

THE LIGHT OF THE EAST



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WEEKEND DIVINE SERVICES

Sat.: 7 PM [Festal Evening Prayer]

Sun.: 9 AM [Morning Prayer] 10 AM [Divine Liturgy]

**Mystery of Holy Repentance [Confessions]: AFTER Saturday
Evening Prayer or ANYTIME by appointment**

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 26, 2015

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN.

The Holy Martyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea.

**PLEASE COME FORWARD AFTER THE DIVINE LITURGY;
KISS THE HOLY ICONS, KISS THE HAND CROSS [OR RECEIVE
THE HOLY ANOINTING], & PARTAKE OF THE ANTIDORAN
[BLESSED BREAD].**

<u>SAT. APR. 25</u>	7:00 PM	FESTAL EVENING PRAYER
	8:00 PM	<i>Mystery of Holy Repentance</i> [CONFESSIONS]
<u>SUN. APR. 26</u>	9:00 AM	FESTAL MORNING PRAYER
	10:00 AM	<i>For the People</i>
	11:30 AM	PARISH LUNCHEON
	12:15 PM	ECF CLASSES FOR ALL
<u>MON. APR. 27</u>	<u>The Holy Bishop-Martyr Simeon, Cousin of our Lord. Our Ven. Fr. Stephen, Bishop of Vladimir in Volhynia.</u>	
<u>TUE. APR. 28</u>	NO DIVINE SERVICES. FATHER'S DAY OFF	
	<u>The Holy Apostles Jason and Sosipater. The Holy Martyrs Dadas, Maximus & Quintillianus.</u>	
	<u>Our Holy Father Cyril, Bishop of Turov.</u>	
<u>WED. APR. 29</u>	7 AM	FIRST HOUR
	7:30 AM	<i>+Catherine Bennett by Olga V.</i>
	<u>MID-PENTECOST. The Nine Holy Martyrs of Cyzce. Our Ven. Fr. Memnon</u>	
	7 AM	FIRST HOUR
	10 AM	<i>Int. of Guerin Cath. High School</i>
	7 PM	PARAKLIS & HOLY ANOINTING

**WE WELCOME OUR VISITORS TO THIS MORNING'S
DIVINE SERVICES. PLEASE LOOK FOR THE
CHANGEABLE PARTS, HYMN NUMBERS, AND
PROPERs ON THE COLORED INSERT.**

THU. APR. 30

**Post-Festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. The Holy
Apostle James, Brother of John the Theologian.**

7 AM FIRST HOUR

7:30 AM +*Fr. Gary Francisco*

FRI. MAY 1

**Post-Festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. The Holy
Prophet Jerimiah. The Passing of the Blessed
New Martyr Clement Sheptycky [1951].**

7 AM FIRST HOUR

12:30 PM *Int. of the St. Suzanna 8th grade*

SAT. MAY 2

**Post-Festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. Our Holy
Father Athanasius the Great Pope and
Patriarch of Alexandria, the Champion of
Orthodoxy.**

7AM FIRST HOUR

7 PM FESTAL EVENING PRAYER

8 PM MYSTERY OF HOLY

REPENTANCE

[CONFESSIONS]

SUN. MAY 3

**SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN.
FEAST OF ST. ATHANASIUS THE GREAT
[TRANSFERRED]. The Holy Martyr Timothy
and his wife Maura. The Passing of our Holy
Father Theodosius of the Pecherskaya Lavra.**

9:00 AM MORNING PRAYER

10 AM *FOR THE PEOPLE*

**11:15 AM PARISH PATRONAL
PROCESSION**

11:45 AM PARISH BBQ LUNCHEON

SPECIAL GUESTS THIS WEEK: St. Athanasius the Great Parish will once again be hosting students from two local Roman Catholic Schools. On Wednesday at 10 AM we will host Cantor Brian Goshorn's Religion Classes from Guerin Catholic High School. On Friday at 12:30 PM we will host the 8th Grade Classes from St. Suzanna Roman Catholic School in Plainfield, IN. We welcome our visitors!

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

Arabic: Al-Maseeh qam! Háqqan qam!

Greek: Christós anésti! Alithós anésti!

Slavonic: Christós voskrése! Vo-ístinu voskrése!

