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Healing the Heart

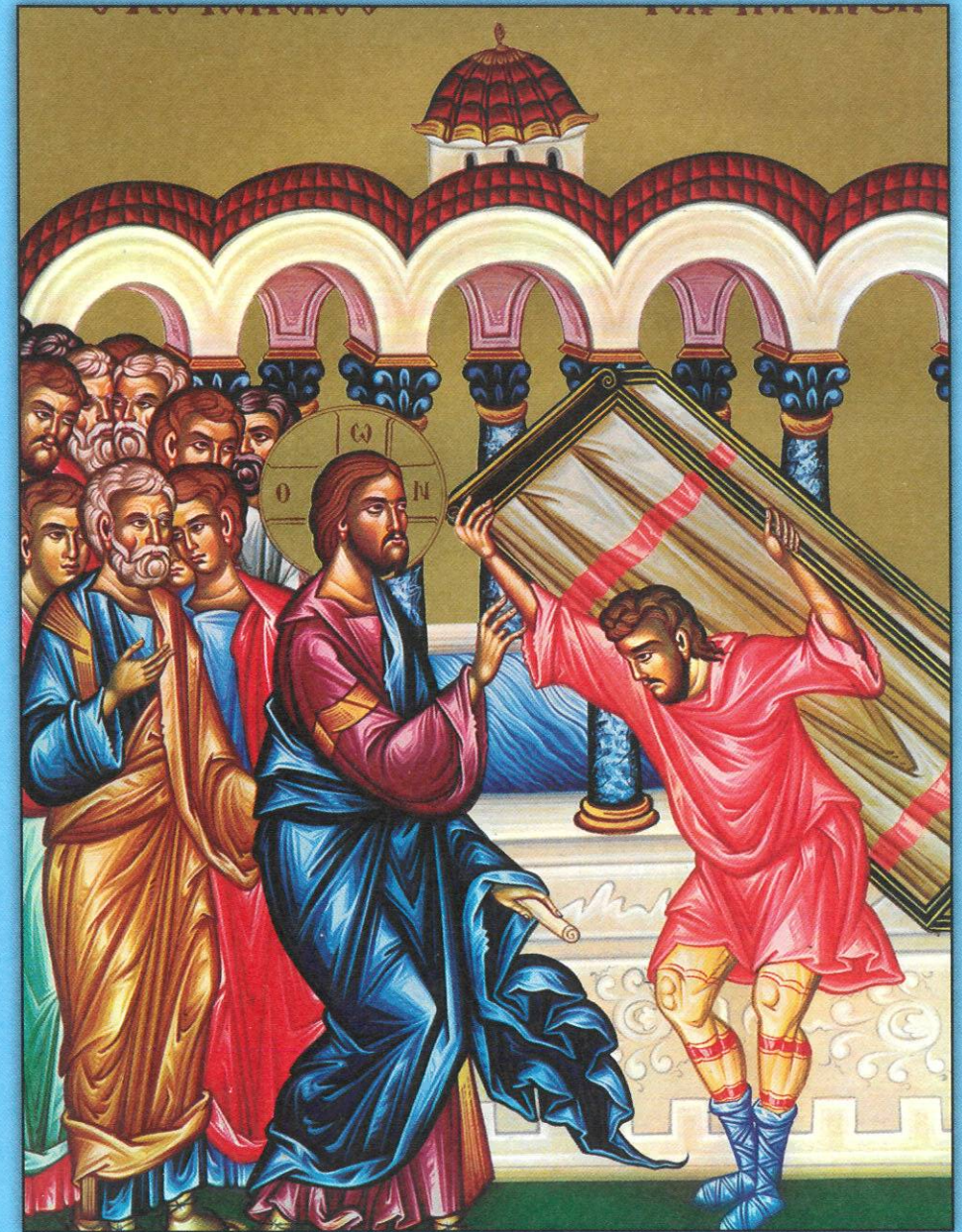
A monk, well known for his holiness, once went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. He had the great fortune of visiting many of the places where Jesus lived and taught. One of his great privileges was to visit the Jordan River, where he immersed himself in the very water in which Jesus had been baptized. He was very eager to take some of this Jordan River water back to the monastery.

