Know Your Church . . . Laity Formation

In today's Epistle and Gospel, we hear about healing. Through Jesus Christ, we are healed. Jesus healed the paralytic by saying "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 knew the man's heart and knew he wanted to be healed. Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. St. Peter in the Epistle healed a paralyzed man in the name of Jesus Christ. This is why the Church can have the councils to make rules for us to follow. This authority was given to the Church from Jesus Himself. The 7 Ecumenical Councils give us everything we need to understand the Christian religion. This is why the Catholic and Orthodox Churches have Apostolic succession. No other churches in the Christian world can claim this, no matter how much they stretch the truth or grasp for this to be true. The Church of the first century is the true church. The 7 Ecumenical Councils gave us the clarifications needed to follow Christ the true way. So being part of the Church, we need to look at the healings that we are given. We have Healing of the Sick. When we are ill, the priest will anoint us with blessed oil and recite prayers of healing. We have confession. Confession is to help us. Our bodies are the structure of our soul. The body needs to be fed and taken care of to stay healthy. Sins and ways of the world will make our foundation shift, crumble and sink. The way to keep the foundation strong is through confession. Confession is therapy for the soul. It helps us to see our structural damage and fix it. We are paralyzed by sin and need to go to confession. Remember, no one is perfect but Jesus Christ. The priest goes to confession, too. We are to help each other draw closer to Jesus. The Gospels give us ways to draw nearer to God. We need to model ourselves after the people we meet in the Gospels. We had the Gospel about St. Thomas doubting the resurrection and Jesus saying, "Blessed are those who believe and have not seen." Last Sunday we had the Myrrh -bearing women who were told by the angel about the resurrection. This week it's the paralytic who wanted to be healed. Next week it's the Samarian Woman and how the Lord knows everything about her and her conversion and how she tells everyone about Jesus. The week after is about the man born blind and how Jesus opens his eyes figuratively and physically. These are all people who made a confession to Jesus and amended their lives. With humility comes wisdom and with wisdom comes knowing Christ. Christ came and humbled Himself for the sake of all of us. Let us come closer to Christ. Let us ask Him for help and healing. Let us not paralyze ourselves and live Christ-like.



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# Our Weekly Bulletin

Week of April 25 to May 2, 2021

# Welcome to our Parish

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week		
Sunday, Apr 25	Sunday of the Paralytic	Mike Lutak
Apr 26	No Liturgy	
Apr 27	No Liturgy	
Apr 28	No Liturgy	
Apr 29	No Liturgy	
Apr 30	No Liturgy	0,,,,
May 1	No Liturgy	
Sunday, May 2	Sunday of the Samaritan Woman	₩ Casimir Zajdel

If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part of our family in Christ. You have found your way home.

# 4th Sunday of Pascha - The Paralytic

Acts 9:32-42

John 5:1-15

#### *Troparion (Tone 3)*

Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead; He saved us from the abyss of Hades and granted great mercy to the world.

### Kondakion (Tone 3)

Glory be ... Lord, as of old You raised the Paralytic, lift my soul by Your divine presence, for by my many sins and foolish actions, I, too, am now afflicted and crippled. Raise me, that being saved I may cry to You: Glory to Your power, O merciful Christ.

#### Kondakion (Tone 8)

Now and forever... Though You descended into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You destroyed the power of Hades; and You rose as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice! And giving peace to Your Apostles: You, who granted Resurrection to the fallen.

# Prokeimen (Tone 1)

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have hoped in You.

verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have hoped in You.

#### Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse Of Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing forever;

with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse For You have said, "Mercy will be established forever."

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

# Communion Verse

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia. (3)

# **PARISH NEWS**

Weekly Collection - April 17, 2021 - \$285.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**Confessions** - Father will hear confessions following Sunday Liturgies.

**Safety Precautions** - With the increase in cases of the virus and to keep our church open, remember to social distance and wear a mask

Saturdays with Jesus - The next meeting will be:

Saturday, May 8, 2021-2:00PM. - Children from 5 to 11

Saturday, May 15, 2021 - 10:00AM - adults

**Mother's Day Treat** - A lite luncheon will be served to **everyone** to honor all mothers: those who have passed, those who are and those who will be.

Ascension Day - There will Divine liturgy for the Ascension of our Lord May 12 at 6:00PM.

**Blessing of Graves** - May 30th is the tentative date for the blessing of graves at Holy Name Cemetery following the Sunday Liturgy. A Panakhyda will be prayer for all of the deceased families of the parishioners then the graves will be blessed for those buried at the cemetery.

# **Prayer List**

Parishioners: Michael Lutak, Kathy Ott, Michael Yendzik, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer,

Michael Lutak Jeremiah Hunt

Friends of the Parish: Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Mark Prewitt,

Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Fr. Wolodymyr Woloszczuk, Steve Helsel,

Patricia Dragani, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Sherman family, the Williams family.

To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.

# Joke of the Day

I went to the paint store to get thinner. I didn't work.

A crazy wife says to her husband that moose are falling from the sky. The husband says, it's reindeer.

Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon? I heard the food was good but it had no atmosphere.

A man sued an airline company after it lost his luggage. Sadly, he lost his case Never trust an atom, they make up everything!

Waking up this morning was an eye-opening experience.

Never discuss infinity with a mathematician, they can go on about it forever.