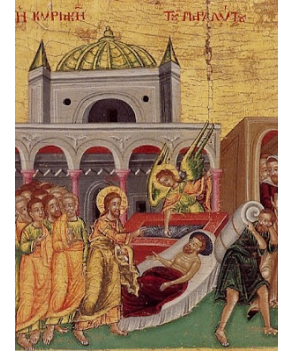


Archpriest Stephen Evanina (Serving)
Mark Howanetz, Choir Director
4th Sunday of Pascha
Paralytic
Repose of St. Alexis Toth,
Confessor and Defender of Orthodoxy in America
Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!



Epistle
Acts 9:32-42

Gospel
John 5:1-15

Troparion Tone 3 (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 great depths of hell and has granted to the world great mercy.

Troparion Tone 4 (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!

Kontakion Tone 3 (Pentecostarion)

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 power, O compassionate Christ!”.

Prayers for the Sick



Archpriest Vladimir
Matushka Gloria
Matushka Myra
Julie
Thom

Joan
Vera
Helen
Marie

*For all who are sick or suffering with afflictions in our parish,
our community and throughout the world!*

For the Newly Departed

*Handmaiden of God Barbara Evanina
May Her Memory be eternal!*

Announcements

Following Divine Liturgy there will be Coffee Hour in the fellowship hall. Monthly Parish Council will meet May 14th following Coffee Hour. We will be making Peroghi on Saturday's June 10th & 17th at 10:30 AM. Our Peroghi will be raised to \$10 per dozen. A bargain at any price!

Services for the Week

Saturday May 13th, Great Vespers, 4:00 PM

Sunday May 14th, (Samaritan Woman) Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

(1) Wherever Jesus appears, there is salvation. If He sees a revenue officer sitting in his office, He makes him an apostle and evangelist. Laid in the grave, He raises the dead to life. He bestows sight on the blind, hearing on the deaf. When, as now, He visits the public baths, it is not out of interest in the architecture, but to heal the sick.

(2) By the Sheep Market in Jerusalem there used to be a pool with five colonnades, four of which enclosed the pool, while the fifth spanned it midway. Here large numbers of sick would lie (unbelief also was rise among the Jews).

The physician and healer of both souls and bodies showed fairness in choosing this chronic sufferer to be the first recipient of His gift, that he might the earlier be released from his pains. For not for one day only, nor for two, had the poor man lain on his bed of sickness – nor was it now the first month, no, nor the first year – but for eight-and-thirty years. His long-standing illness, rendering him a figure familiar to passers by, now made him ocular evidence of the power of his healer. For the paralytic was known to all by reason of the length





of time. But though the master physician gave proof of His skill, He was rebuffed by those who put an unfavorable construction on His work of mercy.

(3) As He walked round the pool, “He saw.” He did not elicit the information by asking questions, for His divine power obviated any such need. Not “asking,” but “seeing” how long the invalid had lain there; “seeing,” He knew; indeed He knew before He saw. For if in the case of secrets of the heart “He had no need to question anyone concerning man, for He Himself knew what was in man,” much more was this the case when it was a question of diagnosing diseases with visible symptoms.

(4) He saw a bedridden man weighed down by a sore sickness; for the paralytic’s heavy load of sins

aggravated the long-drawn agony of the disease. A question addressed to the sufferer hinted to him his need: “Wilt thou be healed?” Not a word more; He left him with the question half spoken. For the question was ambiguous; it was because he was sick not only in body but also in soul (compare His later saying: “Behold, thou art cured; sin no more, lest something worse befall thee”) that He asked him: “Do you want to be healed?” What mighty power that implied in the physician, making relief depend only on the patient’s willing! It is because salvation is from faith that He asked “Do you want to be healed?” that his “Yes” might give Jesus His cue. This “Wilt thou?” is the word of Jesus only; it belongs not to doctors who heal the body. For those who treat bodily ailments cannot say to any and every patient: “Wilt thou be healed?” But Jesus grants the will, accepts the faith, and freely bestows the gift.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem The Works of Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, vol. 2, Anthony A. Stephenson (trans.)

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Russian: Khristos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!

Greek: Khristós Anésti! Alithós Anésti!