As he was journeying back to the monastery, however, he encountered a beggar. The beggar wanted nothing more than a sip of water. The monk refused the request, explaining that the only water he had left was very special water from the Jordan River, and it was not for drinking or sharing. The beggar persisted, and the monk grew angry and cursed the beggar. At that moment the monk heard the words,

“My son, you have washed your body in the Jordan River, but you have not washed your heart.” With that, the beggar vanished from his sight.

In the Gospel reading today, we hear of Jesus' cure of a paralyzed man near the pool of Bethesda. It was believed that anyone who washed in that pool, during the stirring of the water, would be cured. How wonderful it would be, we might say to ourselves, to have such a pool of healing today. Let us remember that we do not need a pool or any other means of miracles when we have Christ Himself. Our Risen Lord, Who has power over death, certainly has dominion over illness and our bodies as well. Sometimes, however, He desires for us a healing of the heart, before a healing of the body.

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN



Icon of the Paralytic Man

**Sunday of the Paralytic Man
Festal Tone**

Welcome to the parish communities of SS. Peter and Paul and St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Churches of Minersville and Saint Clair, Pennsylvania. We greet and welcome you to our Church. Our Church is a holy place. Our Church is where we get together in Jesus' Name. It is holy because we come here to worship, to be nourished in faith through Sacred Scripture and preaching, to open our hearts and minds to celebrate the mystery of salvation in Jesus Christ and to dedicate ourselves to a life of holiness and service to the Lord and others. The church building itself reflects this faith and calls us to enter into communion with God. We invite you to share our faith in Jesus Christ, to experience our worship and to live a life dedicated to the service of God and one another in Jesus' Name.

May 8 – May 14, 2022

All Divine Services are livestreamed where noted

Saturday Vigil of Sunday (at SS Peter & Paul)

4:00 p. m. +**George Sinko** req. by MM Ray Williams

Sunday

8:00 a.m. +**Mary Marencin** req. by Dorothy Rice (at St. Mary)

10:00 a.m. **Health & Blessing of the Parishioners** (at SS. Peter & Paul)
livestreamed

Tuesday

8:00 a.m. +**Anna Lutz** req. by MM Melvin Koppenhaver

Wednesday

8:00 a.m. +**John Cohrac** req. by Dollie Deneka

Thursday

8:00 a.m. +**Mary Hubb** req. by George & Marg Davis

Friday

8:00 a.m. +**Michael Manzick** req. by MM Jack Motto

Saturday Vigil of Sunday (at SS Peter & Paul)

4:00 p.m. +**Anna Berzulak** req. by MM Michael De Stefan

Epistle Readers: 4/23 – Gail Burgess; 4/24 – Dolores Kramer 4/30 Marie Wanchick; – Laura Mitchell; 5/1 – Ellen Sinkovich; 5/7 – Paulette Murphy; 5/8 – Beverly Kostishak; 5/14 – Laura Mitchell; 5/15 – Jennifer Keer; 5/21 – Gail Burgess; 5/22 – Judy Kostura; 5/26 – Ellen Sinkovich; 5/28 – Dolores Kramer; 5/29 – Paulette Murphy. (If you cannot be present for any time, kindly contact another reader to cover for you).

Candle Offering: Icon of the Theotokos: For Peace in Ukraine; offered by Donna Hashin

Next Sunday: Our Homemade Chicken Dinner. Take Out Only. Donation \$15.00 available from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Reservations required by Tuesday, May 10. Don't delay.

Following this dinner, we will begin a \$35,000 kitchen renovation to better serve our needs in our future fund-raising projects. Refrigerator/freezer capacity will be increased as well as cooking surface/oven space.

