



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 26	<i>The holy hieromartyr Basil of Amasea</i>
Tuesday, April 27	<i>The holy hieromartyr Simeon</i>
	9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy With prayers offered for +Sophie Yunick, given by Catherine Wolanski
Wednesday, April 28	<i>Mid-Pentecost</i>
	9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy With prayers offered for +Stefan, +Maria, +Stefan & +Jozef Lorinc, given by Michael Lorinc
	6:30 P.M. Chant Rehearsal
Thursday, April 29	<i>The Nine Martyrs at Cyzicus</i>
	Chancery Office in Parma
Friday, April 30	<i>The holy apostle James the Greater</i>
Saturday, May 1	<i>The holy prophet Jeremiah</i>
	5:00 P.M. Great Vespers
Sunday, May 2	The Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
	9:40 A.M. Third Hour
	10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

The Epistle Reading will be Acts 11:19-26 & 29-30 and the Gospel will be Jn 4:5-42. Prayers will be offered for the Health and Salvation of Anthony Fedyna. Prayers will be offered for the Health and Salvation of Nancy Romah, given by Vicki and Michael Senko. Supplications will be offered for +Michael Fedenko (40th Day Commemoration). Supplications will be offered for +Michael & +Anna Cheresnowsky, given by daughter Magdalena Cheresnowsky. Following the Divine Liturgy we will have a coffee and cake social in our Church hall to celebrate Mr. Fedyna's upcoming 100th birthday. Please come!

What did Jesus do for the lame man?

From the list, find the endings to the unfinished words.

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Jesus was in Jerusalem for a Jewish fe_____.
 He we_____ to the po_____ of Bethesda, when a
 lar_____ group of dis_____ peo_____
 gath_____. Among the group were many who
 were bl_____, lame and paralyzed. Jesus sp_____
 with a m_____ who had be_____ an inva_____
 for 38 ye_____. The man said he couldn't get in_____
 the wa_____ at the ri_____ ti_____. Others
 al_____ got ah_____ of him. Jesus said,
 "Get up! P_____ up
 your mat and wa_____." He
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An Old Legend

There is an old legend of a swan and a crane. A beautiful swan alighted by the banks of the water in which a crane was wading about seeking snails. For a few moments the crane viewed the swan in stupid wonder and then inquired:

“Where do you come from?”

“I come from heaven!” replied the swan.

“And where is heaven?” asked the crane.

“Heaven!” said the swan, “Heaven! Have you never heard of heaven?” And the beautiful bird went on to describe the grandeur of the Eternal City. She told of streets of gold, and the gates and walls made of precious stones; of the river of life, pure as crystal, upon whose banks is the tree whose leaves shall be for the healing of the nations. In eloquent terms the swan sought to describe the hosts who live in the other world, but without arousing the slightest interest on the part of the crane.

Finally the crane asked: “Are there any snails there?” “Snails!” repeated the swan; “No! Of course there are not.” “Then,” said the crane, as it continued its search along the slimy banks of the pool, “You can have your heaven. I want snails!”

This fable has a deep truth underlying it. How many people, to whom God has granted the advantages of a Christian home, has turned his back upon it and searched for snails!



Announcements

Today: Paralytic Man

The Fourth Sunday of Pascha is dedicated to Christ’s healing of the paralytic as we read in the Gospel reading from John 5: 1-15. The man is healed by Christ while waiting to be put down into the pool of water. Through Baptism in the Church we, too, are healed and saved by Christ for eternal life. Thus, in the Church, we are told, together with the paralytic, “*to sin no more that nothing worse befall you*” (Jn 5:14).

Liturgical Custom

Please remember that during this Paschal-Easter Season, and continuing until Pentecost Sunday (even throughout the week), we do not kneel during the Divine Liturgy. Kneeling is a sign of penance and contrition – but the joy of Pascha is so much greater in this season that we stand in celebration instead.

Thank You!

Sincere thanks to all of you who participated last Sunday in our Svyachene-Easter Dinner 2010. The children had a lot of fun with the Easter Egg Hunt. The food prepared by our hard-working kitchen staff was great as always. We had many gift baskets and gift cards for the raffle. It was a wonderful time to come together and celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord. Thank you all once again for your hard work and generosity!

