

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church
Celebrating 125 years witnessing to the Apostolic Faith

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MAY 11, 2025

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PASCHA
SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC**

EPISTLE: Acts 9:32-42

In those days, Peter went through all parts of the country, and 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



Healing of the Paralytic at Bethesda

HAPPY
**Mother's
& Day**

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.

GOSPEL: John 5:1-15

At that time, 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.

PRAYER LIST

Parishioners & Family: Natalie Twarek / Cliff & Kathy Ruggles / Sandra / Renee Haynal / Tina Rindfleisch / Sharon Shaheen (Patti Owen's sister) / Norb / Heidi Golob / Ron & Bobbie Royhab / Rodney Clevenger / Jennifer Heffernan / Tom Hileman / Pam / Jim Twarek / Ed Garrity / Patti Owens / Barbara Wroblewski / Michal Tomáš / Helena Tomášová / Ruth Sheller / Basil Glovinsky / Dale / Sophie / Carol / David Martin / Fred Soski / Chris Hannon / Irene Vangeloff / Sonja Rose / James Bargdill / Carole Conaway / Gary Conaway / Sharon Dietrich / Michael Glovinsky / Shirley Gresh / Joseph Habegger / Betty Kovach / Child Stella Miller / William Pipenur / Earl Rindfleisch / Helen Jean Rofkar / George Royhab / Marianne Royhab / Kathy Jacob / the child Bodhi Cassell / Gleice, Sophie & Chloe / Carol / Nora.

Other Requests: Ron Ossivicki / Kristy Ackley / Steve Rohweder / Nicole Williams / John Couture / Don / Ann Turinsky / Marcia / Sarah King / Catechumen Blake Shoemaker / Catechumen Nickolas Dawenport / Catechumen Joshua Paull / Catechumen Danielle Paull and her unborn baby / Catechumen Wrenley Paull / Arimus Paull / Linkoln Paull / Catechumen Ryan Stamp / Matushka Melania / Sharyn Osborne / Christine Zahm / Amy / Bill Byrnes / Susanne / Charles Schlett / Kathy Debevits / Maxwell Chaney / Anthony / Archpriest Ján Čižmár / Archpriest David Lis / Archpriest

Emilian & Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan / Donald Gresh / Mark Ludvik / Robert Piznar / Mark Masica / Valerie Ritzenthaler / William / Rick Rowe / Chris.

Military: Craig Cassell / Jake Ellithorpe / Jordon Fulton / Justin Issler / Tikhon / Nicholas / & All Military



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

MON. May 12	Saint Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus; Acts 10:1-16, Jn 6:56-69
TUE. May 13	Virgin Martyr Glyceria; Acts 10:21-33, Jn 7:1-13
WED. May 14	Midfeast of Pentecost, Martyrs Isidore and Myrope of Chios; Acts 14:6-18, Jn 7:14-30
THU. May 15	Venerable Pachomius the Great; Acts 10:34-43, Jn 8:12-20
FRI. May 16	Venerable Theodore the Sanctified; Acts 10:44-11:10, Jn 8:21-30
SAT. May 17	Apostle Andronicus of the Seventy; Acts 12:1-11, Jn 8:31-42

4:00 PM VESPERS

SUN. May 18 5th SUNDAY AFTER PASCHA, *SAMARITAN WOMAN, Tone 4*

9:10 AM HOURS

9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY Followed by Coffee Hour



FOR YOUR PRAYERS



Patti Owens, 311 Woodbridge Road Vermilion, OH 44089; **Tina Rindfleisch**, 2119 Willow Cove Marblehead, OH 43440; **Basil Glovinsky**, 1007 Glendale Drive, Port Clinton, OH 43452; **Irene Vangeloff**, 454 Strouse Lane, Sandusky, OH 44870

ATTENDANCE



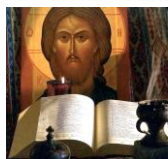
05/03 Vespers, **5** attending; **05/04** Divine Liturgy, **21** attending (7 guests) [9 people less than the previous year]

READERS LIST



Sunday May 11 – Joe
Sunday May 18 – Tim
Sunday May 25 – Jake

MAY REPOSED



Julia Onyock (1921) No date provided; Andrew Onyock (1922) No date provided; Christos Karniotis (1992) No date provided; **1-**Donald Cholcher (2020); **4-** Norman Anthony Glovinsky (2016); **8-** Brad Bauer (2019); **14-** Stanley Lis (2019); **15-**George Glovinsky (1986); **21-** Anna Mazurik (2008); **22-** Mary Opritza (2011); **24-** Helen Greshko (1980); **25-** Anna Mazurak (1966); **25-** Philip Timko (2021); **27-** John Gresko- (2008); **30-** Anna Elchisco (1977)



CHARITY OF THE MONTH

“Joyful Connections” is the charity we donate to for the month of May.

