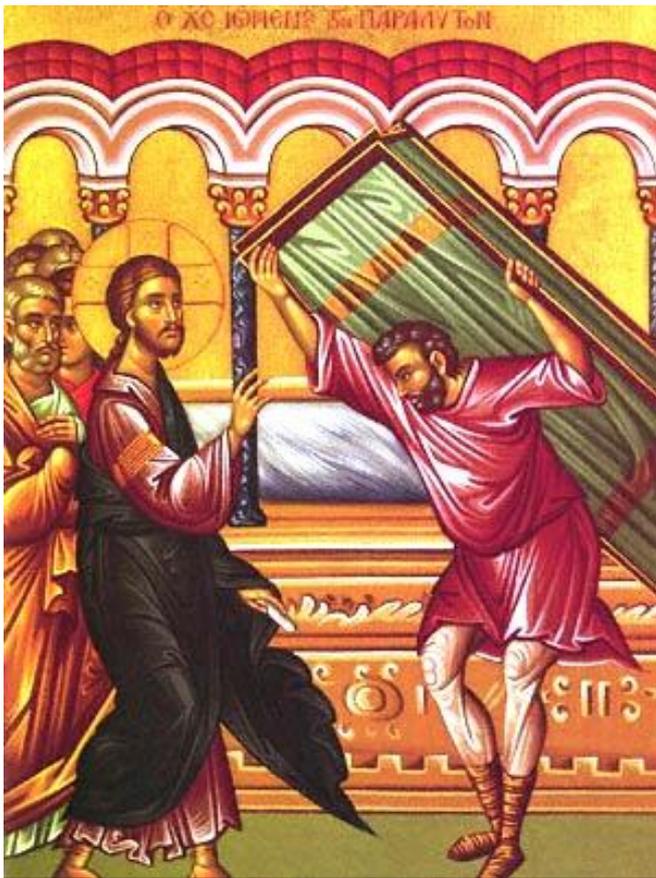




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Sunday of the Paralytic

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 3.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let things on earth be glad, for the Lord hath wrought might with His arm; He hath trampled on death by death; He hath become the first-born of the dead. From the bowels of Hades hath He

delivered us, and hath granted great mercy to the world.

Kontakion of Pascha. Mode Pl. 4.

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

Prokeimenon. Mode 3. Psalm 46.

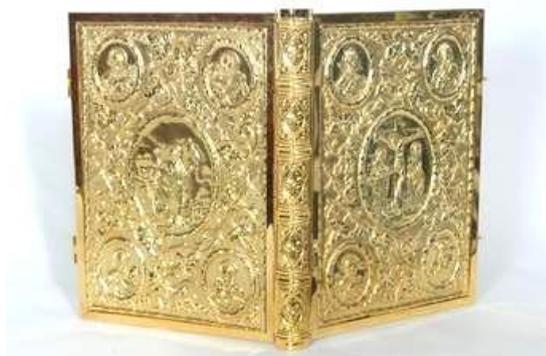
Sing praises to God; sing praises; sing praises to our King; sing praises.

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 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 According to 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.



Word of the week – Reflection On the Sunday of the Paralytic

In Holy Writ, there are many examples of patience. One such example is the paralytic in this Sunday's Gospel reading. He is a hero greater than those who are victorious on the fields of battle and get medals for courage.

Let's look at the life of this hero. He lived inside an ocean of afflictions. Not days, not weeks, not just a few years but for thirty-eight years he was sick, completely paralyzed. And yet he didn't howl, he didn't blaspheme, he didn't curse the day he was born. With a patience that reminds one of the patience of Job, he passed the days of his affliction believing that God had not abandoned him, but would someday show His mercy to him. And God did show His mercy. He came Himself, Jesus Christ, the true God, and cured the paralytic. All who saw were amazed by this miracle. On that day, the paralytic, that hero of patience,

received from Christ, the Ruler of All, the reward for patience.

May it be, my beloved, that we all - men and women, any of us who suffer afflictions - be rewarded for patience. In order to endure, let's think of those heroes of patience like the paralytic and especially the king of pain and sorrow, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who said: "In the world you shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

- Metropolitan Augoustinos of Florina

In the lives of each one of us there will still be moments of weakness and failures, of what we call paralysis. They can last for many years, just as with the paralytic at the Sheep Pool, of which the Gospel speaks. This paralytic lay for many years awaiting healing. But he believed that a messenger of God would come and heal him.

Let us not recognize ourselves as strong, because our strength is Christ alone. Let us never recognize ourselves as indestructible and not prone to sin, because we are fallen people. And let us strive not to lose faith in Christ, because the Lord Jesus Christ is eternally powerful and has the power to save us not only from temporal passions and misfortunes.

- Archimandrite Tikhon (Shevkunov)

Liturgical Schedule for this week

Monday <i>May 20</i>	6:00 pm	<u><i>Vespers – Sts. Constantine and Helen {At the Webster Greek Orthodox Church}</i></u>
Tuesday <i>May 21</i>	8:45 am 9:30 am	<u><i>Matins</i></u> <u><i>Divine Liturgy – At Sts. Constantine and Helen Church in Webster</i></u>
Wednesday <i>May 22</i>	6:00 pm	Paraklesis
Friday <i>May 24</i>	5:30 pm	Akathist
Saturday <i>May 25</i>	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Divine Liturgy – Third Finding of the Head of St. John the Baptist Vespers
Sunday <i>May 26</i>	9:00 am 10:00 am	Matins Divine Liturgy – Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Announcements:

- **Happy name day** to Charles Panu, Constantine Penna, and Eleni Fatsi (Sts. Constantine and Helen – May 21st) and Sophia Pitsillides (Mid-Pentecost/Holy Wisdom/Hagia Sophia – May 22nd).
- **Happy birthday** to Dimitri Mironidis (May 25th).
- **Thank you** to all who participated in the Spring Chicken BBQ.
- **Morris Street Yard Sale** – Saturday, June 22, 9am. Please see Sandra Nasto.
- **Icon donations** – Please consider donating to an icon of the church. A list of icons is available in the narthex.
- **Coffee hour** is sponsored by Sam & Deb Yanka



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