St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Tone 3 | **May 3, 2026** | Eothinon 5

Sunday of the Paralytic

Martyrs Timothy the reader and his wife Maura of Egypt; Peter, archbishop of Argolis

Today's Reader: Ryan Jackson

Next Sunday – May 10, 2026

Reader for May 10, 2026: **Jay Roudebush**

Commemorations and Bread Offering: **Suresh & Anna Thomas**

Luncheon for Next Sunday will be prepared by
The Men's Fellowship of St. Seraphim of Sarov In Honor of the Mothers of Our Parish

Bread for the Holy Oblation is Offered for the health & salvation of Sdn. James, Nancy, Ina, Julianna, Chris, Nora, Katherine, Jason, Jay Edison, Grace and Hellen,, Paul, Dot, and Quincy.; the members of the Nemitz, McClung, Barna, Hedrick, Quick, Richmond, Terrell, Hill, Lippard, Fultz, Wallace, Campbell, Edwards, Bivens, Houck, Schmidt, Nystrom, Henry and Holbrook families.

It is also offered in loving memory of Patricia, Walter, Helen Elaine, Henry, Victor, Eugene, Earnestine, Steve, Luke, Danny and Mandy, David, Helen and the departed members of the Nemitz, McClung, Barna, Hedrick, Quick, Richmond, Terrell, Hill, Lippard, Fultz, Wallace, Campbell, Edwards, Bivens, Houck, Schmidt, Nystrom, Henry and Holbrook families.

"the Disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11:26)

Please note that **Holy Communion is reserved for members of the Holy Orthodox Church** who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession. However, all are welcome to partake of the blessed bread at the dismissal.

Please join us during our fellowship at the
Coffee Hour immediately after the Divine Liturgy.

Important Announcements . . .

Next Sunday is your last opportunity to make a donations for the Food For Hungry People Program. If you would like to contribute, please make a check made out to St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, earmarked "Food for Hungry" and one check will be sent to the Archdiocese for the total amount collected.

Important Schedule Notes

- **The Parish Council Meeting that was scheduled for today *will be rescheduled* - please watch your email an announcement of the new time and day.**
- **The Choir Practice that was scheduled for today *has been cancelled.***
- **There will be a Youth Activity today at 1pm. See Francis Deighan for details.**
- **Next Sunday we will honor our Mothers on Mother's Day—the Luncheon will be prepared by the Men's Fellowship of St. Seraphim of Sarov.**
- **Also, next Sunday is the last day that our beloved Francis Deighan will be with us before his move to Alaska. Join us in prayers for him after the Liturgy.**

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!
Christos Anesti! Alethos Anesti! (Greek)
Al-Maseeu qam! Haqqan qam! (Arabic)
Christos Vokrese! Voistinu Voskrese! (Slavonic)

"Blessings Box" Collection Update

Beloved in Christ,
This year, we are collecting non-perishable food for our new BLESSING BOX! PLEASE KEEP BRINGING FOOD so that we may continue to stock our shelves and have food to stock adequately. We need to continue our efforts in providing food for those who are truly Hungry. God bless everyone for your holy efforts!

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Troparion of the Resurrection, *in the Third Tone*

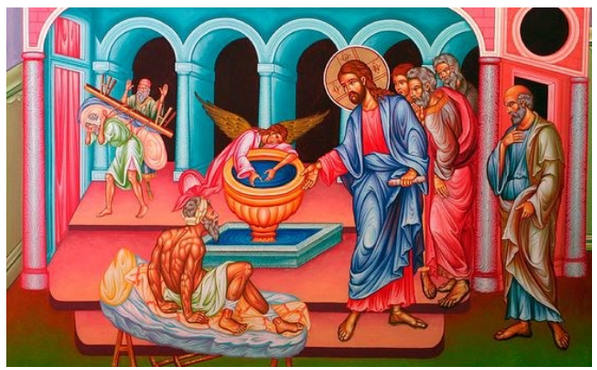
Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

Troparion of St. Nicholas, *in the Fourth Tone*

Thy righteous acts have manifested thee to thy flock as a model of faith, a reflection of humility, and a teacher of abstinence, O Father Bishop Nicholas. Therefore, through humility thou hast achieved exaltation, and through poverty riches. Intercede thou with Christ to save our souls.

Kontakion of Pascha, *in the Eighth Tone*

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.