Arabic: El Messieh kahm! Hakken kahm!

Ukrainian: Khrystos Voskres! Voistynu Voskres!

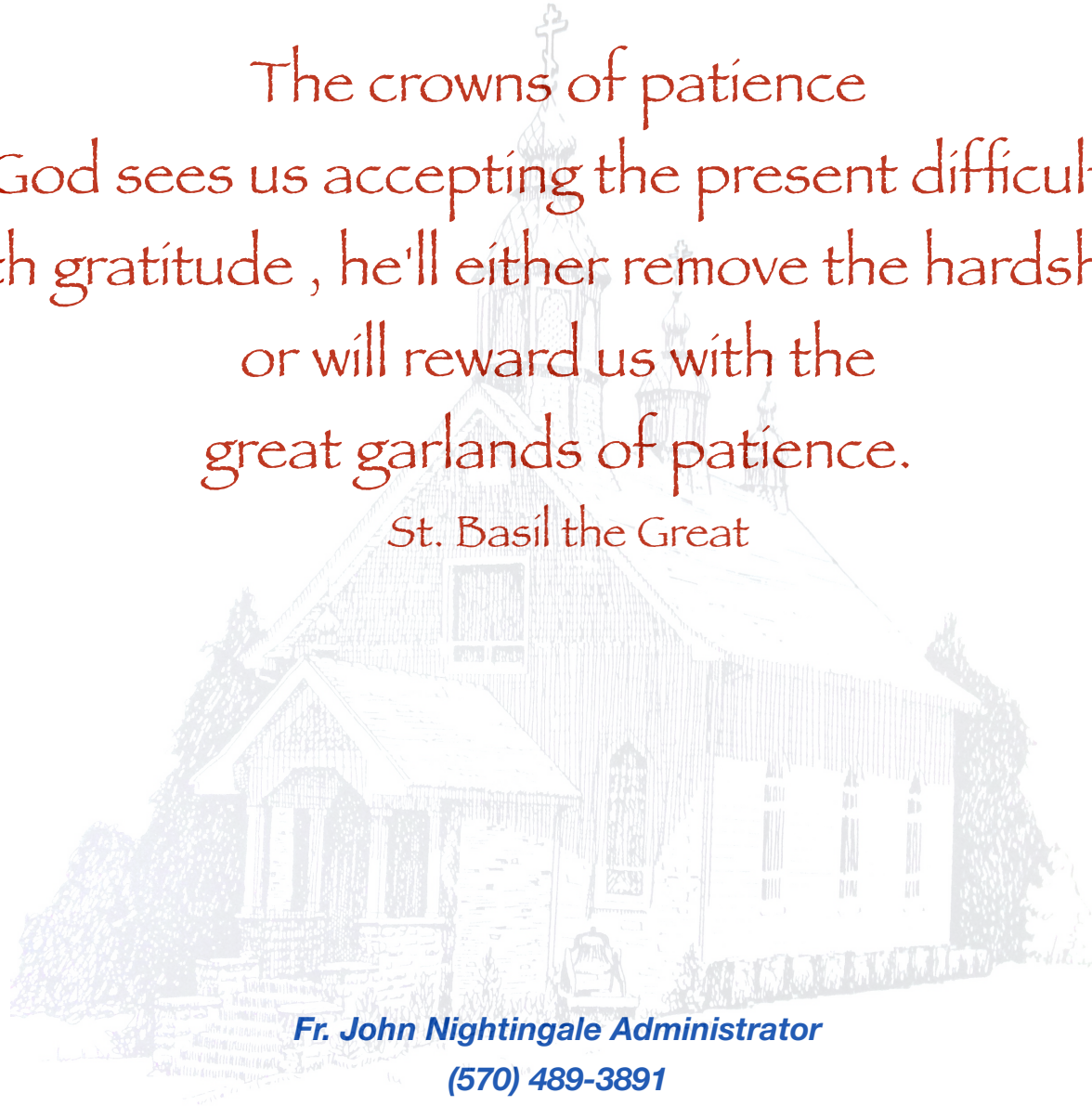
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The crowns of patience
If God sees us accepting the present difficulties
with gratitude , he'll either remove the hardships
or will reward us with the
great garlands of patience.

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