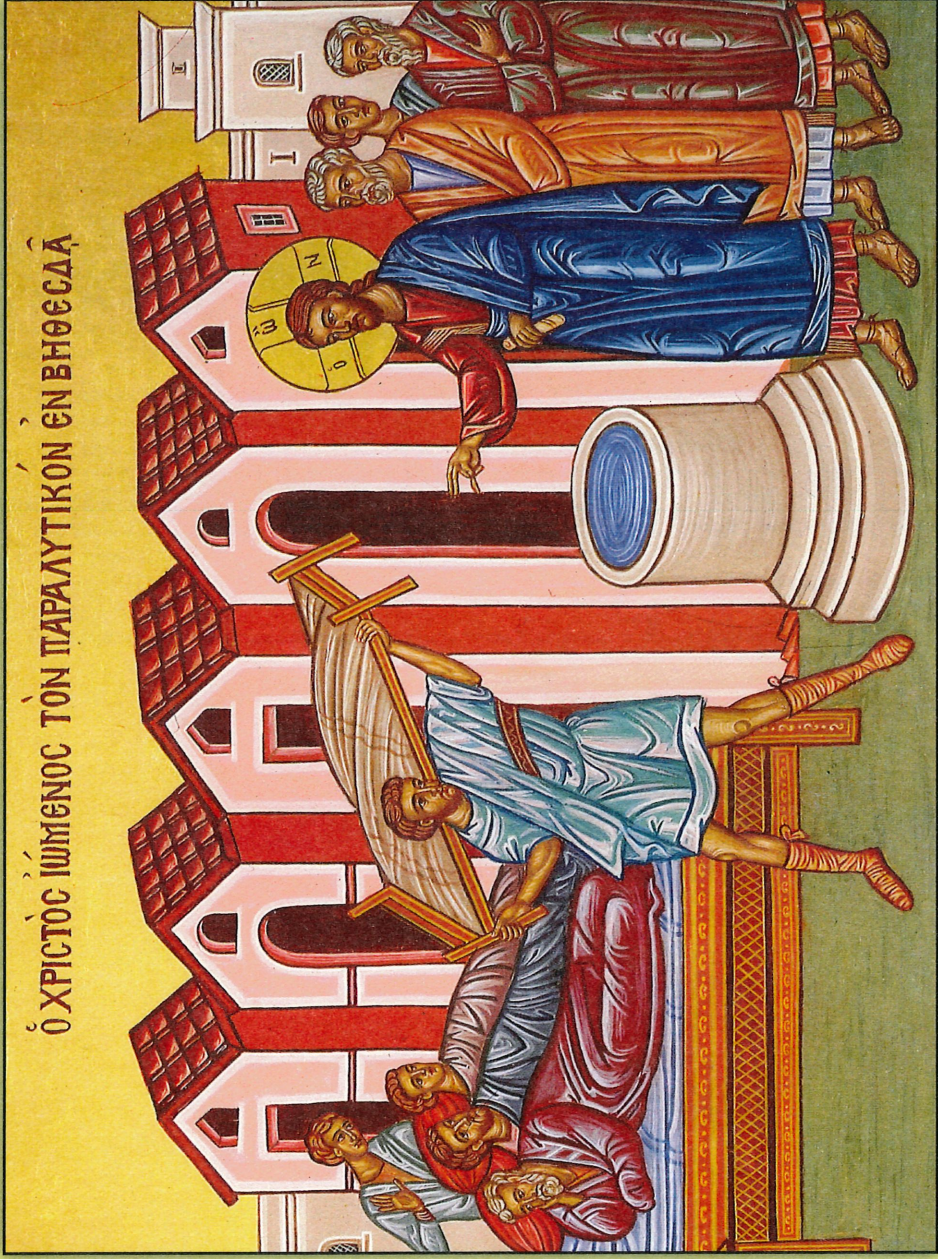


SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN

Ὁ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ἰω̅μενος τὸν παραλυτικὸν ἐν βηθεσδαῖ



Icon of Our Lord Healing the Paralytic

May 3, 2020 – Sunday of the Paralytic Man

Tropar, Kontakion, Prokimenon, Alleluia Festal Tone Acts 9:32-42 John 5:1-15

Sat. May 2 Athanasius the Great, Patriarch

8:00 am Slavonic Divine Liturgy for + Fred Brunarsky by Donor (Livestream)
5:00 pm Great Vespers (Livestream)

Sun. May 3 SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN

10:00 am Matins (Livestream)
11:00 am Divine Liturgy for * Our Parish Family (Livestream)
3:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

Mon. May 4 St. Pelagia, Martyr (+288)

8:00 am Liturgy for +Ann Stefanchik by Roy & Shelly Thornton & George Dubil
(from May 3) (Livestream)
3:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

Tues. May 5 St. Irene, Glorious Martyr (+315)

8:00 am Liturgy for + Margaret Charvat by Marguerite Charvat (from March 22)
(Livestream)
3:00 pm Great Vespers (Livestream)