Romanian: Christós a inviáht! Adevarát a inviáht!

Magyar: Feltamadt Kristus! Valoban Feltamandt!

The Paschal greeting and response in various languages. Please use it until the Ascension!



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR

PRAYERS: our parishioners, family *members*, friends and others who are ill or infirm: AMY CHIAPPE, ETHAN EYMAN, CULVER “RED” EYMAN, MARGARET EYMAN, BOBBI SPAK, JAY MURTAUGH, BJ NOVAK, ELAINE WILSON, DR. CHARLOTTE NEUMANN, SONIA DOUGLAS-STANTON, RON ZELLER, NICHOLE RICHARDS, BR.

JAMES BROWN S.M., WILLIS WILLIAMS, DAVID BLEVINS, FR. DEACON MICHAEL GEORGE, MONICA KING GILBRECH, KATHERYN LOIDOLT, EVIE KOBUS, JOHN BORGERT, LAUREN FIORELLI, CLARE HUNTER, IGNATIO ROMERO, MAGDELINA CHAUBY, COL. WILLIAM HOSPODAR, ALEXANDER YOUNG, RICHARD MEDWIG, MEGAN ZAHN, JOSEPH COSGROVE, BARB & PHIL LINK, DAVE WILSON, TOMMY CAITO, REBECCA MALY, LILAH NICHOLE MALY, AL MACEK, LINDA STENGER, MATT HIZNAY.

IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE TO ADD TO THE LIST PLEASE WRITE IT DOWN AND GIVE IT TO FATHER. PLEASE ALSO TELL HIM WHEN SOMEONE HAS RECOVERED AND CAN BE REMOVED.

EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES 2014-2015



Our Last day for Eastern Christian Formation Classes for this school year will be Sunday April 26th. We will celebrate the close of the ECF year at our Parish Picnic May 2nd. This is a part of our Total and Life-Long Eastern Christian Formation.

Please remember to join us for our Eastern Christian Formation Program for all! The classes will start about 12 to 12:15 PM and end 75 minutes later. Children in the Hall and adults in the Church.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

<u>Candles Available</u>	<u>Monthly Donation</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Eternal Lamp	\$40.00	AVAILABLE	
Icon Screen (6)	\$40.00	Alison Hendricks	Judy Ernst
Tetrapod (2)	\$30.00	AVAILABLE	
Nativity Icon	\$25.00	AVAILABLE	
Theotokos of Vladimir Icon	\$25.00	Special Intention	Glen Grabow
Resurrection Icon	\$25.00	AVAILABLE	
St. Athanasius Icon	\$25.00	AVAILABLE	
Holy Table	\$40.00	Peter & Christine Majanja	Judy Ernst

Give a spiritual Gift to someone in need. We have candle Gift Cards you can send or give to a loved one, friend or someone in need of prayers. A single 6-day candle is \$5. For an entire month the cost is \$25. When giving your donation use the candle envelope in the back of the Church. Paired with it, take the candle card to give as a gift. In addition to the name on the candle, please specify a start date if you would like the Church to light the candle[s] in front of the Icons of our Lord or the Theotokos for you on a future date. Thank you!



THE AKATHIST TO THE THEOTOKOS,
THE INEXHAUSTIBLE CUP, HEALER
OF ALCOHOLICS

WEDNESDAY MAY 20TH 7 PM

WEDNESDAY JUNE 3RD 7 PM

WEDNESDAY JULY 15TH 7 PM

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19TH 7 PM

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH 7 PM

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DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO IS TROUBLED BY THE DISEASE OF ALCOHOLISM OR CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY? THIS IS A POWERFUL PRAYER SEEKING THE INTERCESSION OF THE THEOTOKOS FOR THE HEALING OF THIS TERRIBLE AND DEBILITATING DISEASE. PLEASE GIVE THEIR FIRST NAME TO FR. BRYAN AND JOIN US FOR THIS LIFE-CHANGING AND HEALING AKATHIST.



ST. ATHANASIUS THE GREAT PARISH
COMMUNITY MEAL~

Many thanks to all who helped and participated watch this space for further announcements

As part of our call to participate actively in the Holy Father's call for the "New Evangelization",

we need to truly reach out to the Neighborhood Community surrounding our Parish Facilities. One way for us to do this is to provide a Free Community Meal on a regular basis.