MAY CANDLE SPONSORS



Altar Candles: Fr. Peter and Mat. Michelle, For Health and God’s Blessings for Barbara Wroblewski, and Michal & Helena Tomáš **(\$50)**; **Chandelier:** Natalie Twarek, In loving birthday remembrance of our dads, George (5/3) and John (5/6) **(\$50)**; **Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** Available **(\$25)**; **Candles at the Cross:** Laura Kovach, Birthday blessings to Michael **(\$20)**; **Candles at St. Tikhon Icon:** Available **(\$20)**

VIGILS FOR MAY 4



Laura Kovach 3 For health and/or healing of Martha B., infant Benny, Nichole W., Alex M., Tina R., Nick S., Mike T., Andrew K., Matushka Melania, Ron R., Betty K., Margaret M., Hannah S., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Kathie J., Jerry P., Irene V, Heidi & Wayne G., Sarah K., and Dan D.

Prayers for Brett & Chris DeOrio
Safe travel for Leah

Sandy Martin 1 Special Intentions

Gabe Mazurik 1 Special Intentions

Natalie Twarek 12 Anniversary Blessing for Chris and Linda, Safe travel for Chris & Linda and Fred & Teri, First Communion blessing for Lily and Hayes, In loving memory of Martin Vronick, In birthday remembrance of our dads, George 5/3, John 5/6, Birthday blessings to Missy and Laura, For the health of Steve Rohweder, For health and recovery of Tina, For health and recovery of Nicole, Peggy, Ann, Laura, Mike, Marcia, For the health & recovery of Matushka Melania, For the health and recovery on Basil, Ron, Rodney, Betty, Carol, Kayla, Pam, Jim, Heidi, Wayne, Health and healing for Father’s parents Michal & Helena and Matushka’s mom Barbara, and Walter, For the health of Jen, Tony, Father David, Carole, Gary, Sharon, Tina’s dad, Earl, Sonya, Margi & Joe, Jackie, MaryAnn & Bob, Bodhi, Stella, Jake, Pat

MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



16 – David & Sandy Martin Anniversary (45); **17** – Tony & Tina Monastra Anniversary (33); **20** – Joe & Valerie Schutt Anniversary (8); **23** – Dale Bricker *; **26** – Quincy Kowal*

SUNDAY OFFERING



Sunday, May 4, 2025

Tithe	\$1,462.00
Donations	\$ 178.00
Candles	\$ 65.00
Vigils	\$ 80.00
Holy Day Donation	\$ 100.00
One Time restricted Donation	\$ 50.00
Joyful Connections (May)	\$ 50.00
Altar Candles	\$ 50.00
Candles at the Cross	\$ 25.00
Total:	\$2,060.00

May the Lord reward you for your financial and spiritual support!

UP-COMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH – MARK YOUR CALENDAR



- May 15th** Monthly social, 3rd Thursday 6:00 pm at local restaurant (*Thursday*)
- May 27th** Baking Day 8:00 AM (*Tuesday*)
- May 28th** Baking Day 8:00 AM (*Wednesday*)
- May 29th** ASCENSION OF OUR LORD (*Thursday*)
- May 31st** 1st Market Day of the Season (*Saturday*)
- June 8th** – HOLY PENTECOST (*Sunday*)
- June 15th** – All Saints Sunday – Father’s Day (*Sunday*)
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CLEANING SCHEDULE

May 12, Natalie
May 19, Basil & Tim
May 26, Susan
Jun 2, Angela



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CONGRATULATION GRADUATE!

We would like to Congratulate and express our best wishes to our high school graduate **MARY BLAKFORD**, who graduates from **Danbury High School**. May Our Lord and God bless her on her new paths in life and grant her Many Happy and Blessed Years!

PLEASE NOTE: Tamara and Mary are inviting everyone of our parish to join them for the celebration of Mary’s Graduation on **Saturday, May 17th** at **James Park Shelter House** from **1 pm to 4 pm**. RSVP to Tamara @ 419-901-0855 call or text. *See the invitation card on our bulletin board!*



BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

You are invited to participate in the Annual Baby Bottle Campaign sponsored by Ottawa County Pregnancy Services. Please take a Baby bottle which you will find in the vestibule and fill it with loose change, cash or check made out to Ottawa County Pregnancy. Please return the bottle on or before Father’s Day.



PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

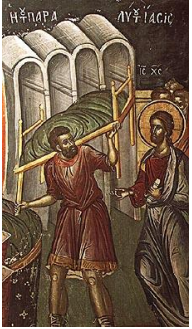
O Lord, our God, look down with merciful eyes upon our humble and earnest petition which we fervently offer to You today in behalf of all of our mothers. Shower Your heavenly graces upon them. Grant that they may always behold the joy of their children and their children's children. Fill them with that same maternal love that our most holy Lady, the Blessed Theotokos, and ever-Virgin Mary showed to Your Only-Begotten Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. And, grant that all of our mothers may ever be sustained in the image of our heavenly mother, the Most Pure Virgin Mary. We pray to You, O heavenly Master, on this special day honoring our mothers to graciously hear us and have mercy on them.