Epistle

Acts 9:32-42

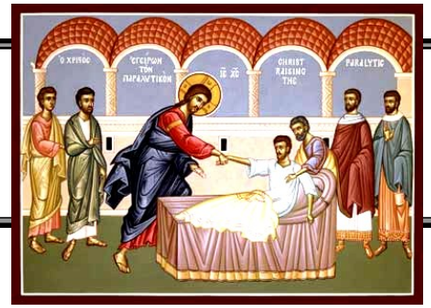
Prokeimenon: Sing praises to our God, sing praises.
Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations.

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 Aene'as, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aene'as, 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.

Gospel

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 Beth-za'tha, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed. 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.



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Close to the Sheep's gate in Jerusalem, there was a pool, which was called the Sheep's Pool. It had round about it five porches, that is, five sets of pillars supporting a domed roof. Under this rood there lay very many sick people with various maladies, awaiting the moving of the water, because an angel of the Lord came down to the pool at a certain season and troubled the water. The first to step in after the troubling of the waters was healed immediately of whatever malady he had.

It was there that the paralytic of today's Gospel was lying, tormented by his infirmity of thirty-eight years. When Christ beheld him, He asked him, "Wilt thou be made whole?" And he answered with a quiet and meek voice, "Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool." The Lord said to him, "Rise, take up thy bed and walk." And straightway the man was made whole and took up his bed. Walking in the presence of all, he departed rejoicing to his own house. According to the expounders of the Gospels, the Lord Jesus healed this paralytic during the days of the Passover, when He had gone to Jerusalem for the Feast, and dwelt there teaching and working miracles. According to Saint John the Evangelist, this miracle took place on the Sabbath.

The Word of Christ was strength for the paralytic,
And thus this word alone was his healing.

By Thy boundless Mercy, O Christ our God, have Mercy on us. Amen.

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

Please keep in you prayers the following , as their loved ones have make Paschal offerings asking that they be remembered:

For The Living

Johnson's, Mararenko's. Vandell's,
Gattaullin's and Soyring's Families

For the Departed

Jamie and James Tomaino
Nelly Marinor
Gary Carter
Roman, Zinaida, Anastasia,
and other Friends and Family

Calendar: April-June 2026

5/3/2026 (Sun)		Sunday of the Paralytic
5/6/2026 (Wed)		Feast of Mid-Pentecost
5/10/2026 (Sun)		Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
5/17/2026 (Sun)		Sunday of the Blindman
5/20/2026 (Wed)		Leave-taking of Pascha
5/20/2026 (W/ed)	6:00 pm	Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord
5/21/2025 (Thu)		Feast of the Ascension
5/24/2026 (Sun)		Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council
5/30/2026 (Sat)	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for All Souls Saturday
5/31/2026 (Sun)		Holy Pentecost
6/1/2026 (Mon)		Holy Spirit Day
6/7/2026 (Sun)		All Saints Day
The Apostle's Fast 6/8/2026 - 6/28/2026		
6/24/2026		Feast of the Nativity of the Forerunner John the Baptist
6/29/2026 (Mon)	10:00 am	Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul
6/30/2026 (Tue)		Synaxis of the 12 Apostles

Calendar for the Week of May 3, 2026	Great & Holy Week
Sunday—May 3, 2026 Sunday the Paralytic **9:25 am - Orthros** **10:30 am - Divine Liturgy** **1:00 pm - Youth Activity: Hike at Sandstone**	Timothy and Marua the Martyrs
Monday— May 4, 2026	Pelagia the Martyr
Tuesday—May 5, 2026	Irene the Great among Martyrs
Wednesday—May 6, 2026 Feast of Mid-Pentecost **Note: We will not be serving the Midweek Vespers until further notice.**	Job of Many Contests
Thursday—May 7, 2026	Anniversary of the Sign of the Cross which appeared in the sky in Jerusalem
Friday—May 8, 2026	John the Evangelical Apostle
Saturday—May 9, 2026 **5:00 pm Great Vespers** **Confessions afterward**	Isaiah the Prophet; Christopher the Martyr
Sunday—May 10, 2026 Sunday the Samaritan Woman **9:25 am - Orthros** **9:30 am - High School 10:00 am – Youth Ministry** **10:30 am - Divine Liturgy** **After Liturgy- Junior &Youngsters Church School** **Happy Mother's Day!**	The Apostle Simon the Zealot

Please note that Confessions are heard at the time noted above in the coming week's schedule, or by appointment by calling Fr. Samuel at: (304) 254-0470, (304) 562-9129, or (304) 541-8550.