Daun Hughey has come forward to coordinate this effort. But she will need everyone's cooperation to connect with the Community to make this meal a success. If you are willing to help with this effort, please see Daun or Father Bryan.

**Upcoming celebrations of the Paraclis to the Theotokos
and Mystery of Holy Anointing "Ancient Healing Service" at 7 PM.**

Wednesday April 29 Paraclis & Holy Anointing

Wednesday May 27 Paraclis & Holy Anointing

Wednesday June 24 Paraclis & Holy Anointing

Wednesday August 29 Paraclis & Holy Anointing

Please invite your friends and join us for this beautiful Healing Service!

Parish Weekly Luncheon Donations:

Everyone is invited and always welcome to join us at our Weekly Luncheon after the Liturgy. There is a Donation Basket at the beginning of the meal line, and we ask those who are able, to place a few dollars in the basket, occasionally.

These monies are used to provide the various snacks, bottled water, juices, coffee and milk that we have at this weekly Luncheon. And without these monies or in-kind donations, we will not be able to regularly have these items available. So anything that you can contribute would be most welcome and appreciated.

We greatly appreciate everyone who have been working with Dr. Judy Ernst and using the Perfect Potluck website to make sure we have a complete variety of foods. Also thank you for your attention to those of our parishioners who have food allergies and other special requirements.



**Parish Patronal Potluck Picnic ~
Sunday May 3rd, 2015**

after the 10 AM Divine Liturgy. Please plan now to attend! We are hoping to have a BBQ! And other such Picnic items. Please also use this as an opportunity to invite your neighbors, family and friends to join us for this Sunday celebration!

Weather-permitting we will have the traditional Patronal Feast Day procession with the Four Gospels chanted around the Temple [in our case around the Rectory ☺]. Please join us!

UPCOMING HOLY DAYS & SPECIAL SERVICES
AT ST. ATHANASIUS THE GREAT CHURCH

<u>Wed. April 29</u>	7 PM	PARACLIS & THE MYSTERY OF HOLY ANOINTING
		<u>SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITIAN WOMEN</u>
		<u>ST. ATHANASIUS CELEBRATION</u>
<u>Sat. May 2</u>	7 PM	FESTAL EVENING PRAYER
	8 PM	MYSTERY OF HOLY REPENTANCE
<u>Sun. May 3</u>	9 AM	FESTAL MORNING PRAYER
	10 AM	FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY
	11:15 AM	PARISH PATRONAL PROCESSION
	11:45 AM	PARISH FEAST CELEBRATION
		<u>MAN-BORN-BLIND CELEBRATION [MOTHERS' DAY]</u>
<u>Sat. May 9</u>	7 PM	FESTAL EVENING PRAYER
	8 PM	MYSTERY OF HOLY REPENTANCE
<u>Sun. May 10</u>	9 AM	FESTAL MORNING PRAYER
	10 AM	FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY
		<u>ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CELEBRATION</u>
<u>Wed. May 13</u>	7 PM	FESTAL EVENING PRAYER
<u>Thu. May 14</u>	7 AM	FIRST HOUR / DIVINE LITURGY
		<u>FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL CELEBRATION</u>
<u>Sat. May 16</u>	7 PM	FESTAL EVENING PRAYER
<u>Sun. May 17</u>	9 AM	FESTAL MORNING PRAYER
	10 AM	FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY
	11:15 AM	WEEKLY SUNDAY LUNCHEON

Kenya Massacre Student Relief~ Father Bryan and Dr. Judy Ernst recently participated in a Vigil for the Victims of the Kenyan Massacre in the city of Garissa. The Vigil took place at IUPUI and was sponsored by the African Students Association and the Office of International Development. The victims of the massacre were students, professors and security officials at the Garissa Campus of Moi University. The vast majority of the students were Christians who were slaughtered by the Radical Islamist group Al Sabbah from Somalia.

Many of the Christian students were slain while at Morning Prayer. Other were martyred, some in the their beds, as Al Sabbah terrorists asked one student after another “Are you can Christian?” If they answered “yes” they were immediately shot. Those claiming to be Muslim were made to prove it by reading verses from the Quran. Those who succeeded and did not resist were spared.

