



*Welcome to St. Athanasius the Great
Byzantine Catholic Church*

***“Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! Christos
Voskres! Voistinu Voskres!”***

We welcome all to the Divine Services at our parish. Our restrooms are in the Dormition Hall behind the Rectory next door. On Sundays, after Divine Liturgy, all of you are welcome for luncheon.

The Paralytic was like an unburied dead man, and when he saw you, O Lord, he cried out: Have mercy on me, for my bed has become my grave. Of what use is my life? I have no need of the Sheep Pool, for there is none to put me in to the water. Therefore I come to you, O Fountain of all healing, - that with all I may cry to you: O Lord Almighty, glory to you!

(Stichira of Sunday of the Paralytic Man)

1 BYZANTEEN RALLY

2 DONATE ONLINE

3 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

There will be a Knights of Columbus meeting on Sunday April 26th after luncheon. Everyone who would like to become a member of Knights of Columbus please speak to Glen Grabow or Henry Percie

Services for the Week of April 26 – May 3, 2026

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Readings</u>
<u>Sunday</u> April 26 SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon	Lk.24:1-12 Act. 9:32-42 Jn. 5:1-15
Monday		No crevice	Acts 10:21-33 Jn. 7:1-13
Tuesday		No crevice	Acts 10:21-33 Jn. 7:1-13
Wednesday		No crevice	Acts 14:6-18 Jn. 7:14-30
Thursday		No crevice	Acts 12:1-11 Jn. 5:1-11
Friday	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Acts 10:44-11:10 Jn. 8:21-30
Saturday	5:00 PM	Vespers & Confession	Acts 12:1-11 Jn. 8:31-42
<u>Sunday</u> May 3 SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy <u>For feast day of St. Athanasius</u> Luncheon	Jn. 20:1-10 Act. 11:19-26,29-30 Jn. 4:5-42

Financial update: 4/19/2026

Bakery	Building	Candles	Ukrainian Liturgy	Sunday Tithes
\$265.97	\$0	\$36	\$220	\$1,183.33
Totals \$1,705.30				

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRHBEARERS

Acts 9:32-42

In those days: Now as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aene'as, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aene'as, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Peter in Joppa Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas or Gazelle. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing coats and garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

John 5: 1-15

At that time, on the occasion of a Jewish feast, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Pool there is a place with the Hebrew name Bethesda. Its five porticoes were crowded with sick people lying there blind, lame or disabled waiting for the movement of the water. There was one man who had been sick for thirty-eight years. Jesus, who knew the man had been sick for a long time, said when he saw him lying there, "do you want to be healed?" "Sir," the sick man answered, "I do not have anyone to

plunge me into the pool once the water has been stirred up. By the time I get there, someone else has gone in ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up! Pick up your mat and walk!"

The man was immediately cured; he picked up his mat and began to walk. The day was a sabbath. Consequently, some of the Jews began telling the man who had been cured, "It is the sabbath, and you are not allowed to carry that mat around." He explained: "It was the man who cured me who told me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'" "This person who told you to pick it up and walk," they asked, "who is he?" The man who had been restored to health had no idea who it was. The crowd in that place was so great that Jesus had been able to slip away. Later on, Jesus found the man in the temple precincts and said to him: Remember, now, you have been cured. Give up your sins so that something worse may not overtake you." The man went off and informed the Jews that Jesus was the one who had cured him.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

CHRIST IS RISEN!

John 5:3 A great multitude of cripples

Premonition of healing by baptism. John Chrysostom: What is this medicine? What mystery do they mean to us? ... What is here symbolically shown? Baptism was soon to be given, which had great power. It was the greatest gift, baptism, which cleanses all sins and makes people alive, not dead. So these things are foreshadowed as in the scene at this pool. ... And this miracle was done so that those [at the pool] who for a long time had learned again and again how the diseases of the body could be cured by water, might more easily believe that water could also cure the diseases of the soul (John Chrysostom, Sermons on the Gospel of St. John 36.1).

John 5:5 the Perseverance of the Paralytic for Thirty-Eight Years

The Perseverance of the Paralytic. John Chrysostom: The perseverance of this paralytic was impressive. He was thirty-eight years old, and every year he hoped to be free from his illness. He lay there waiting, never giving up. If he had not

been so persistent, would not his future, not to mention his past, have been enough to discourage him from staying near this place? Think of how alert the other sick people in that place were, since no one knew exactly when the water would move. The crooked and the lame could watch it, but what about the blind man? Perhaps he learned of it from the noise that arose. Let us then be ashamed, beloved, let us be ashamed and groan over our excessive laziness. That man had waited thirty-eight years without getting what he wanted, and he still had not given up. And he failed not through his own carelessness, but through oppression and violence from others. And yet he did not give up. We ... may continue to pray for something for ten days or so, and if we do not receive it, we are too lazy to make the same effort [as he did]. And yet we will forever wait for our fellow men, struggling and enduring hardships, doing menial work, all for a chance at something that will not ultimately live up to our expectations. But when it comes to our Master, from whom we are sure to receive a reward greater than our labors ... we do not show such diligence in waiting for Him. For even if we receive nothing from Him, is not the very fact that we can communicate with Him constantly the cause of ten thousand blessings? (John Chrysostom, Sermons on the Gospel of St. John 36.1-2).

Chrysostom seems to have here combined infirmities. John 5:6

Do you wish to be made well? Jesus' question implies the power to heal. Cyril of Alexandria: There is clear evidence of the great goodness of Christ in that he does not wait for the supplications of the sick, but anticipates their requests with his own loving kindness. See how he runs to the one who lies down, and how he sympathizes with the one who is sick and whom no one can comfort. But the question whether he would like to be freed from his infirmity was not asked out of ignorance of the obvious, but in order to arouse an increased desire and earnest supplication. The question whether he wanted to receive what he desired is a great one. It conveys, with such force and expression, that Jesus has the power to give, and is now ready to do so, only waiting for the request of the one who will receive this grace (Cyril of Alexandria, Commentaries on the Gospel of John 2.5).

CHRIST IS AMONG US! HE IS AND SHALL BE



Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins

10 AM Divine Liturgy

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