

# Sunday of the Paralytic Man

April 29, 2023



# Prayer before Liturgy

THROUGH THE PRAYERS OF OUR HOLY FATHERS, O LORD  
JESUS CHRIST OUR GOD, HAVE MERCY ON US.  
AMEN.

GLORY TO YOU, OUR GOD, GLORY TO YOU.  
HEAVENLY KING, COMFORTER, SPIRIT OF TRUTH,  
EVERYWHERE PRESENT AND FILLING ALL THINGS, TREASURY  
OF  
BLESSINGS AND GIVER OF LIFE, COME AND DWELL WITHIN US,  
CLEANSE US OF ALL STAIN, AND SAVE OUR SOULS, O  
GRACIOUS ONE.

*THROUGHOUT PASCHA, THE FOLLOWING IS SAID IN PLACE OF  
"GLORY TO YOU" AND "HEAVENLY KING."*

CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD! BY DEATH HE TRAMPLED  
DEATH;  
AND TO THOSE IN THE TOMBS HE GRANTED LIFE. (THREE TIMES)

HOLY GOD, HOLY AND MIGHTY, HOLY AND IMMORTAL, HAVE  
MERCY ON US. (THREE TIMES)

GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY  
SPIRIT, NOW AND EVER AND FOREVER. AMEN.

MOST HOLY TRINITY, HAVE MERCY ON US; LORD, CLEANSE US  
OF OUR SINS; MASTER, FORGIVE OUR TRANSGRESSIONS;  
HOLY ONE, COME TO US AND HEAL OUR INFIRMITIES FOR  
YOUR NAME'S SAKE.

LORD, HAVE MERCY. (THREE TIMES)

GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY  
SPIRIT, NOW AND EVER AND FOREVER. AMEN.

# Acts 9: 32-42

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## **PETER HEALS AENEAS AT LYDDA**

AS PETER TRAVELED THROUGHOUT THE REGION, HE WENT DOWN TO VISIT THE SAINTS LIVING IN LYDDA. WHILE THERE, HE FOUND A MAN NAMED AENEAS WHO HAD BEEN BEDRIDDEN FOR EIGHT YEARS, FOR HE WAS PARALYZED. PETER SAID TO HIM, "AENEAS, JESUS CHRIST HEALS YOU. GET UP AND MAKE YOUR BED." HE IMMEDIATELY STOOD UP. ALL THE INHABITANTS OF LYDDA AND SHARON SAW HIM, AND THEY TURNED TO THE LORD.

## **PETER RESTORES TABITHA TO LIFE**

IN JOPPA, THERE WAS A DISCIPLE NAMED TABITHA, OR DORCAS IN GREEK, WHOSE LIFE WAS DEVOTED TO PERFORMING GOOD WORKS AND GIVING TO THOSE IN NEED. IN THOSE DAYS, SHE BECAME ILL AND DIED. AFTER THEY HAD WASHED HER BODY, THEY LAID HER OUT IN AN UPPER ROOM. SINCE LYDDA WAS NEAR JOPPA, THE DISCIPLES, ON HEARING THAT PETER WAS THERE, SENT TWO MEN TO HIM WITH THE REQUEST, "PLEASE COME TO US WITHOUT DELAY."

PETER IMMEDIATELY SET OUT WITH THEM, AND WHEN HE ARRIVED, THEY ESCORTED HIM TO THE UPPER ROOM. ALL THE WIDOWS STOOD AROUND HIM, WEEPING AND SHOWING HIM THE TUNICS AND OTHER CLOTHES THAT DORCAS HAD MADE WHILE SHE WAS WITH THEM. PETER SENT THEM ALL OUT AND KNELT DOWN AND PRAYED. THEN HE TURNED TO THE BODY AND SAID, "TABITHA, GET UP." SHE OPENED HER EYES, SAW PETER, AND SAT UP. HE GAVE HER HIS HAND AND HELPED HER UP. THEN HE CALLED THE SAINTS AND THE WIDOWS, AND HE SHOWED HER TO THEM ALIVE. IT CAME TO BE KNOWN THROUGHOUT JOPPA, CAUSING MANY TO COME TO BELIEVE IN THE LORD.

# John 5: 1-15

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## The Sign Given on a Sabbath

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish feasts. Now in Jerusalem, by the Sheep Gate, there is a pool that in Hebrew is called Bethesda. It has five porticos, and in these a large number of invalids used to lie, people who were blind, lame, and paralyzed, waiting for the movement of the water. For occasionally an angel of the Lord would come down into the pool and stir up the water. The first one into the pool after each such disturbance would be cured of whatever disease he had.