All the students have been transferred to another of the Moi University campuses. Since they had to abandon many of their possessions at the Garissa Campus they are in great need. If you wish to assist you many do so through the IU Center for Global Health. Please go to www.ampathkenya.org. click the donate page at the top. Chose the option for IIGH,Inc. and click on their donor page. Then in the comments section on that page write “Garissa students” to insure that the donation is properly directed.

IUPUI is working with AMPATH leaders and the Vice Chancellor’s Office of Moi University to ensure that the funds go to areas where they are most needed, like food, clothing, and counselling. Thank you for your help.

The Feast of Mid-Pentecost~ The giving of the Holy Spirit unites the beginning and the end of the Fifty-Day Feast of the Lord. On Pascha, the Lord, the Giver of Life, breathed the Holy Spirit upon His apostles for the forgiveness of sins. On Pentecost, the Lord sent the Holy Spirit upon His followers that the Gospel for the baptism of repentance might be preached to all nations. In the middle of the Feast we celebrate all these wondrous works of God.



The Blessed Hieromartyr Clement Sheptytsky

(Ukrainian: Климентій Шептицький; 17 November, 1869 – 1 May, 1951), was an archimandrite of the Order of Studite monks of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. Klymentiy [Clement] has been glorified by the Catholic Church, as well as awarded the title of Righteous Among the Nations by the State of Israel for saving Jews. As effective leader of the Church, he was arrested and died a prisoner of the Soviet Union.

Sheptytsky was born on 17 November 1869 in the village of Prylbychi, near Lviv in Galicia to an old Ruthenian noble family. The Szeptycki family lived in the eastern part of Poland, near Zamosc, in Labunie's Palace. At that time, the area was of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. He was a younger brother of the future Servant of God, Metropolitan Bishop Andrew Sheptytsky, and received his education first at home and starting in 1882 at Krakow. Sheptytsky later also studied in Munich and Paris. In 1892 he became a doctor of law at the Jagiellonian University. After finishing his studies he returned home to manage the family estates and look after his aging parents. In 1900 Casimir Sheptytsky was elected to the Austrian parliament however after its dissolution in 1907 he decided to withdraw from politics.

In 1911 Sheptytsky decided to become a monk and entered the Benedictine (Latin Rite) monastery in Beuron (Baden-Württemberg), Germany. After a year he decided to follow the example of his older brother, returning to the Greek Catholic Church of their ancestors and entered the St. Theodore the Studite Monastery in Bosnia. He took the religious name of **Clement**, after Pope Saint Clement I, martyred in Chersonesos, who together with St Andrew the First-Called is considered to be the founder of Christianity in the Balkans. On 28 August 1913 he was ordained a priest by the Bishop of Križevci, Croatia. That same year he undertook theological studies in Innsbruck^[3] and after finishing them in 1919 returned to Ukraine to settle in the Holy Dormition Lavra in Peremyshliany Raion.

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In 1926 Father Clement was named the hegumen (prior) of the Univ Lavra. In 1937 he came to Lvov to aide his ailing brother Andrew. In 1939 the region was occupied by communists, the Soviet "liberators" immediately implemented a plan to eliminate the Ukrainian intellectual elites and Church. At the time they did not arrest the Metropolitan himself, fearing his great authority among the nation, but went after his family attempting to capture Clement and murdering their brother Leon along with his family. During that time the Metropolitan divided the Soviet Union into four exarchates and named Father Clement the exarch of Russia.



Univ Lavra [Monastery] Univ, Ukraine

In 1941 the persecution of Christians was interrupted with the outbreak of the Nazi-Soviet war and the German occupation of Ukraine, however the situation did not improve much. During that time Father Clement

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helped his brother rescue Jews, harboring them in Studite monasteries and organizing groups that would aid them in escaping to Hungarian controlled Transcarpathian Ukraine.

From 1941 to 1944, when the region was occupied by Nazi Germany, Jewish boys were hidden at the monastery in Univ, home to monks of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. Univ was particularly important because it was the main Studite monastery; with its large community of monks, younger boys would go unnoticed by authorities. Along with the handful of holy men who were the children's daily caretakers, three figures were instrumental in their safekeeping: Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky, the head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, his brother Clement, and Omelyan Kovch, a priest from the nearby town of Peremyshliany. Kurt I. Lewin, whose father was Lviv's last rabbi and who would later become a renowned businessman, and David Kahane, later chief rabbi in the Israeli Air Force, were both harbored by Sheptytsky in Lviv. Later in their lives, both men would write about their experiences, Lewin in "A Journey Through Illusions" and Kahane in the "Lvov Ghetto Diary."

