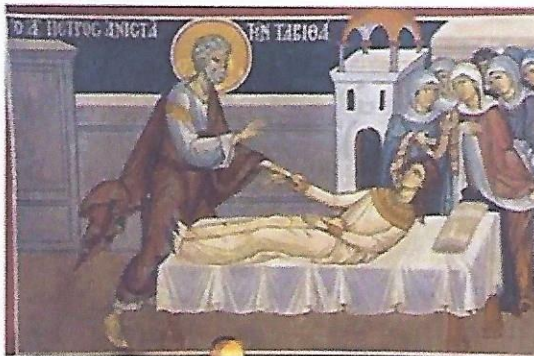
**Prokimenon:** Sing praises to God; sing praises; sing praises to our King; sing praises.

**Verse:** Oh, clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with the voice of rejoicing.



## The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles 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.





### The Gospel Reading is from Saint 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, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. 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.

### Hymn to the Theotokos

The Angel cried aloud to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O pure Virgin; and again I say Rejoice. Your Son has truly risen from the grave on the third day. Be illumined, illumined, O New Jerusalem; \* for the glory of the Lord has arisen over you. \*Dance now for joy, O Zion, and exult. \* And you be merry, O pure Theotokos, \* at the arising of the One you bore.

### After Communion we sing:

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

### Announcements



*-We especially welcome all visitors and guests to our church this morning as we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

*We are glad you came to celebrate with us today and we hope that you will come to visit us often.*

*-During the Paschal Season, until Pentecost Sunday, we will stand throughout the Divine Liturgy.*

*-The Parish Committee will have their monthly meeting today, Sunday, May 23rd, immediately following the Liturgy.*

*-A Parish General Assembly will be held on Sunday, May 31st immediately after the Liturgy. All Stewards are encouraged to attend.*

*-Philoptochos Update: Elections for Philoptochos Board will be held in church immediately following the General Assembly, on May 30th. We thank Andrea Grande, the Election Chairperson.*

**-Our parish services are livestreamed on Facebook,** and the URL to our page is here:  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/Christ-the-Savior-Orthodox-Christian-Church-333040740169829/videos/>

*Please direct announcements for the bulletin to Fr. John: revjdl123@gmail.com Thank you.*

### The Fathers of the Church Speak to us.

**O**n this day the Church remembers the man who lay by the Sheep's Pool in Jerusalem for thirty-eight years, waiting for someone to put him into the pool. The first one to enter the pool after an angel troubled the water would be healed of his infirmities, but someone always entered the pool before him.

Seeing the man, the Lord felt compassion for him and healed him. The Kontakion for this Fourth Sunday of Pascha asks Christ to raise up our souls, "paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts."

Attendance:  
Last Sunday: 24

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