



April 25, 2021

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN

Parish Schedule

- Apr. 25 (Sun) SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN**
Divine Liturgy **10:30am**
+Charles Zeleznik req by Tom Arendas
- May 1 (Sat) Divine Liturgy** **5:00pm**
For the Parishioners
- May 2 (Sun) SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**
Divine Liturgy **10:30am**
+Teresa Spudik and George Lucas req by Family

Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers.



Tillie Abraham, Diana Abraham, Ron Bishop, George Bodnar ,
Jude Bodnar, Pamela Seech Dawson, Steve Fekete, Margaret Gegick,
Kevin Ianni, Ted Race, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi,
Joseph Rusinko Sr.

We greet each other during the next forty days with our Paschal greeting:

CHRIST IS RISEN ! (English) INDEED HE IS RISEN !
CHRISTOS VOSKRESE ! (Slavonic) VOISTINNU VOSKRESE !
CHRISTOS ANESTI ! (Greek) ALITHOS ANESTI !



ST GEORGE THE GREAT-MARTYR
FEAST DAY APRIL 23

The cult of St. George is one of the most fascinating of all the Saints. St. George was a Christian missionary who was martyred in Palestine under the Emperor Diocletian and his original Shrine is in Lydda. Although he had nothing whatever to do with the military, he is often portrayed as a soldier on a horse with spear in hand conquering a serpent or dragon as a young maiden in the distance looks on.



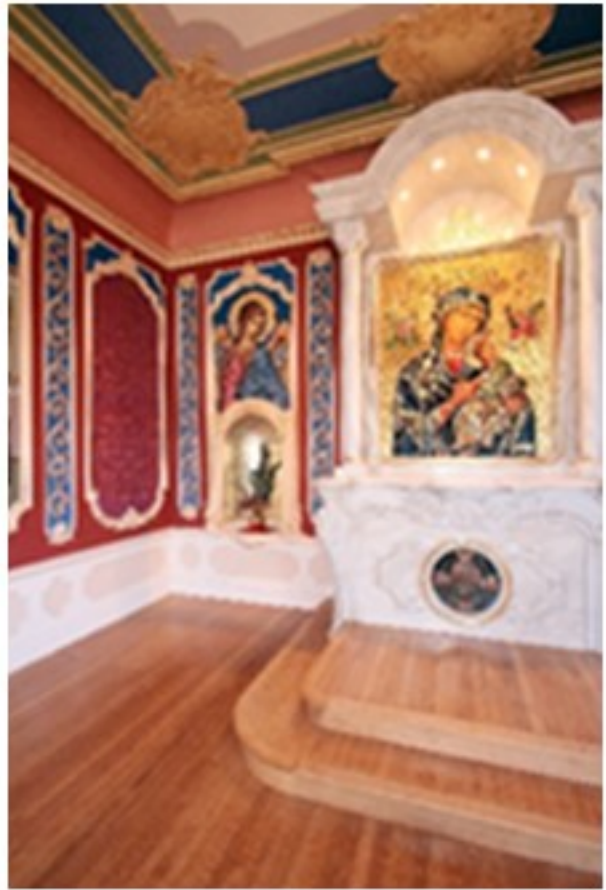
This symbolic iconography depicts St. George as a Christian hero who conquered evil opposition to Christ signified by the dragon. The young maiden symbolizes the Church which St. George defended and protected with his preaching, bold witness to Christ and martyr's death. St. George is the only Martyr in the Calendar whose cult is completely universal, that is, it is found in all the Churches of Christianity throughout the world. Georgia in the Caucasus is a country named after him. The name George means "Tiller of the Earth."

Our Tithe to our Parish - April 18, 2021 - \$1,571.00

To all those who have been so faithful in your donations, especially during these trying times, we offer a huge Thank You! Our parishioners have been very conscious in the support of our church that allows us to continue to meet our expenses and even the extra items that come up.

The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week April 25 thru May 1 for +Frank Yurko req by family.





Mount Macrina House of Prayer
Virtual Online Zoom Programs

For more information or to register, call 724-438-7149 or
Email: hpmsm@verizon.net.

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR EMAIL TO RECEIVE YOUR LINK AS THE PROGRAMS WILL BE CONDUCTED THROUGH ZOOM.

Please share this information with anyone who may be interested.

Women's Tuesday Evening Reflection:

Do Whatever She Tells You: Becoming a Disciple with Mary

May 11 — 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Presented by Ann M. Koshute, MTS

Offering: \$10 Register by May 6

Men's Thursday Evening of Reflection:

Saint Joseph: Pillar for Families in the 21st Century

May 13—6:30pm - 7:30pm

Presented by Father Jim Davidson and Deacon Dennis Prestash

Offering: \$10 Register by May 10

Saturday Morning Reflection:

The Women of the Passion and the Resurrection

May 15— 10am - 11:30am

Presented by Helenanne Hochendoner, MAT

Offering: \$15 Register by May 11

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So many of the Gospel stories seem to be concerned with healing. Much of the ministry of Jesus was focused on those who were sick and in need of healing. He must have spent a good deal of his time with these people.

In fact, if we look at our own lives, much of our time and energy seems also to be focused on matters that concern our health: Appointments with doctors ... check-ups ... trips to the pharmacy ... medications ... family members and friends in the hospital ... our own daily aches and pains ... not to speak of the more serious illnesses and chronic conditions with which people live.

And thank God, we do have the necessary medications and treatments to help people today. We can expect to live longer than previous generations, and we can, with the help of medication, even live with some very serious conditions ... something not possible to our ancestors.



But even with all the medications and advanced technology ... some illnesses still seem to be beyond their reach. Some conditions simply escape the normal paths to healing that are available to us.

In today's Gospel, the people were attracted to a pool whose water they believed to have miraculous healing powers. Many people were healed in this pool.

The paralytic man, however, was somehow prevented from entering it. The normal means to healing constantly escaped him.

Then he was confronted with Jesus, *the* healer of our souls and bodies. This healing was based, not on a miraculous pool, but on *faith*. *Do you want to be healed?* ... Jesus asks the man. *Do you believe that you can be healed?* ... is the implied question. The healing now depends, not on an external pool of water ... but rather on the inner dispositions of faith of the man.

These questions are also asked of us each time we seek to be healed.