Wed. May 6 MID-PENTECOST

7:00 am Matins (Livestream)
8:00 am Liturgy for + Frank Lukerchine by Jerry Amato (from March 22)
(Livestream)
3:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

Thur. May 7 Commemoration of the appearance of the Sign of the Cross, formed by stars in heaven

8:00 am Liturgy for +Ann Stefanchik by Mark Papke and Family (Livestream)
3:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

Fri. May 8 St. John the Apostle and Evangelist

8:00 am Liturgy for + Michael Zubovich by Dorothy Duranko (from March 22)
(Livestream)
3:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

Sat. May 9 Translation of the Relics of Nicholas of Myra - Bishop

8:00 am Divine Liturgy for + Betty Jane Kormos by Don Kormos (from March 29)
(Livestream)
5:00 pm Great Vespers (Livestream)

Sun. May 10 SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

10:00 am Matins (Livestream)
11:00 am Divine Liturgy for * Our Parish Family (Livestream)
3:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

PRAY DAILY - have a keep able rule of prayer that you do by discipline. Say the Lord's Prayer several times a day. Any time you have an opportunity to say a prayer, take advantage of it. The devil tries to eliminate your prayer since the prayer eliminates the devil.

- For courage to repent (to go to confession) - **St. John Forerunner, pray for us!** (40x)
- For Peace in the World – **Lord, have mercy!** (40 times)
- For Our Children – **Holy Father Nicholas, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For the Sick and Those in Need – **O Most Holy Trinity, save us!** (40 times)
- For Our Parish – **O Most Holy Theotokos, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For the courage to sing in church – **Holy Father Roman, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For the departed – **Psalms 51, 91, 119 (50, 90, 118 in LXX)**
- Jesus Prayer – **“Lord Jesus Christ,* Son of God,* have mercy on me* a sinner!”**



Every evening before you go to bed, simply go through the whole day and think what you have done right or wrong, do the examination of conscience, and ask the good Lord for forgiveness. Make a sign of the cross over the place where you sleep and say: **“Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my soul and body. Do You Yourself bless me, have mercy on me, and grant me life eternal. Amen.”**

A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE (ALL):

Parishioners of all 4 parishes (Cathedral, Holy Spirit, St. Mary, St. Nicholas Croatian) may continue to mail their donation envelopes to the Parish Office, 5500 West 54th Street, Parma, OH 44129 or simply drop them in the black locked mail box outside the office door. They will then be deposited into the proper church account. ***Please also continue to use your church envelopes when turning in your donations and print your full name on the outside of the envelope, on the line provided. This will help with the recording of your donations in the computer.*** Thank you.

-OR-

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE (ALL): Giving made easy! We now offer electronic giving for all with Churches-GivePlus. You can contribute anywhere, anytime right from your computer, smartphone or tablet. Give online by visiting the website <http://stmarybyz.com/> and clicking on the **Give OnLine Link**. Or download the free GivePlus mobile app from the App Store or Google Play.

Giving online is fast, easy and secure. You can set up single donations, recurring donations and how frequently you wish to give. Online giving can be done either by credit card or a bank account. The first time going to the GivePlus application, create your profile; then login, follow the easy to read screens and make your donation.

DEEPEST SYMPANTY (SM): We extend our deepest sympathy to the Baran family and friends on the passing away of their loved one, **+Alice Baran**. May God grant to his handmaid, **+Alice**, blessed repose and eternal memory. *Vicnaja jeja pamjat!*

Watch the livestream at www.parma.org or www.logos.tv or YouTube LOGOS TV - PARMA
 If you know of someone that does not have access to the internet, reach out to them by phone to keep them informed with updates and encourage them to continue their daily prayer at home.

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL
April 26, 2020

	-	Total	Livestreamed
Cathedral Parish	-	<u>\$ 595.00</u>	<u>\$550.00</u> Online Giving
Holy Spirit Parish	-	<u>\$ 924.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u> Online Giving
St. Mary's Parish	-	<u>\$4,095.00</u>	<u>\$305.00</u> Online Giving
St. Mary 250 Club #76 Gretchen Oleksik - Larry Kirchner, Captain			
St. Nicholas Parish	-	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	

Have you remembered Your Church in your Will and/or Trust?

Thank you and may God reward your generosity!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND CONFINED: St. Mary's – John Krenisky, Kathleen Miller, Mary



Ann Ridilla; Ray Yasenachak; Jean Asmondy; Esther Morganosky; John Anitas; Pat Asmondy; Goldie Barvinchak; Pearl Beningo; Mildred Bobick; JoAnn Chaky; Eva Cook; Seleema Corrigan; Sally Csejpes; Lois Deighton; Dolores Furda; Mary Grauel; Ruthann Hodar, Margaret Huges, Rosemary Kennick; Catherine Kopko; Larry Lantz;

Jean Malinky; Barbara Miterko; Eleen Monoc; Carl Panko; Sue Peterchalk; Janice Pogozelski; Joseph Popik; Art Pordash; Eleen Reese; Dorothy Shevchuck; David Starling; Isabelle Sweeney; Bob & Mary Zelenka.

