

Sunday of the Paralytic

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."

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Readings

Epistle Acts 9:32-42
Gospel John 5: 1-15

Tone 3 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world// great mercy.

Tone 3 Kontakion (Pentecostarion)

By Thy divine intercession, O Lord, as Thou didst raise up the Paralytic of old, so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts; so that being saved I may sing to Thee:// “Glory to Thy power, O compassionate Christ!”

Tone 8 Kontakion (Pascha)

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming, “Rejoice!” to the Myrrhbearing Women, // granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

This Week at St. Herman's

Sunday, May 23rd– *Sunday of the Paralytic*

- 9:30 AM—Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, May 25th– *3rd Finding of the Head of John the Baptist*

- 6:30 PM—Vespers

Wednesday, May 26th– *Midfeast of Pentecost*

Fish Wine & Oil

- 6:30 AM—Divine Liturgy

Saturday, May 29th - *Virgin Martyr Theodosia of Tyre*

- 6:30 PM—Great Vespers + Confessions

