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**MAY 26th – 4th Sunday of PASCHA –The Paralytic – Tone 3
 (Remembering the Hiero-martyr Glyceria)**

Today’s Epistle Reading: **Today’s Gospel Readings:**
EPISTLE: ACTS 9: 32-42 **MATINS:** Lk. 24: 1-12/Liturgy: John 5: 1-15

The Paschal Troparion

“Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!”

Resurrection Kontakion (Tn.3):

“By Thy divine intercession, O Lord, as Thou didst raise up the paralytic of old, so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts; so that being saved, I May sing to Thee: ‘Glory to Thy majesty, O Bountiful Christ!’”

Hymn to the Mother of God: “*The Angel cried...*”

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Our Fall “*Taste Of Serbia*” Event is scheduled for **October 4th and 5th** – make your plans to be here!

Today’s Special Announcements and Events In Our Parish:

(1) TODAY: Pick up your June Calendars today!
(1-A) Have a Blessed and SAFE Memorial Day!!

(2) Please pray for the health & well-being of our loved ones:
 Petar Vukelic Michael Repasky Xenia Vranesevich Melva Lugares
 Helen Trkula-PCH Melva Buzzelli-KH Dorothy Medic-NH
 Helen Mochan Jenifer & Nadia Belo Prot. Mira Filipovic
 Fr. Chris Bender AP Joseph Abud Peter Lihars Demetrius Yandrich

(3) Also pray for those who have fallen asleep in the Lord:
 +Milan (Jerry) Drobac +Mark Belo +Stevan “Rick” Zivic
 +Stella Medich +Margaret (Tootsie) Ivkovich +Gary Trbovich
 +Sara Greyno +Eva Orr +Betsy Cannon +Danijela Belo
 +Arc. Polycarp Ramaeus +AP Angelo Artemas +AP Paul Lazor
 +AP Herman AP Adam Yonitch +Eli Vojnovich +Eugene Gould
 +Amelia Opacic +Marsha Cugalj +Olga Yandrich
 +Vlade Baskot +Joseph Stercula +Delores Belich

(4) REMINDER: the Calendar of Events for this Bright Week:

- **Leave-taking of Pascha: Wednesday, June 12th**
 (Great Vespers of Ascension at 6 PM)
- **Thursday, June 13th:** Ascension of Our Lord – 9:30AM!
- **Saturday, June 22nd: Parish Parastos – 9:30AM!**
 (Blessing of McKeesport-Versailles Cemetery After)
- **Sunday, June 23rd: PENTECOST – HTC Kolo Slava!**
 (Palachinke & Sausage Breakfast right after!)

~::~ SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC ~::~

You may wonder why the miracles of healing and raising from the dead, contained in this Sunday’s Epistle, are read during this Resurrection season. The Fathers of the Church point out that in such wonders of restoration, we have a foreshadowing of our own resurrection from the grave.

The lesson from the Acts of the Apostles tells of **TWO** incidents. In the first, Peter the Apostle came to Lydda and there found a paralytic who had been kept to his bed for eight years. Peter said to Aeneas: “**Jesus Christ heals you! Get up and take up your bed.**” Sure enough, Aeneas was restored to health and did as commanded.

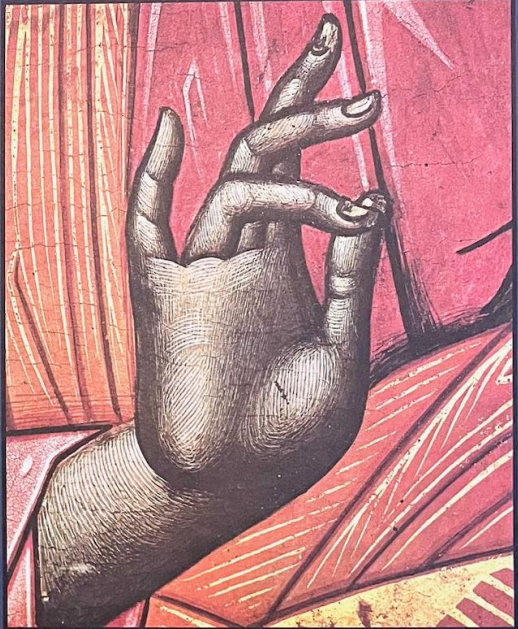
The 2nd incident is even more glorious. A short distance from Lydda was the village of Joppa, and here lived a pious and charitable woman, Dorcas. She fell ill and died. The Christians washed her body and laid it in the upper room, apparently their place of worship. Having heard that Peter was nearby, they summoned him.

When Peter arrived, the village folk were in tears. The widows and poor showed him the clothes that Dorcas had sewn and given them. The apostle went to the upper room, knelt down in prayer, felt the power and inspiration of the Spirit, and then spoke to the dead woman: “**Tabitha, rise!**” She opened her eyes and sat up. One can only imagine the wonder created by this act.

As these miracles prove, there is **HOPE** in our troubled world. Our faith in Christ has the power to restore, to raise up, to resurrect. As we submit ourselves to Him, as we obey Him, we come into contact with this power of the Lord.

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Peter performed his healing ministry solely for the purpose of leading hearts to faith in JESUS, the Son of God.