



## ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

**Saturday, April 25**

**The Holy Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Amasia**

Readings: Acts. 9:32-42; Jn. 5:1-15

**4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)**

**Sunday, April 26**

**Sunday of the Paralytic Man/Children's Liturgy/Coffee Social**

Readings: Acts. 9:32-42; Jn. 5:1-15

**9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Michael & Anna Chersnowsky, given by Magdalena Chersnonovsky.**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Patricia Della Ragione, given Luigi & family.**

**Saturday, May 2**

**The Repose of our Venerable Father Theodosius**

Readings: Acts. 11:19-26 & 29-30; Jn. 4:5-42

**4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)**

**Sunday, May 3**

**Sunday of the Samaritan Women**

Readings: Acts. 11:19-26 & 29-30; Jn. 4:5-42

**9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Michael & Anna Chersnowsky, given by Magdalena Chersnowsky.**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Michael Senko, by Pyptyk sisters**

**Eternal Candle:**

Blessed Memory of +Eva and Ivan Salo requested by Andy Salo.

## 188. THE POOL AT BETHESDA

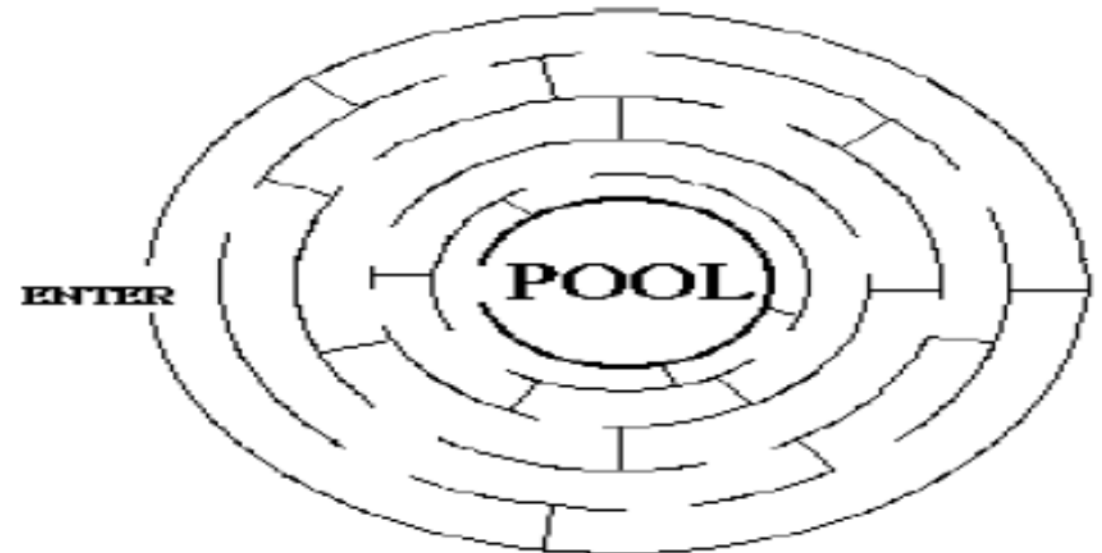
(JOHN 5:1-15)

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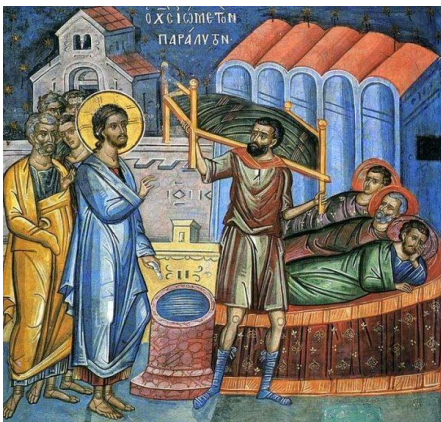
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WELL



## The Paralytic: Hoping, Healing, and Heralding



Jesus enters the precincts of the Temple, near the five pillars, where a great pool of water stands. The pool's name is Bethesda, or "house of kindness and mercy" or "place of outpouring." Dozens of sick crowded the portico waiting for the "waters to be stirred," yet one person came within Jesus' attention – a man paralyzed for 38 years (the number of years that the people of Israel were in exile!)

Jesus asks directly "Do you want to be healed? The man answers "I have no one to help me into the waters." The Lord responds "Rise, take up your mat, and walk." After

disputing with the Jews about the lawfulness of healing and carrying his mat on the Sabbath, Jesus meets the man in the Temple later and tells him "You are well; do not sin anymore, so nothing worse happens to you." There are three lessons we can take from John's passage.

### Tell Others Your Story

The paralytic took up his mat and walked away healed – after 38 years – and forgiven. Who could hold that excitement in? Who wouldn't tell others? How could anyone be mute about such a life-changing and soul-transforming experience? The Lord calls each of us to tell our story, to relate how He touched our lives, even in the smallest of ways, to hold us and to heal us, to lift us and to love us. Look into your own heart, think of the people in your family and your life, your friends and your fellow believers. How much frailty is there in them? How much pain has accumulated in their heart? How much fear of life, how much rejection, broken hopes, and loneliness? How long has "paralysis" held them captive?