COFFEE HOUR SPONSOR LIST

May 11 - Bobbie
May 18 - Natalia
May 25 - Laura

Please sign up to host coffee hour. Signup sheet is located in the Social Hall



Sunday of the Paralytic Commemorated on May 11

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.

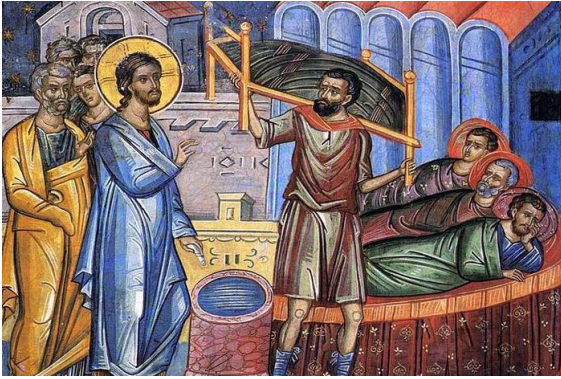
In the Canon for the Paralytic, the Angel who stirred the water in the Sheep Pool is identified as the Archangel Michael. Some of the Troparia call him "Leader of the Angels," and "Supreme Commander" (Ode 1). In Ode 3 we ask him to "protect us from falling into the passions of life." In Ode 6, we ask Saint Michael 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 life, and the enjoyment of eternal blessings.

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

ST. TIKHON MISSION CHOIR VISITED OUR PARISH

We were honored to welcome in our Parish last Saturday, May 3rd V. Rev. John Parker, Seminary Dean, Fr. Caleb Lewis, D.Mus., Director of Music, and seminarians of St. Tikhon Orthodox Theological Seminary. Many parishioners and guests from Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church in Lorain, OH enjoyed the beautiful responses of the Mission Choir for the Divine Liturgy. The visit concluded with the brunch in our parish hall and the visit by the Seminarians of Marblehead Lighthouse. We would like to express our sincere thanks to all our parishioners who attended the Divine Liturgy for your spiritual and financial support of the Seminary. Our special thanks are extended to Bobbie for setting up and organizing the brunch which was enjoyed by all present. May the Lord bless all the seminarians for the uplifting visit, and grant them good health and strength as they pursue their studies and training as the future priests of our Holy Orthodox Church.





Sunday of the Paralytic

By Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh

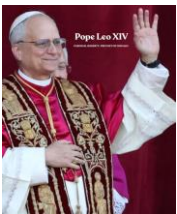
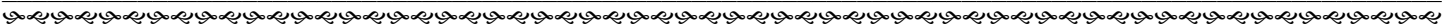
Let me draw your attention to these three features of today's Gospel readings. The first is the sheer horror of being in dire need for thirty-eight years, broken down by a physical illness and not finding anyone who would care and help. What happened to this man happens to millions of others in our days. Because of the coldness of our hearts and our lack of care for others, many sick and starving people are growing desperate in the spirit and looking unsuccessfully for their

way in life, and ultimately, for the Living God. We are cold at heart, and millions of people are in darkness, loneliness, and despair.

The second feature concerns exactly this: how many of us can say that when they had a desire, a dream or a goal, and another person next to them had needed the same more strongly and for a longer time they stepped aside and sacrificed their wants. How many were willing to say to their brother or sister, "You go first, and I will wait." In response to such an act, the Lord might have given each of us – if we had found the courage to act in this way – such spiritual calm and light that would have made irrelevant our most desperate desires.

Finally, Christ says to this man, "Beware and sin no more, or you will have greater sorrow than you have had so far." Sin is manifest in words, thoughts, actions and volitions, but at its foundation, sin is breaking away from God, for God alone is the key to our integrity and wholeness. When we break away from Him, we deprive ourselves of the very possibility to be whole. But we open up to it whenever we act towards another in the same way as Christ would act towards him. Christ showed us the meaning of being human – to be whole, to bear within us His Divine peace and Glory. He showed us the way. He reminded us that whatever we did not do for the least of His brothers and sisters we did not for Him, and conversely, whatever we did for them, we did for Him; for when we do something good for someone we love, the loving person will not forget it.

Let us not stop thinking about our readings today. Let us keep on reflecting on the shadows of understanding that I have brought to you today; hopefully. Let them touch your hearts and minds, and may you be inspired to act upon them with courage and creativity. Amen.



NEW POPE ELECTED

We wish to congratulate all our catholic friends and family members of our parishioners on the election of the first American-born Pope Leo XIV. May he lead you wisely and in keeping with the faithfulness given once for all by Christ to the Apostles. God grant him Many Years!