Clement Sheptytsky was recognized as one of the Righteous among the Nations by the State of Israel in 1995.

With the return of the Soviets in 1944 a coordinated action to destroy the Greek Catholic Church and subject it to the Moscow Patriarchate was implemented. After the death of the Metropolitan, his successor, Joseph Slipyj, named Father Clement the Archimandrite of the Studite Order. This meant that at the time of the mass arrest of Church hierarchs carried out by the NKVD in 1945 he was one of the highest ranking clergymen left. As such he became an informal leader of the Church, meeting with monks and priests and strengthening them in their resolve. On 5 June 1947 he himself was arrested by Soviet authorities and held, first in an NKVD prison in Lviv, then in Kiev, and finally, after his steadfast refusal to renounce his faith and serve the Moscow Patriarchate, sentenced to eight years imprisonment. Ivan Kryvytskyi remembered Father Clement as tall, rather thin, with a long white beard, a little stooped, with a cane. Arms

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relaxed, calm, face and eyes friendly. "He reminded me of Saint Nicholas ... We never expected such a rascal in our room ... Some sisters had passed three apples to him, real rosy red and ripe. And he gave one apple to Roman Novosad, who often had stomach problems. He said: 'You need to take care of your stomach,' and the others he divided among us." He died on May 1, 1951 in Vladimir Central Prison.

Sheptytsky was glorified on 27 June 2001 by the Pope Saint John Paul II in Lviv, during his apostolic journey to Ukraine, together with 27 other members of the Greek Catholic Church previously declared New Martyrs.

On July 29, 2011, a monument to Andrey and Clement Sheptytsky was unveiled in their home village of Prylbychi.

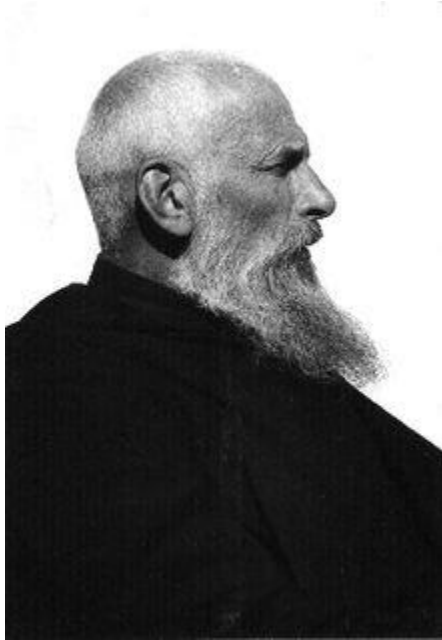
In November 2011, James Temerty, chairman of the Ukrainian-Jewish Encounter Initiative (UJE) donated \$1.2M to establish three endowed chairs in Jewish Studies at the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv, Ukraine.

A human rights activist, who served time in Soviet prisons, Myroslav Marynovych, the vice Rector of the Ukrainian Catholic University, said,

We have always wanted to plunge more deeply into the legacy of previous generations of ethnic Ukrainians and Jews who lived on

historically Ukrainian lands. This legacy knows not only pain and injustice, but also the experience of tolerant co-existence and mutual assistance. In order to guarantee a humane outline for the future, we must not forget the former and actively the experience the latter. For example, the spiritual inheritance of the Sheptytsky brothers alone, Andrey and Clement, is sufficient to reveal to the contemporary person all the beauty of the love of humanity.

May the Holy Heiro-monk, Archimandrite and New Martyr Clement Sheptyckyj serve as an example of commitment and faithfulness in the face of governmental oppression and adversity.





Third Sunday after Pascha

***“Let him who
thirsts come!”***

WATER IS CENTRAL TO LIFE everywhere, but especially in places like the Middle East where it is in short supply. We do not know when people began supplementing the rainwater they collected by digging water from shallow pools. When metal tools came into use, wells 100 feet deep and more could be dug. Access to underground

water became an important key to survival for peoples in otherwise arid lands. Villages were built around wells, which became important focal points of the local community.