Cathedral – Martha Loya; Helen Long; Phil Nechvatal; Joe Kaltner; Helen Fredericks; Frank and Rose Lizanich; Carol Morin.

Holy Spirit – Samuel Basalla, Jim Neitzel, Elizabeth Loya; George Hapker; Ken Kalas; Ann Yorko; Janice Misch; Richard Onderak; Suzanne Saiko; Elizabeth Sheppard; Helen Sawchak; Carol Vasil; Helen Alpine; Blanche Gubanich; Andrea Seman; Carol and Richard Bub.

St. Nicholas Croatian – Helen Jeris; Marge Kordic; Walter Badovinac; Mary Ann Zubovich.

Please call Fr. Nathan Adams at (216) 678-0870 (NEW NUMBER) for someone ill or in need of prayer.



THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PARMA

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Prot. No. 58/2020 L
May 1, 2020

DECREE

I, Bishop Milan Lach, S.J. **dispense all the faithful of the Eparchy of Parma from the obligation of attending Sunday Divine Liturgies effective today through, and including, May 17, 2020.** You are not dispensed from prayer on Sunday, the day of prayer and rest.

After a very difficult few weeks of the COVID-19 outbreak and now further developments towards the reopening of businesses, my hope and desire is that we will be able to reopen our churches for public liturgical celebrations on Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2020. With the understanding that our Eparchy encompasses the territory of twelve states, I will be considering the situation in each region respectively and thus some churches may not reopen until a later date.

Every joyful celebration is anticipated with good preparation and so I would like to encourage you, knowing that soon we will be able to joyfully celebrate together again, to prepare yourselves for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and reception of the Holy Eucharist. Even during this pandemic, God is inviting us to think more deeply about ourselves, about Him, about our spiritual life, and about the spiritual meaning of our lives. During this time, God is giving us a great opportunity for a new beginning, a fresh restart. I encourage you and invite you to prepare yourselves by making arrangements with your priest to receive the Mystery of Holy Reconciliation. Please take advantage of this time of grace to spiritually prepare yourselves (an examination of conscience is available at www.parma.org).

For now, liturgical services will continue to be livestreamed at <http://parma.org/live> or may be available through your parish website. All Sunday and weekday services and activities remain suspended for the public. Please know that the priests are celebrating these services privately and praying for you. Baptisms, funerals, and weddings can be celebrated with the immediate family only. Churches may be open for personal prayer only at the dedicated time allotted by your pastor.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, today on May 1, 2020 I entrust the whole Eparchy of Parma to the protection of the Most Holy Theotokos, along with the Bishops of the USA and Canada. Please continue to pray during this month of May with your families, especially praying the Moleben, Akathist, and Paraklesis to the Theotokos (texts are available at www.parma.org) for the protection of Mary, and for those who are infected and dying from this virus in our country and throughout the world. Please also pray for health care workers and our government, as they work to protect our lives.

Yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Milan Lach, S.J.
Bishop of the Eparchy of Parma

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Most Rev. Milan Lach, SJ, Bishop of Parma

Very Rev. Archpriest Marek Visnovsky, Pastor

Rev. Nathan Adams, Assistant Priest

Deacon Joseph Hnat (St. Mary's Parish), Deacon Gregory Loya (Cathedral Parish),

Deacon Robert Cripps (Holy Spirit Parish & St. Nicholas Croatian Parish)

WEEKEND LITURGY SERVICES:

Saturday: 4 pm Great Vespers (SM) and 5 pm Divine Liturgy (SM)

Sunday: 9 am Matins (SM) and 10 am Divine Liturgy (SM)

9:30 am Divine Liturgy (HS) - 11 am Divine Liturgy (CATH) - 12 pm Divine Liturgy (SNC)

HOLY DAY SERVICES: 8:30 am Divine Liturgy (SM) and 7 pm Divine Liturgy (HS)

DAILY SERVICES: 8:30 am Divine Liturgy (SM)

Healing the Heart

A monk, well known for his holiness, once went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. He had the great fortune of visiting many of the places where Jesus lived and taught. One of his great privileges was to visit the Jordan River, where he immersed himself in the very water in which Jesus had been baptized. He was very eager to take some of this Jordan River water back to the monastery.

As he was journeying back to the monastery, however, he encountered a beggar. The beggar wanted nothing more than a sip of water. The monk refused the request, explaining that the only water he had left was very special water from the Jordan River, and it was not for drinking or sharing. The beggar persisted, and the monk grew angry and cursed the beggar. At that

moment the monk heard the words, "My son, you have washed your body in the Jordan River, but you have not washed your heart." With that, the beggar vanished from his sight.

In the Gospel reading today, we hear of Jesus' cure of a paralyzed man near the pool of Bethesda. It was believed that anyone who washed in that pool, during the stirring of the water, would be cured. How wonderful it would be, we might say to ourselves, to have such a pool of healing today. Let us remember that we do not need a pool or any other means of miracles when we have Christ Himself. Our Risen Lord, Who has power over death, certainly has dominion over illness and our bodies as well. Sometimes, however, He desires for us a healing of the heart, before a healing of the body.