Currently work is being done to eliminate a water leak that is impacting the air compressor on the air conditioning system.

Soon, the parking area behind the church will be resurfaced and the wooden separation for the rectory patio will be replaced.

The control system for the bells is inoperable and will be replaced as well in some point in time.

You are well aware from your own home ownership, that repairs and upgrade projects are ongoing and nothing gets less expensive as time elapses, hence the need to be attentive to maintenance concerns as soon as is evident. The phrase "Sam, can you spare a dime," for you repairs and maintenance envelopes is appropriate at this time. Any increase will be appreciated.

Happy Mother's Day

God grant to our living Mothers, many years; and to our deceased Mothers, eternal memory.

Did You Know That ...

...the highest reward for a person's efforts is not what they get for it, but what they become by it?

...opportunity merely knocks on the door while temptation kicks the door in?

...when it comes right down to it, the secret of a good life is loving a good life?

...you will arrive at the age when you must prove you are as good as you never were?

...to be a good listener, you must encourage others to talk about themselves?

...a person's name to that person is the sweetest and most important sound in any language?

...the first part of success in the spiritual life is "get-to-it-iveness"; the second part is "stick-to-it-iveness"?

...life without a mission is a terrible omission?

...there are costs and risks to a program of spiritual action, but they are far less than the long-range risks and cost of comfortable inaction?

...you have reached middle age when you try to get most of your exercise taking it easy?

...everyone is born a genius?

...one of the best ways to measure people is how they behave when something free is offered?

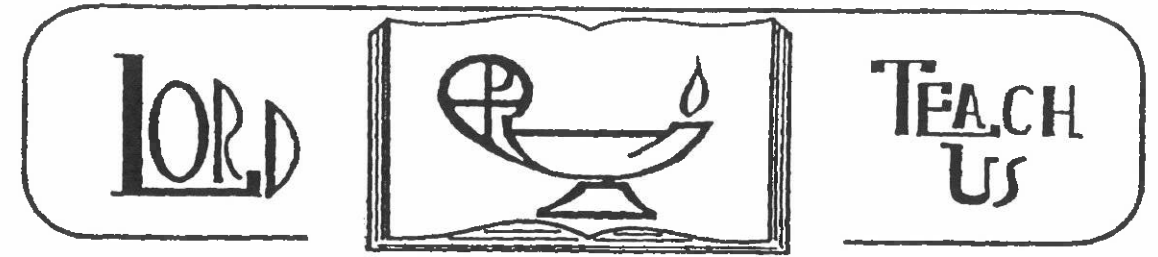
...the shortest way to do many things is to do one thing at a time?

...success is not measured by how high you fly but how high you bounce?

...you know you're doing something right when you start being copied?

...extraordinary people are most often ordinary people with extraordinary determination?

...most important battles in life have to be fought more than once to be won?



God Answers Prayer

"Ask and you shall receive. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and it will be opened to you. For the one who asks, receives. The one who seeks, finds. The one who knocks, enters. Would one of you hand his son a stone when he asks for a loaf, or a poisonous snake when he asks for a fish? If you, with all your sins, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to anyone who asks him" Matthew 7: 7 - 11.

He told them a parable on the necessity of praying always and not losing heart: "I tell you, he will give them swift justice. But when the son of man comes, will he find any faith on earth" Luke 18: 1, 8?

"Again, I tell you, if two of you join your voices on earth to pray for anything whatever, it shall be granted you by my Father in heaven. Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst" Matthew 18: 19, 20.

Whenever you pray, go to your room, close your door, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees what no man sees, will repay you Matthew 6: 6.

I give you my word, if you are ready to believe that you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer, it shall be done for you Mark 11: 24.

The Lord is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth. He fulfills the desire of those who fear him, he hears their cry and saves them Psalms 145: 18, 19.

