Today is a feast day for all of us paralytics. Today, we to a certain degree are meeting our name-day, our feast day. Who among us can boast that he is strong, courageous, bearing all the misfortunes of this age, fulfilling all of Christ's commandments? The Apostle Paul says: Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, cin distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong. But the Apostle did not deprive himself of one thing: strong faith and undoubting hope in the Savior. "The power of God is made perfect in weakness!" How can the world, which does not believe in God and preaches that man is perfect, understand this? The Lord came into the world to save paralytic sinners, and us among them. If the soul is united with its Creator and God, then it becomes the most beautiful, the most precious of everything that is on earth. In the lives of each one of us there will still be moments of weakness and failures, of what we call paralysis. They can last for many years, just as with the paralytic at the Sheep pool, of which the Gospel speaks. This paralytic lay for many years awaiting healing. But he believed that a messenger of God would come and heal him.

Let us not recognize ourselves as strong, because our strength is Christ alone. Let us never recognize ourselves as indestructible and not prone to sin, because we are fallen people. And let us strive not to lose faith in Christ, because the Lord Jesus Christ is eternally powerful and has the power to save us not only from temporal passions and misfortunes. The Lord, "trampling down death by death," can give eternal life to us, who one day will be in the grave, and will free us from this eternal and final paralysis. Let us sincerely, with all our strength, strive towards correction, struggling against the evil and sin living within us. Let us firmly believe that our Lord Jesus Christ will help us in this. He loves us, because we are His children. We, who recognize ourselves as paralytics and asking help from our Heavenly Father, will not be left behind, for He gives us His invincible power. Only by this are we strong – just as only by this were the Apostles, Confessors, Venerable Ones, and Martyrs strong. Archimandrite Tikhon (Shevkunov)

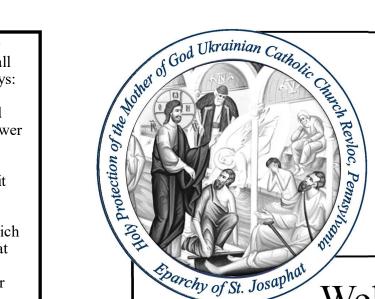


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# Our Weekly Bulletin

Welcome to our Parish

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

#### Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week Sunday, Sunday of the Paralytic Mike Lutak Apr 21 Apr 22 No Liturgy Apr 23 No Liturgy No Liturgy Apr 24 No Liturgy Apr 25 No Liturgy Apr 26 Apr 27 No Liturgy Sunday, Sunday of the Samaritan Woman Apr 28

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 kid friendly 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.

## 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) Weekly Collection - April 14, 2024 - \$410.00. Thank you for your generosity. Sunday - \$205.00 Dues - \$5.00 Improvements - \$20.00 Misc.- \$160.00 Pyrohi - \$20.00 Relief for Ukraine - Amount collected to date \$6,483.00.

# **PARISH NEWS**

Saturdays with Jesus - Catechism classes will be May 11th

Adults class from 10 to 12 and Children 1:30 to 3:00PM

**50th Anniversary** - April 28 will mark the 50th anniversary of the dedication of our current church building. There will be a dinner following the Divine Liturgy.

Bus Trip to Sight & Sound - Payments are due: first half by May 5th and remainder by June 2nd Vacation Bible School - July 29 through August 2 for all school age children. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help, please see Fr. Deacon Chris or Edna.

#### **Prayer List**

**Parishioners:** Millie & Steve Deskevich, Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, the Lutak family, Jeremiah Hunt, Margaret Reighard.

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

Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Sonya Kohan Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Kevin Blem,

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