The well was the natural gathering place in ancient villages. It was also the place to meet women (they were the family members generally designated to draw water). Thus when Abraham sent his steward to Nahor in order to find a bride for his son, *“he made his camels kneel down outside the city by a well of water at evening time, the time when women go out to draw water”* (Gen 24:11). There the steward encountered Rebekah, who ultimately became the wife of Isaac.

It makes one wonder why the Lord Jesus, sitting down beside the well in the village of Sychar, encountered a Samaritan woman coming to draw water at *“about the sixth hour”* (Jn 4: 6, 7), in other words, at midday. As the story develops we see that she has had five husbands and now was living with a sixth man. As a person of low reputation in her community, she would probably only come for water when the other village women would not be venturing outside.

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Because water is so central to life it played an important part in religious practice. Jews, for example, ritually washed their hands before entering or serving in the Temple. Later the practice was extended to all Jews whenever they prayed or observed holy days. The Pharisees promoted ritual washing of hands before eating bread (the symbol of all food) and reproached Jesus' disciples for not following this practice: “*Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread*” (Mt 15: 2).

Full immersion into a spring-fed pool (mikvah) is still required in certain circumstances such as conversion to Judaism. Archeologists have discovered numerous ancient mikvahs throughout Israel. Today mikvahs may be found in synagogues or Jewish community centers throughout the world. One can see the connection of John's “*baptism of repentance*” (Mk 1:4) with such practices.

Because water is so essential to physical life, it also came to be a symbol of spiritual life for the Jews. Thus Isaiah would prophesy, “*If you extend your soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul... you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail*” (Is 58:10-11). Then, in the New Covenant, water would become more than a symbol; in baptism water would actually bring us to union with the risen Christ, the Source of living water.

For this reason Pascha was the principal time for baptism in the early Church. During the Great Fast catechumens were given their final instructions and were baptized at the vigil of Pascha, the Vesper-Liturgy on Holy Saturday. Thus the resurrection of Christ would be celebrated by passing on to the catechumens the new life in the risen Christ. Bright Week was devoted to catechizing them about the holy mysteries, which had been closed to them before their baptism.

Because of this baptismal connection, water is often central in the Gospel readings at Liturgy on the Sundays following Pascha. We read of the encounter of Jesus with the Samaritan woman mentioned above (Jn 4:1-

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15) on the Fourth Sunday after Pascha; on two other Sunday we read of Jesus healing the sick at two well-known Jerusalem pools.

The Pool Called Bethesda

The healing of the paralytic (*Jn 5:1-15*) is recounted on the Third Sunday after Pascha. The Gospel tells us that the setting for this healing was a pool *"in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate... which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porticoes"* (*Jn 5:2*). For centuries this pool was unknown causing scholars to doubt the historical basis of this story. In the nineteenth century archeologists began uncovering its remains.

Bethesda was actually a double pool. This original was designed in the eighth century BC as a reservoir for rain water. Around 200 BC a second pool was added, traditionally dedicated to washing sheep, perhaps before being sacrificed. In the first century BC smaller pools were constructed by the Roman soldiers garrisoned in Jerusalem and dedicated to the Greco-Roman deities Fortuna and Asclepius the Healer. The Romans would go there in search of healing for their ailments. They would sleep in the shrine and report their dreams to the priest who would prescribe treatment. Was the paralyzed man in the Gospel seeking healing from Asclepius? We do not know.

That the Lord's word alone was more powerful than the presence of any Roman god was not lost on those who first heard this story. They had come to know Christ as the Source of healing, the Fountain of living water, the One who quenches the thirst of those who come to Him.

The Pool of Siloam

On the Fifth Sunday after Pascha we read about the healing of the man born blind whom Jesus sends to wash in the pool of Siloam (*Jn 9:1-38*). This was a large man-made pool cut out of rock on the southern slope of the ancient heart of Jerusalem called the "City of David," just outside the city walls. An aquaduct, called Hezekiah's Tunnel, brought water from the Spring of Gehon over 1700 feet away. The broad steps leading down into

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the pool suggests that it was used as a mikvah for pilgrims entering the Holy City. According to the Gospel, the Lord sends the blind man to (ritually) wash in the pool, where he finds that he has already been made whole.

