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Sunday Worship: Orthros 9:00 AM, Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM.

Sunday, April 25, 2010

Sunday of the Paralytic

The Tone for this day is the Third - The Morning Gospel of the Orthros is the Fifth (Luke 24:12-35)

Epistle Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:32-42

Gospel Reading: John 5:1-15;



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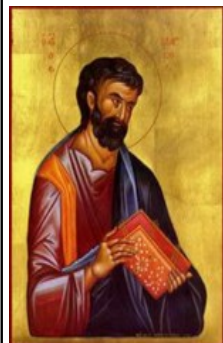


SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

Close to the Sheep's 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 roof there lay very many sick people with various maladies, awaiting the moving of the water. The first to step in after the troubling of the water was healed immediately of whatever malady he had. It was there that the paralytic of today's Gospel lay 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 unto

him, "Rise, take up thy bed, and walk." And straightaway 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.

MARK THE APOSTLE & EVANGELIST



Mark was an idolater from Cyrene of Pentapolis, which is near Libya. Having come to the Faith of Christ through the Apostle Peter, he followed him to Rome. While there, at the prompting of Peter himself and at the request of the Christians living there, he wrote his Gospel in Greek, and it is second in order after Matthew's. Afterwards, travelling to Egypt, he preached the Gospel there and was the first to establish the Church in Alexandria. The idolaters, unable to bear his preaching, seized him, bound him with ropes, and dragged him through the streets until he, cut to pieces on rocks, gave up his soul. It is said that he completed his life in martyrdom about the year 68. He is depicted in holy icons with a lion next to him, one of the living creatures mentioned by Ezekiel (1:10), and a symbol of Christ's royal office, as Saint Irenaeus of Lyons writes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE



Calling all volunteers! We need your help! Please join your fellow parishioners in supporting the Spring Festival. Join us Wednesday, April 28th at 7:00 pm in the church basement for our volunteer kickoff meeting. For more information, contact the Cathedral office or James Charles, Festival Chairman, at 202-255-5516.

Our Annual Spring Festival to be held on **May 14, 15 and 16** is just around the corner. The Festival Committee is asking for your generous financial support to help defray the costs of the event. We receive only a few donations of food products and financial donations in the past have been nominal. Please make a generous contribution to help us make the festival profitable. A receipt for tax deduction purposes will be provided. For more information please call the office at 202-333-4730.

ATTIC TREASURES ARE BACK!

Please bring any items at home that you want to contribute to the Attic Treasures Tent to the Cathedral office prior to the Spring Festival. Sample items of things to bring are books, jewelry, working electrical items, and sporting goods.

ORTHODOX ICONS

Many of you have ICONS in your possession, which are not actively venerated. The Cathedral will welcome donations of these Icons for sale at the Spring Festival. Proceeds will benefit the general fund of the Cathedral. Please call Presvytera Harriett Tavlarides at 202-966-2960.

ANNUAL MERCEDES-BENZ RAFFLE

Only 1,000 tickets will be sold so you have a terrific chance of winning a brand new 2010 Mercedes-Benz GLK 350 4-Matic Luxury SUV or \$40,000 in CASH!

The drawing will be held at the Saint Sophia Cathedral on May 16th at 8:00 P.M. The tickets are \$100 each and all proceeds go to the Cathedral general operating fund. The winner need not be present to win. Licensed by the D.C. Lottery and Charitable Games Control Board.

YAL COOKOUT

Please join us today, from 1-4 pm for a YAL cookout! Come rain or shine, catch up with friends and meet some new ones over some hot dogs, hamburgers, and fun outdoor activities. All ages are welcome! There is a \$5 charge for adults and children under 12 are free. Please bring your own drinks. The cookout will be held from 1:00-4:30 pm outside.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GOYA

KINGS DOMINION TRIP

SATURDAY MAY 22, 2010

In order to secure a group rate for the tickets, we need to know how many will be able to attend by April 18th. The ticket price is \$35.00 per participant, and all family members are welcome. GOYA will again be providing lunch for everyone. No bus transportation will be provided. However, we have several families with large vehicles who will be happy to provide transportation. Please either e-mail Eleni Planzos at esplanzos@verizon.net, or call her at 301-871-9196, for more info.

CATHEDRAL TOURS

Presvytera Harriett will be the tour guide for a group from Catholic University on Friday April 30th.

Save the Date

Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral
Presents

The 2010 Fall Gala

“WHITE CHRISTMAS”

Saturday, November 13, 2010

Details and Invitations coming soon!

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Blessed are You, O Christ our God. You showed the fishermen to be wise in all things when You sent down the Holy Spirit on them; and through them You drew the world into Your net. O Lover of humanity, glory to You.



Hospital Calls: Our priests make hospital calls upon request. However, to avoid misunderstandings, they will only respond to the call of an immediate family member of the hospitalized person.

Change of Address and Phone Number. Please inform the Church office for change of address and phone number prior to your moving. Thank you!



CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE



Visit the Cathedral Bookstore in the Auditorium after Liturgy today for a large selection of theological and liturgical books, icons, Byzantine music CDs, and tapes. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Anastasia Boudouvas about our Easter Specials on books and CDs. Some items are also available online.

Please note:

Deadline for announcements for the Sunday Bulletin is **THURSDAY 12:00 Noon.**

Please submit notices to the Church Office by mail, fax or e-mail.