



**Sunday May 7, 2017 . 4th SUNDAY OF PASCHA —
 Tone 3. *Rest of St. Alexis Toth, Confessor and
 Defender of Orthodoxy in America (1909). Paralytic.
 Commemoration of the Appearance of the Sign of the
 Precious Cross over Jerusalem in 351 AD. Martyr Acacius
 the Centurion at Byzantium (303). Rest of Ven. Nilus,
 Abbot of Sora (1508). St. John of Zaden in Georgia, and 12
 disciples: Ss. Shio, David, Anthony, Thaddæus, Stephen,
 Isidore, Michael, Pyrrhus, Zeno, Jesse, Joseph, and Abibus
 (6th c.). Ven. Nilus the Myrrhusher of Lavra***

This Week's Schedule

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Saturday 5/13 *Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.*

Sunday 5/14 *Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.*

followed by Coffee Hour and Church School

Reader Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>3RD HOUR</u>	<u>6TH HOUR</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
May-7	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	FINCK
May-14	WALES	WALES	WALES
May-21	SULPIZI	LEWIS	BRASOWSKI
May-25	<i>ASCENSION</i>		
May-28	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY

Hymns and Prayers

Priest: "Blessed is the Kingdom ... "

Choir: "Amen."

Priest: "Christ is risen from the dead ..." (2 ½ times)

Choir: "and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!"

(The Divine Liturgy is begun in this manner until the Leavetaking of Pascha.)

Tone 3 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let the heavens rejoice!

Let the earth be glad!

For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.

He has trampled down death by death.

He has become the first born of the dead.

He has delivered us from the depths of hell,

and has granted to the world//

great mercy.

Tone 4 Troparion (St Alexis)

O righteous Father Alexis,

our heavenly intercessor and teacher,

divine adornment of the Church of Christ,

entreat the Master of All

to strengthen the Orthodox Faith in America,

to grant peace to the world//

and to our souls great mercy!

Tone 3 Kontakion (from the Pentecostarion)

By Your divine intercession, O Lord,

as You raised up the Paralytic of old,

so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts;

so that being saved I may sing to You://

"Glory to Your power, O compassionate Christ!"

Tone 8 Kontakion (Pascha)

You descended into the tomb, O Immortal,

You destroyed the power of death.

In victory You arose, O Christ God,

proclaiming: "Rejoice!" to the Myrrhbearing Women://

granting peace to Your Apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

Tone 1 Prokeimenon

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You!
(Ps 32/33:22)

v: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps 32/33:1)

Tone 7 Prokeimenon

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, and shall hope in Him. (Ps 63/64:11)

Epistle Acts 9:32-43

Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda.

There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed.

And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately.

So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did

But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room.

And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them.

Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them.

But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up.

Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive.

And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

Galatians 1:11-19 (St Alexis)

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.

For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it.

And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace,

to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood,

nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days.

But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Tone 5

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation. (Ps 88/89:1)

v: For You have said: "Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be prepared in the heavens." (Ps 88/89:2)

Tone 6

v: Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments. (Ps 111/112:1)

Gospel John 5:1-15

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches.

In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water.

For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.

Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"

The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me."

Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk."

And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath.

The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed."

He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'"

Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?"

But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place.

Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you."

The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

John 10:1-9 (St Alexis)

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them.

Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

(Instead of “It is truly meet ...,” we sing:)

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace:
“Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: ‘Rejoice,
your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb!
With Himself He has raised all the dead.’”
Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem!
The glory of the Lord has shone on you.
Exult now, and be glad, O Zion!
Be radiant, O pure Theotokos,
in the Resurrection of your Son!

Communion Hymns

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the Fountain of immortality!
Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil
tidings. (*Ps 111/112:6b-7a*) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest: “In the fear of God ...”

Choir: “Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord ... “

Priest: “O Lord, save Your people ... “

*Choir: “Christ is risen from the dead ... “ (sung once, instead of “We
have seen the True Light ...)*

Priest: “Always, now and ever ...”

Choir: “Let our mouths be filled ...”

*(At the Dismissal, the Priest says: “Glory to You, O Christ....,” and the
choir sings “Christ is risen from the dead....” (thrice)*

And unto us He has given eternal life.

Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!

This Week’s Announcement

May is Family Promise Month St. Michaels needs volunteers to cook
and serve dinners to Family Promise families on May 29th (Mon), May
30th (Tues), and June 1st (Thurs). We will do this at the new St. Philips

Lutheran Church (our co-host) on 5320 Limestone Road, Wilmington. Please sign up to drive, cook, serve dinner and share your compassion and hope with homeless families in our area. Sign up on board in Narthex or contact Ellen Gundersen 610.388.0695 or puffins1@verizon.net.

St Tikhon's Summer Camp Now is the time to register your child for the 2017 Season of St. Tikhon's Summer Camp July 2-8, 2017. Saint Tikhon's Summer Camp is a one-week sleep-away camp program for Orthodox Christian children between the ages of 7 and 17. Our participants enjoy a superior religious education program and daily church services, as well as plenty of outdoor recreational activities with their peers. Sign up at stikhonscamp.org.

Study Group Our Study group resumed this past Thursday where six of us finished reading and discussing the 16th and 17th *Steps* from "The Ladder of Divine Ascent." We will continue this Thursday at 10 a.m. All are welcome to join us.

Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

'But if these beings angels guard you, they do so because they have been summoned by your prayers.'

St. Ambrose of Milan



"As long as there are holy people on earth, the earth will stand. If the earth stops producing saints then will come to an end."

St. Silouan the Athonite

Prayers for the Departed: Anwor Kawaja, Robert Germany, Edmund, Sophia, Michael Sensor

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Fr. Michael Hatrak, Mat Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Lemlem Resat, Alfred Mokhiber, Peter Melnik, Agnes Timchak, Olga Riley, Anna Hotrovich, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Zack Bajuyo, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, Maria and Doug Dozier, Mary Anne Farrell, Michael Vannello, Catalina(Mary) & Jeremy (John) Finck, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Carson, Stephen, Maria, Aiden, Peck family, Anne Peck, George Coyle, Harry Lewis, Joanna Carey, Anthony, Nedwin & Pearl Minnich, Patricia, Ketevan, & Claramond Sensor

Prayers for Women and the Child to be born: Tatyana Klimova, Elizabeth Clause

Prayers for Catechumens: Stephanie Smiertka Riley

Prayers Newly Illumined/ Chrismated: Josephine Didonatos, Carolyn Peck

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
7-May	Souder/ Riley (Set up & clean up)	Hojnicki/Souder	Skomorucha/ Lewis	Lewis
14-May	Mother's Day	Sheeler/ Baldychev	Baldychev/ Shatley	Gundersen
21-May	Hamwi / Morjana	Bunitsky/Lewis	Suplizi	Farrell
28-May	LaChance /Shatley /Hines	Elia/Morjana	Riley	Skomorucha
4-Jun	Hamwi/ Morjana (Set up & clean up)	Riley	Bunitsky	Maloney

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

May-14

Team Conover

May-21

Team Gabriel