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MAY 3, 2026 – 4TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA

THE PARALYTIC

<u>Scripture Readings</u>	<u>Services</u>
<p>MONDAY, MAY 4 Acts 10:1-16 John 6:56-69</p> <p>TUESDAY, MAY 5 Acts 10:21-33 John 7:1-13</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 Hebrews 2:11-18 John 5:1-4</p> <p>THURSDAY, MAY 7 Acts 19:1-8 John 1:29-34</p> <p>FRIDAY, MAY 8 James 1:19-27 Mark 9:10-16</p> <p>SATURDAY, MAY 9 James 2:1-13 Mark 9:33-41</p>	<p>TUESDAY, APRIL 28 Bible Study (Resumes on Tuesdays).....6:30 p.m.</p> <p>SATURDAY, MAY 2 Great Vespers.....4:00 p.m. Panikhida in loving memory of Sofia Beth Roosien (before Vespers)</p> <p>SUNDAY, MAY 3, 4th Sunday of Pascha The Paralytic Divine Liturgy.....9:00 a.m.</p> <p>TUESDAY, MAY 5 Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p>SATURDAY, MAY 9 Great Vespers.....4:00 p.m.</p> <p>SUNDAY, MAY 10, 5th Sunday of Pascha Samaritan Woman Baptismal Divine Liturgy.....9:00 a.m. Baptism – Mary Simone Roosien Chrismation – Ira Olga Klitzke Special “<i>Second Sunday</i>” Brunch!</p>
<p><i>All services will also be streamed online via Facebook Live as follows:</i> https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Ghost-Russian-Orthodox-Greek-Catholic-Church-681248091936330/</p> <p>Reminder: The schedule of services can be found on the front page of our website, https://holyghostbpt.com/ The schedule is recorded on the Google Calendar of the church’s acct. You can add it to your own Google Calendar by clicking the + sign on the bottom right corner of the calendar window.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">  Christ is Risen! Христос воскрес! Indeed He is Risen! Воистину воскрес! </p>

THE PARALYTIC

4th SUNDAY OF PASCHA

Many miracles in the Old Testament involve water. To name but a few, the water of the Nile turned to blood after Moses lifted his rod and struck the water before Pharaoh and His servants (Exodus 7:20). Not only was the Nile turned to blood, but also "their rivers, their canals, their ponds, and all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and there shall be blood throughout the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone" (Exodus 7:19).

In chapter 14 of Exodus, Moses divided the waters of the Red Sea, and the Hebrews passed over as if on dry land. When they were safely across, the waters came together, and their Egyptian pursuers were drowned.

On their forty-year journey to the Promised Land, the Hebrews camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for them to drink. The people murmured against Moses, asking him why he had led them out of Egypt. God told Moses to strike the rock at Horeb. Then water came out of it so that everyone could drink (Exodus 17:6).

In Judges 6:36-40 we read about Gideon and the dew on the fleece. When Gideon squeezed the fleece, there was enough to fill a bowl with water.

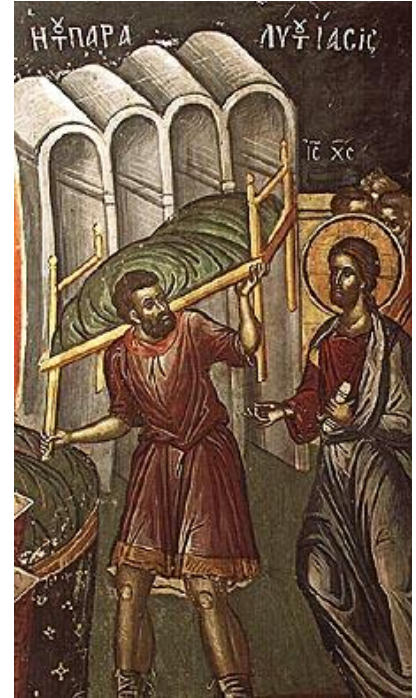
On the Fourth Sunday of Pascha, the Church remembers the man who lay paralyzed at the Sheep Pool in Jerusalem for thirty-eight years, waiting for someone to put him into the pool. The first person to enter the pool after an Angel troubled the water would be healed of his infirmities, but someone always entered the pool before him. Seeing the man, the Lord felt compassion for him and healed him.

The Lord healed the paralytic during the days of the Passover, when He had gone to Jerusalem for the Feast, and He remained there teaching and working miracles. According to Saint John the Theologian, this miracle took place on the Sabbath.

Like some Old Testament miracles, many of Christ's miracles also involved water, and they prefigure the Church's Baptism, which cleanses us of every sin. In the Sheep Pool, once a year, only one person was healed, but Christ saves endless multitudes by divine Baptism. Sometimes, as in the case of Saint Vladimir (July 15), Baptism can also heal our bodily infirmities . . .

. . . As we remember the paralytic, let us ask Christ to "raise up our souls, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts" (Kontakion of the paralytic).

To continue reading: <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2026/05/03/37-sunday-of-the-paralytic>



Acts 9:32-42

(Epistle)

32

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.

33

There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed.

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And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately.

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So, all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

36

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.

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But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive.

42

And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

Hebrews 13:7-16

(Epistle, Saint)

7

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.

8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

9

Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

10

We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat.

11

For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp.

12

Therefore, Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

13

Therefore, let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach.

14

For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.

Hebrews 13:7-16

(Epistle, Saint Cont'd.)

15

Therefore, by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

16

But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

John 5:1-15

(Gospel)

1

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2

Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches.

3

In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water.