Next Sunday: 100th Birthday

Next Sunday, May 2nd, our dear parishioner Mr. Anthony Fedyna will be us to celebrate his upcoming 100th Birthday. Prior to being admitted to a nursing home, Anthony Fedyna has always been an active parishioner who dearly loves the Ukrainian Catholic Church. Following the Divine Liturgy we will have a coffee and cake social in our Church hall during which we will all have the opportunity to greet Mr. Anthony Fedyna on his upcoming 100th birthday.

Spaghetti Dinner at St. John’s

We are invited to a Spaghetti Dinner which will take place next Sunday, May 2nd, from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m. at St. John’s Ukrainian Catholic Church in McKees Rocks. Tickets are \$7 adults and \$4 children under 12. They will also have a Bake sale, Cash Bar and Chinese Auction. Take-out is available. For more information please call the parish office at 412-331-5605.

Pittsburgh Folk Festival

The 53rd Pittsburgh Folk Festival will be held Friday-Sunday, May 14-16 at the Monroeville Convention Center. The Festival will feature International Foods, Traditional Music and Dance, Exhibits, Folk Crafts...from more than 30 nationalities. Festival hours are Friday, May 14: 4-10 pm; Saturday, May 15: 11 am until 10 pm; Sunday, May 16: 11 am until 6 pm. Advance sale tickets are \$8 for adults; Students (age 13-17) are \$5; Children (age 12 and younger) are admitted free. For more information about this wonderful event please visit www.pghfolkfestival.org.

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday, April 18, 2010 was \$1236.50.

The total from our Svyachene-Easter Dinner was \$1269.40.

Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!

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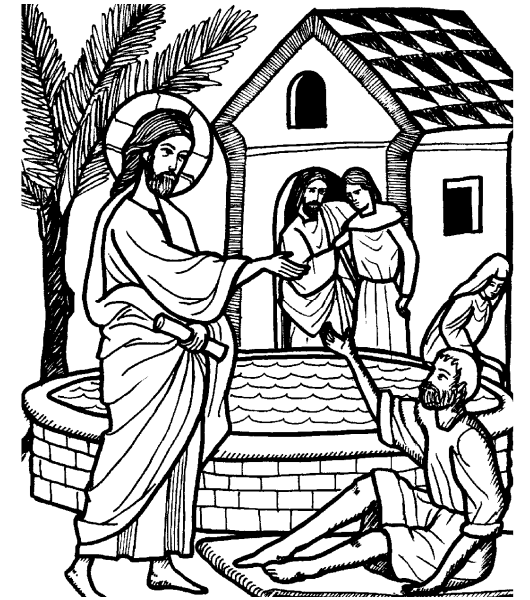
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n for each candle is \$3.00.*

5: THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2010*

Sunday of the Paralytic Man

In today's Gospel reading we see a man laying paralyzed at the pool of Bethesda for thirty eight years. The only thing that separated him from healing was the possibility to reach the waters, which the angel brought into motion once a year. Thirty eight years had he attempted to move towards healing but someone else has been quicker than he and stolen healing from him. How many are there now in the world, how many have been and will be in this world of ours who need healing, who are paralyzed by fear, paralyzed by all that prevents us from moving with boldness and purpose towards fullness of life? How many? And who are those who will take them and help them to receive healing instead of seeking it for themselves? Let us look at ourselves, not at each other but ourselves. What do we learn today?



Christ says that no-one has true love who is not prepared to give his life for his neighbor, and the neighbor, as it is quite clear also from the Gospel, is not the one whom we like, whom we love, who is close to us, it is whoever needs us. Ask yourself this question: There are number of people around you who would believe, who would gladly start a new life, who would bless you and God for giving them courage to move not physical but spiritual limbs that are tied. And let us ask ourselves, what do we do, what have we done, what are we capable of doing to help them? The waters of Bethesda are an image of God, of His healing power. When God comes close, when we become aware that He is there, near, do we look around to see who needs Him more than we do? What is our answer...?

Let us reflect deeply on the Gospel reading. It is not simply an old story about things that happened over two thousand years ago, it is something that is happening every day and we are those who rush forward and prevent others from merging themselves into the healing waters of Bethesda. Let us listen to St. John the Divine, the teacher of true love, let us be ready to sacrifice all we long for. Let us become free of selves, and then how many will be saved, saved from hunger, from homelessness, saved from the dominion of others, saved from all that is fetters and imprisonment of life. Let us become what Christ was - the One that sets free in the name of truth and of life. Amen.

