

## The Paralytic

Commemorated on April 29

On 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."

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Golf Outing-June 25th, 2007**

**Garage Sale - Memorial Day Weekend-May 25-26**

**County Fair Food Booth**

**AppleFest**

**Beefsteak Dinner**

**Holy Spirit Orthodox Church - Wantage, NJ**

**Archpriest Samuel Kedala, Rector**

Joanne Patrick, Choir Director

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Wantage, New Jersey

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**Sunday, April 29, 2007**

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

**Today** ..... Paralytic Sunday  
**Tues.** ..... 10AM Clergy Syndesmos Meeting-our Church  
**Saturday** ..... Divine Liturgy at Holy Cross Church, Middletown, NY 9 AM  
6:00 PM Vespers, our Church  
**Sunday** ..... 9:15 Church School  
9:40 AM Hours, 10 AM Divine Liturgy

**Today's commemorated feasts and saints... 4th SUNDAY OF PASCHA - Tone 3.**

Paralytic. Nine Martyrs at Cyzicus: Theognes, Rufus, Antipater, Theostichus, Artemas, Magnus, Theodotus, Thaumasius, and Philemon (3rd c.). Ven. Memnon the Wonder-worker. Martyrs Diodorus and Rhodopianus Deacon, at Aphrodisia in Anatolia (3rd-4th c.). St. Basil, Bishop of Ostrog in Montenegro (16th c.).

**Acts 9:32-42, John 5:1-15**

**CHRIST IS RISEN!**

### BULLETIN

**You are invited** to a Divine Liturgy at **Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church**, Middletown, NY next Saturday May 5. **His Grace Bishop Saavas** will celebrate the Liturgy along with other are clergy and **Bless the New Doors on the Temple**. You are also invited to the Luncheon after Liturgy at the Brookside Manor. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and \$15.00 for children. See Father Samuel for tickets.

**Congratulations** to **Father Stephen Vernak** who was ordained to the Holy Priesthood yesterday at Christ the Saviour Church Paramus, NJ. May God grant him Many Years. Axios!

**Thank you** to **Maria Higginbotham** for her work and donation of mulch for our garden outside..

**Thank you** to **Michael and Nadine Olsen** for their donation for Paschal Flowers.

**Thank you** to **Michael and Nadine Olsen** for hosting the Coffee Social last week. **Joanne Hosbach and Susan Matthews** will host today. We need volunteers to host future Coffee Socials.

**Please offer a donation for our Coffee Social** (in the basket on the table downstairs) so that we can purchase the papers goods (Cups, plates, knives and forks).

Please **remember** to send in your **weekly donation or pledge** even when you have not attended Church on a Sunday. Our Church depends on your weekly contributions to pay our obligations. Thank you.

**The Annual Church Rummage/Yard sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 25 & 26 from 10 AM until 4 PM.** We will accept clean usable clothes if we can get a volunteer to

handle this section. Clean unbroken items such as: books, CD's, games, gift items, handbags, house items, glassware, jewelry, toys, games, video tapes, DVD's, working electrical appliances etc. We will not accept computers, or suitcases. Workers will be needed for set-up and to help on the days of the sale. As always thank you for supporting our endeavor.

**Reminder!** There is **NO** kneeling during the period of time between Pascha and Pentecost.

The normal Wednesday and Friday Fasting periods have resumed.

**PLEASE PURCHASE** gift cards for shopping at ShopRite and A & P stores. They are working out wonderfully. Very convenient for shopping. No cash, no checks, just a little card. They are great, and our church benefits by your using them.

**WE HAVE SHOP RITE AND A&P GIFT CARDS-STOCK UP ON GIFT CARDS FOR YOUR REGULAR SHOPPING & AS GIFTS TO OTHERS**

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Catherine Schwed, Thelma Macheska, Alyssa Karakos, Mary Kwak, Matushka Evelyn Kreta, Christopher, infant Ella Jane, Corinne Matthews, infant Nicholai, Dan Taylor, Stephen Kachur, Lynne Goodwin, Loren Chwan, Pighi Mardaloescu, Valentina Bobrowsky and Archimandrite Joachim (Parr)

### Seven Day Vigil Candles

By **Olga Maio** in Blessed Memory of **+Michael** (Apanasow,) beloved husband of **Feodora**, father and grandfather of the **Engelsman Family**.

In Blessed Memory of newly departed **+Marie** (Crifasi), dear friend of **Cary Mitsos**

By **Monica Brenner** for the Health, Salvation of **Christopher-Anthony**

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**Seven day vigil candles** are available for the faithful to sponsor in memory of their departed, the sick, or for the general intentions (anniversaries, birthdays, weddings, baptisms, etc.). They will remain lit on the altar and table of oblation. The suggested donation is \$10.00 each and will burn for seven days. The intentions and those who offered them will be announced in the weekly bulletins. You may purchase your offering at the Parish Council office.

If you would like to have something published in the weekly bulletin, e-mail or bring typed copy to Father Samuel by Wednesday of the week prior to the Sunday you would like it published. If you would like something in the monthly bulletin have it e-mailed or brought to Fr. Samuel two weeks prior to the first of the month it is to be published in.

**We welcome our guests** who are worshipping with us today. Please join us downstairs for refreshments and fellowship. Please sign our guest book.

**For this reason the Lord calls blessed those who are opposed to worldly possessions, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.' Why to the words, 'Blessed are the poor,' does He add, 'in spirit'? So that by this would be shown that He considers blessedness to be the humility of the soul. Why did He not say, blessed are the poor-spirited - and thus would be demonstrated the humility of thinking - but rather He says, 'poor in spirit'? By this He wants to teach us that bodily poverty is also a blessedness, in that through this one can receive the kingdom of heaven, when it is done for the sake of the humility of the soul. This is the case when bodily poverty is united with the humility of the soul and when it is for the person the principle of the humility of the soul. Having called blessed 'those poor in spirit,' He demonstrated in a wonderful way what are the root and cause of the visible poverty of the saints - that is, their spirit.**

*St. Gregory Palamas, Treatise on the Spiritual Life*