We are invited during this season to see the risen Christ with the eyes of the newly-baptized. Like them we recognize Him as the Source of life, the One who heals bodies and souls, who calls Jews, Samaritans and Gentiles alike to acknowledge Him as Lord.

“And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. ...Let him who thirsts come” (Rev 22:1, 17).

On the Samaritan Woman

“Jesus answered and said to her, ‘Whoever shall drink of this water shall thirst again. But whoever shall drink of the water that I shall give shall never thirst again’” (Jn 4:13). Insipid, temporary, and unsatisfying was that life and its glory, for it was worldly. The proof of it being worldly is the fact that the cattle of Jacob drank from it (i.e. the well). . . But the water which the Savior gives is from His spirit and His power. . . The words *“shall never thirst again”* mean that His life is eternal and never perishes as does the first (life) which the well provides, but rather is lasting. For the Grace and gift of our Savior cannot be taken away, and is not consumed or destroyed in the one who partakes of it. The first life is perishable.

“The water I shall give that one shall be a well of water within, springing up into everlasting life” (Jn 4:14). The words *“springing up”* refer to those who receive what is richly supplied from above and who themselves pour forth that which has been supplied to them for the eternal life of others.

*Fragments from a Commentary on the Gospel of John by Heracleon
preserved in Origen's Commentary on John*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY ESPECIALLY THOSE SERVING IN AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ.

Lt. COL. CRAIG M. EYMAN D.O.~ is Fr. Bryan's 2nd youngest brother. He has reentered the Army Reserve and is currently serving with the 848th FST [Forward Surgical Team] stationed in Twinsburg, OH. He has returned to his family in Solon, OH.

CAPT. BRIAN HEWKO USA~ is a friend of Fr. Bryan and a parishioner of St. Anne Ukrainian Byzantine Catholic Church in Austinburg, OH. He is a 2008 graduate of West Point. Brian has returned from deployment to the Persian Gulf. He is now serving in South Carolina.

CAPTAIN CHRISTINA MOMONIER~ is a friend of Fr. Bryan. Christina is from Baltimore, MD is a Byzantine Catholic. She is currently serving at Ft. Benning, GA.

CAPTAIN [FATHER] JOSEPH BRANKATELLI USA ~ is a friend of Fr. Bryan and a priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland and the Archdiocese for the Military Services. Fr. Joseph is posted in Washington, DC.

AIRMAN MICHAELA and AIRMAN FIRST CLASS JOHANN WELLER USAF ~ are friends of Fr. Bryan and members of St. Ann Byzantine Catholic Church in Harrisburg, PA. Before entering the Armed Forces they were active with the BYZANTEEN Youth Rallies.

PRIVATE CODY ROMERO USA, STAFF SERGEANT NIKO ROMERO, and STAFF SERGEANT RORY ROMERO ~ sons of Sonia Douglas. Cody received the Military Blessing at our Church and is currently serving at Fort Bragg, NC. His brother Rory has been deployed to Afghanistan. Their brother Niko serves as an Army recruiter in Anderson, IN.

PRIVATE JACKSON RUANE USA~ Jackson is formerly from St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Parish in Ashtabula, OH. He is currently serving at Ft. Polk, LA since September, 2014. He is getting married in July, 2015.

PRIVATE ABIGAIL BROWN USA~ is the Grand Niece of parishioner Belinda Dorney. She was recently promoted to PFC and has completed training in Army Intelligence at a base in Arizona. She is serving in Oklahoma.

2ND LT. AARON JACOBSON~ from Mounds View, MN is a friend of Fr. Bryan. He is a 2013 West Point graduate, who has just completed his special training as a platoon leader. He is serving in Ft. Drum, NY.

May God, in His infinite Love and Mercy, guide and protect all of those serving our Republic in the Armed Forces.

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In the Byzantine Catholic Church we give Holy Communion to infants and young children. If you bring your child forward at Communion time he or she will be given Holy Communion. If you do not wish your child to receive Holy Communion, please do not bring the child forward at Communion time.

At the conclusion of the Liturgy, all should come forward to kiss the Holy Cross, or be anointed with blessed oil, and share in the Blessed Bread. Then join us in our St. Mary Hall for our Coffee Social. THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!