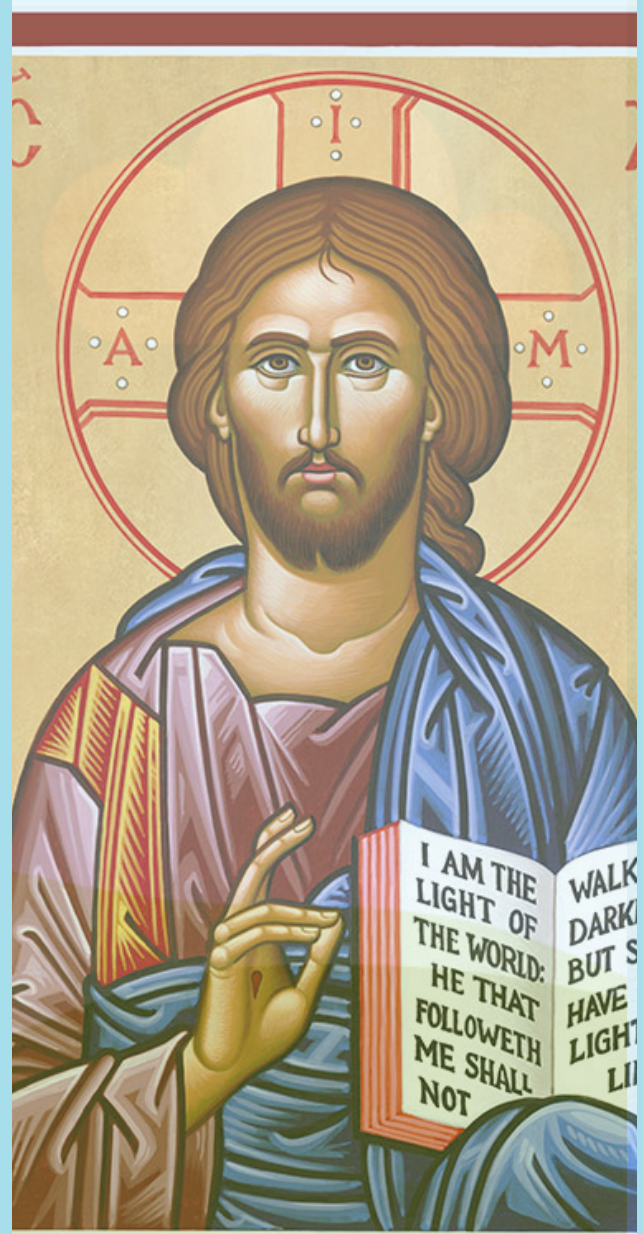
A man who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and was aware that he had been ill for a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to get well?" 7 The invalid answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up. While I am still on my way, someone else steps into the pool ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Rise! Take up your mat and walk!" Immediately, the man was cured, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a Sabbath. Therefore, the Jews said to the man who had been cured, "Today is the Sabbath. It is not lawful for you to carry your mat."

He replied, "The man who cured me said to me, 'Take up your mat and walk!' " They asked him, "Who is the man who told you to take it up and walk?" But the man who had been cured did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared into the crowd that was there.

Later, Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse happens to you." The man went away and told the Jews that Jesus was the man who had made him well.

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## WHAT IS GOD TELLING YOU?

Think about the Gospel and draw your thoughts.

What do you hear  
God saying?

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# Prayer before Communion

**O LORD, I BELIEVE AND PROFESS THAT YOU ARE TRULY CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD, WHO CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS OF WHOM I AM THE FIRST.**

**ACCEPT ME TODAY AS A PARTAKER OF YOUR MYSTICAL SUPPER, O SON OF GOD, FOR I WILL NOT REVEAL YOUR MYSTERY TO YOUR ENEMIES, NOR WILL I GIVE YOU A KISS AS DID JUDAS, BUT LIKE THE THIEF I PROFESS YOU: REMEMBER ME, O LORD, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.**

**REMEMBER ME, O MASTER, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.**

**REMEMBER ME, O HOLY ONE, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.**

**MAY THE PARTAKING OF YOUR HOLY MYSTERIES, O LORD, BE NOT FOR MY JUDGMENT OR CONDEMNATION BUT FOR THE HEALING OF SOUL AND BODY.**

**O LORD, I ALSO BELIEVE AND PROFESS THAT THIS, WHICH I AM ABOUT TO RECEIVE, IS TRULY YOUR MOST PRECIOUS BODY AND YOUR LIFE-GIVING BLOOD, WHICH, I PRAY, MAKE ME WORTHY TO RECEIVE FOR THE REMISSION OF ALL MY SINS AND FOR LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN. O GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME, A SINNER. O GOD, CLEANSE ME OF MY SINS AND HAVE MERCY ON ME. O LORD, FORGIVE ME FOR I HAVE SINNED WITHOUT NUMBER.**

# Prayer for Vocations

**O GOD, GREAT IN MIGHT AND INSCRUTABLE IN WISDOM, MARVELOUS IN COUNSEL ABOVE THE SONS OF MEN, FATHER OF ALL PERFECT GIFTS: YOU THE SAME LORD, ENLIGHTEN WITH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT THE HEARTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND CALL THEM TO FOLLOW YOUR ONLY BEGOTTEN SON AND OUR SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST, THE GOOD SHEPHERD! GIVE THEM THE COURAGE AND GENEROSITY NECESSARY TO OVERCOME ALL OBSTACLES TO THEIR VOCATION, FOR YOU COMPLETE WHAT IS LACKING! GIVE TO THE PARENTS THAT FAITH, LOVE AND SPIRIT OF SACRIFICE WHICH WILL INSPIRE THEM TO OFFER THEIR CHILDREN TO YOUR SERVICE AND REJOICE WHENEVER ONE OF THEIR CHILDREN IS CALLED TO FOLLOW CHRIST IN A SPECIAL WAY OF PRIESTHOOD OR RELIGIOUS CONSECRATION. WE IMPLORE YOU THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF THE MOST PURE THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN MARY!**

**AMEN!**