ALL FOR LOVE

Nothing can compensate for a lack of love; whereas love makes up for everything else. +++ If you could only see who it is that asks you: Be mine! Is it time to finally open your eyes? +++ Happy is the soul that loves in truth. - Through love, the Lord Himself becomes our prisoner. +++ What endows Holy Communion with its pre-eminent value is the God's love that fills our heart ore, during and after receiving. +++ Love of God is the remedy for all ills. How precious must be the love man is able to render if the infinite God descends to desire it! +++ When the time has come for you to say good-bye to life on earth forever, only then will you understand fully how right you were in letting yourself be carried away by the current of the love of God. +++ You remain vulnerable to all the things of this world as long as you do not learn the art of a perfect love for God. +++ God has no use for souls that abound in knowledge, but are devoid of love. +++ The devil fears only those whose love for God knows no limits. +++ Poor is the man who prefers to chase the vanities of the world instead of giving them up truly and vitally for the love of God. +++ He cheats himself immeasurably who pursues worldly values and ignores God's love. +++ Nothing more wonderful can be said of any man than this: he loves God with all his heart. +++ Longing for the treasures of this world dies in the heart of the man in whom the fire of divine love is aglow. +++ Zeal is an effect of love; the man who is not zealous does not love. +++ Fire is never satisfied; neither is the love of God. +++ You like to enjoy mail from the person you care for, no matter how disagreeable the mailman happens to be who brings you the letter. In like manner, if you are attached to God through love, you will be glad to receive his message, be it joy or suffering. +++ Nothing gives more strength and comfort than love. +++ Where there is love, there is joy; where there is great love, there is great joy. +++ If your heart is filled with a deep, but burning love for Christ, your imperfections are bound to disappear like the warm rays of the sun melt the snow on the ground. +++ A God-loving soul simply cannot bear to offend Jesus willingly. +++ The man whose only ambition is to please the Lord will always seek that which is frugal, simple, inconspicuous and full of love. One thing is certain; when the powerful holy love of God breaks into your life, it changes everything completely. +++

A Mistaken Idea

People on the outside looking in at our Byzantine Catholic Church often accuse us of not being missionary minded, of not fulfilling Christ's command, "Go and teach all nations..." (Mark 16: 15). We who are faithful to the Lord must strive to overcome a self-centered concern with ourselves and seek to promote an even greater unity within our faith community, helping as much as possible those who are our fellow communicants to come to a deeper understanding of ourselves as apostles to the world, the neighborhood in which we reside, in the place where we are employed and to give such a compelling witness and example of our devotion to the Risen Saviour, so others will also be drawn to Him. It is not only the gospel message of our Lord alone, but the actual directive on this great feast day of heaven itself. Did not the angelic messenger challenge the pious women, when they discovered the empty tomb, "He is risen, he is not here...go quickly and tell..." Matthew 28: 6, 7.

So we must also tell what Christ means to us. We must give evidence for our faith commitment. We must also resurrect our faith and make it work for Christ. So this abiding feast day does make us missionaries. It transforms us into people who must speak about what we have encountered and experienced. We are missionaries for the cause of Christ the Saviour of the world, or else we assist in spreading the gospel of worldliness, of the devil himself.

Each of us, in virtue of our baptism which celebrates and makes personal the Resurrection mystery for each of us, imparts to others a living commitment to the Risen Saviour. Christ addresses this as our most important vocation. The Resurrection feast tells us to take our faith commitment out of the darkness of the tomb into the brightness of truth and wonder. Christ does not excuse our reticence and silence, but challenges us. Holy Mother Church, likewise does not gloss over our responsibility to be evangelizers in our own homes, in our neighborhoods, on our jobs sites.

Let us take up the baton of faith and run courageously and zealously with it. Let us share what we have received. Let us draw into the light of salvation other souls. Let us elevate our own faith commitment that it will be adequate enough infuse life into luke-warm souls. Let us take this message of Christ is Risen into the world!