4

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.

5

Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years.

6

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?"

7

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."

8

Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk."

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And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath.

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The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed."

11

He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'"

12

Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?"

13

But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place.

14

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."

15

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

Matthew 11:27-30

(Gospel, Saint)

27

All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.

28

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29

Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

30

For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

CANDLES/DONATIONS

- Lampatki over Royal Doors in loving memory of Mary Wasylowich Savisky from her family.
- A \$750 donation in loving memory of Mary Jaques, Anne Gotta Jaques, Natalie Gotta, Walter Vanagel, and Nina Vanagel, from Bill Jaques.
- Table of Oblation for the health & salvation of Jody Slosar Savisky on her birthday, from her family.
- Altar Table for the health and salvation of Fr Mark Roosien on the anniversary of his ordination.

CANDLE DESK DUTY

May 3 – LoveAnn Curran

May 10 – Tim Savisky

COFFEE-HOUR CLEAN-UP CREW ... This week’s cleanup crew is Group K through O. If this is your week to help, please see crew chief Jerry Kopko.

STRATFORD HIGH SCHOLARSHIP AWARD ... has been established at Holy Ghost. The Steven Tyler Smith Memorial Scholarship Award is given to a graduating senior that has attended Holy Ghost Church School on a regular basis. Please see the attached flyer for **Wednesday, May 6th** at Zack’s Frozen Yogurt. A portion of the proceeds will go to the scholarship award. Thank you!

FUNDRAISING TEAM: KICKOFF MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 7 ... After a great exploratory fundraising session last Saturday, we are ready to assemble our Holy Ghost Fundraising Team! If you want to be part of the Team (even if you couldn't make the exploratory session), come to the Holy Ghost rectory at 6:30PM on **Thursday, May 7.**

HOLY GHOST PARK WORK PARTY SCHEDULED ... for **Friday, May 8** at the Shelton property. If anyone would like to help get the park ready for the busy summer season, please see either Dave Lepesko or Mike Pasick. Thank you!

BAPTISM / CHRISMATION SCHEDULED ON “SECOND SUNDAY” ... On **May 10th**, baby Mary Simone Roosien will be baptized; and Ira Olga Klitzke will be chrismated!

It is also Mother’s Day and “*Second Sunday*,” so we are planning on a nice brunch! Please sign up downstairs or contact Ruth Sencio. Thanks in advance for your delicious donation(s)!

SECOND FUTURE PLANNING MEETING ... Prior to the start of Great Lent, we had a brainstorming session, ‘pizza and conversation,’ to discuss the future of Holy Ghost. Round 2 is now scheduled for **Monday eve, May 11th** at 6:00 p.m. Please join us! Pizza will be served.

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ... is scheduled for **May 17th.**

RETREAT AT HOLY GHOST MAY 23rd ... Save the date! We will have a spiritual retreat here at Holy Ghost on Saturday, May 23 from 12:00-3:30. Food will be provided. Requested donation \$25 for all participants.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR FOCUS BRIDGEPORT ... Please see the attached document listing opportunities to volunteer for FOCUS this month.

SAVE THE DATE ... for Holy Ghost's Annual Summer Camp, **August 10 - 14**, at HGP in Shelton!

DIVINE LITURGY APRIL 26 (“Ask the Priest” / Blessing of Graves)



Deacon Gregory Curran assisted



Another interesting “Ask the Priest” session! Thanks to all who attended and participated!





The Curran brothers as the clean-up crew at coffee fellowship:

Subdeacon Mark, Deacon Gregory, and Joe.



Blessing of the graves began at Lakeview Cemetery on Sunday



“Boston John” Carroll donated the castle and pink house, pictured above, to Holy Ghost Park in Shelton for the children’s area! Thank you, “Boston John!”

PARISH METRICS (MAY 3 THRU MAY 9)

BIRTHDAYS

Barbara J Dulin, May 4th; Matushka Elena Pismenny, May 4th

God Grant them Many Years!

Многая лета!

ANNIVERSARIES

None Listed

DEPARTED FROM THE PARISH METRICS

MAY 3 – Gregory Kozich, 1923 (58); Joseph Pundy, 1948 (58); Joseph Hopko, 1961; Michael (Bratkowski) Brant, 1975 (54); Peter Jovanovich, 1985 (78); William V. Jankowski, 2001 (92); Joseph Curran, Sr., 2010 (85); Eugenia (Jean) Scherback Clark, 2018 (93)

MAY 4 – Josephine Pribula Pistey, 1965 (90); Frank Zahar, 1988

MAY 5 – Wanda Turko, 1927; Jenretta Meslovsky, 1927; George Gurban, 1929 (76); John Yesis, 1974 (53); William Szalay, 1979 (65); Theodore Baltes, 1989 (74)

MAY 6 – Evangeline Garfon, 1911 (27); Anthony Matsik, 1917 (1); Theodore Rozum, 1965 (85); Joseph Edward Babey, 1972 (71); Joseph Willette, 1999 (79); Anna Hovan, 2013 (94)

MAY 7 – Joseph Oleynik, 1918 (5 months); Alexander Bosko, 1922 (48); John Demsevich, 1947; Tatiana Hrenewich Borotko, 1962; George M. Jankura, 1984 (79)

MAY 8 – Eustafy Andruschkewich, 1963 (74); Matthew Pistey, 1969 (59); Nicholas Glowatsky, III, 1992 (28)

MAY 9 – Andrew Fedor, 1989 (86); Anna C. Popadic, 2006

Memory Eternal!

Вечная память!