Elder Joseph of Vatopedi Monastery on Mt Athos counsels us: "Let us look at one another with understanding, sensitivity and with attention. We will be answerable for each other, because there are so many ways in which we should be the eyes of Christ who sees the needs, the ears of Christ who hears the cry, the hands of Christ who supports and heals or makes healing possible."

Tell your story. Share your struggles. Enter the common humanity of each other to speak hope and healing. Healing is useless if it is a secret that no one knows. It's your and my responsibility, in the name of Jesus, to reveal that secret and to perhaps "strain" to lift up another and place them gently in the "healing water" of Christ's love! Truly, He is Risen!

## HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC



**April 26, 2026**

*The Sunday of the Paralytic Man*

**The Holy Priest-Martyr Basil, Bishop of Amasia**

Festal Tone

**Changeable Part:** See the special insert available in the church vestibule.

## **Announcements:**

### **Today: Sunday of the Paralytic**

On this Fourth Sunday of Pascha we commemorate the miraculous healing of the paralytic man at the pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem. During Matins (Morning Service) for this Sunday we sing: "The paralytic was not healed by the pool, but the Word renewed him". Together we witness that the Word of Christ can heal us also, for it is more powerful and more effective than any medicine, than any merely human idea, culture, or political movement.

### **Coffee Social:**

After divine liturgy, there is a coffee social. Thanks to Helen and Irene Pyptyk for sponsoring the April coffee social.

**Pyrohy Project:**

Our pyrohy project has returned to full production. Production begins at 9 am. If you have some time to spare to support this important fundraiser for St. George, we would love to have you join us.

**Scholarship**

Again this year the Education Board of St. George’s is happy to announce that students who are attending or are planning to attend Duquesne University should be aware of the availability of the Estina Franzak Perpetual Scholarship Fund. The Fund is intended to benefit students of Ukrainian ethnicity in their studies at Duquesne University. The amount of scholarship varies. Scholarships are awarded on an academic year basis. Recipients from prior years will be considered for renewal of awards provided that they demonstrate satisfactory academic progress.

For additional details please see Fr. Igor or Olha Perkun. Applications must be submitted to the Education Board of St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church by June 1, 2026

**RaiseRight – Gift Cards with a Purpose:**

If you need to buy a gift card for groceries, gas, restaurants or for any type of gift, please check out the selection at RaiseRight. Every gift card purchased helps St. George! You can set up an account easily at: <https://www.raiseright.com/> The St. George code is: M2MGCVH7NH2P. Please see Vicki Senko with any questions.

**Upcoming Ukrainian Youth Event:** Please see Fr. Igor or Michael Spak if you have any questions.

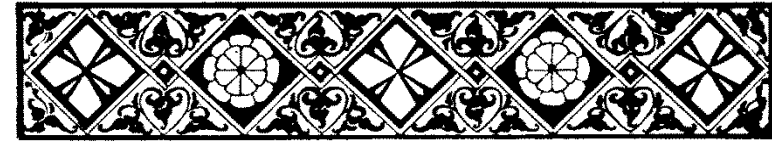
**Eparchial Youth Days**

June 25 (5 pm) - June 26 (8 pm), 2026  
YMCA Camp Kon-O-Kwee Spencer  
126 Nagel Rd.  
Fombell, PA 16123

**Collection- May God bless you...**

The total for Sunday of April 19, 2026 was **\$2,905.00 + \$410.00**  
(Collection: \$460.00, loose & candles: \$30.00, pyrohy: \$410.00, in memory of +Michael Senko: \$100.00, by Ann & Jim Kaltreider, \$100.00, by Mary & Donald Monti, \$540.00 cash from unknown source, \$100.00, by Ward & Lisa Gerner, \$575.00, by Victoria Senko, \$1000.00, by Roxanne Romah Picard)

*Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!*



**MOTHER’S DAY**

*Please light a candle in honor/memory of the following*

_____	Living	Deceased
_____	Living	Deceased
_____	Living	Deceased

**Given By:**

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*Please print each name and circle the correct notation. Red candles will be used for the Living, White for the deceased. Donation for each candle is \$3.00.*

**\* DEADLINE TO ORDER THESE CANDLES: THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2026\***



**GOD IS GREATER**



God is greater! Greater than your illness, whatever it may be. Greater than your deepest disappointment. Greater than your greatest worry. Greater than your worst enemy. Greater than your most difficult problem. Greater than life. Greater than death. God is greater! Believe it! Live by it! Affirm it! Claim it by faith and use it as a pillow to rest your weary soul. God is greater! If your God is not greater, then the God you believe in is too small. He is not the God the Church believes in. ~ St Isaac the Syrian