



# ST. MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A PARISH OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE  
OF NORTH AMERICA

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## CLERGY

His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

His Grace Bishop THOMAS, Auxiliary Bishop of Charleston, Oakland & the Mid-Atlantic

Very Rev. Fr. George Alberts, Pastor

Very Rev. Fr. Dr. David Hester, Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Deacon Joseph Clark + Rev. Deacon George Goodge

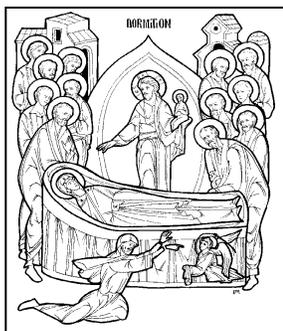
Subdeacon William Obeid + Subdeacon N.D. Namey + Subdeacon John Moses Jr.

**WELCOME** to the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. We are in the jurisdiction of the Orthodox Christian Church whose roots trace directly back to the first century Antioch, the city in which the disciples of Jesus Christ were first called Christians (Acts 11:26).

The Orthodox Church is the oldest and second-largest Christian group in the world. We are called by God, our Creator, to worship and follow Him and to proclaim to the world His message of love, peace and salvation.

God loves all mankind and desires that all human beings should believe in Him, know Him, abide in Him, and receive eternal life from Him. To accomplish this God Himself came into the world as a man in Jesus Christ --- becoming man that we might become like God. The Parishioners of St. Mary Parish welcome you and are pleased that you have decided to worship Almighty God with our Parish family today. We encourage you to learn about our Orthodox faith and our Parish if you are not yet Orthodox.

Although the non-Orthodox may not receive Holy Communion, which may only be given to the Orthodox faithful, we invite you to come forward at the close of the Liturgy to receive a blessing from the Priest and blessed bread. Please also come downstairs to the Parish Hall join us for our fellowship hour.



Our Patronal Feast is the DORMITION (FALLING-ASLEEP) OF THE THEOTOKOS, which is one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church and is celebrated each year on August 15. The Theotokos, the Virgin Mary, was “blessed amongst women,” and she was chosen “to bear the Savior of our souls.” Orthodox Christians consider her to be the Queen of all the saints and angels. Knowing she is eternally present at the throne of God interceding for mankind, we pray for her love, guidance, and protection.



**SCHEDULE OF PARISH LIFE AT  
ST. MARY**

Thurs. May 23 Spaghetti Dinner 4:00  
pm -- 6:00 pm

Sat. May 25 Confessions from 4:30 –  
5:00 & Vespers at 5:00

Sun May 26 Matins at 8:50 & Divine  
Liturgy at 10:00

Mon. May 27 Memorial Day service  
at the Parish Cemetery  
at 10:30 am

*CONFESSION IS ALWAYS "IN SEASON" ....  
FATHER GEORGE IS AVAILABLE EVERY  
SATURDAY BEFORE VESPERS AND SUNDAY  
AFTER LITURGY OR BY APPOINTMENT TO  
HEAR YOUR CONFESSION ....*

**PASCHAL GREETINGS**

ENGLISH

CHRIST IS RISEN!  
INDEED HE IS RISEN!

ARABIC

AL MASEEH QAM!  
HAQAN QAM!

GREEK

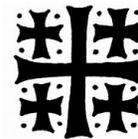
KRISTOS ANESTI!  
ALITHOS ANESTI!

RUSSIAN

KRISTOS VOSKRESEY!  
VOYISTINO VOSKRESEY!

**COMMEMORATIONS**

- ✘ Today - Holy Bread and the Bulletin sponsored in loving memory of Martha Kravtiz for her 40 day memorial and for Eleanor Saba for her one year memorial by the Saba-Carol Families and the Kravitiz-Jenkins Families + Trisagion Prayers are offered for the 40 day memorial for Martha Kravitz + Trisagion Prayers are also offered for the 9<sup>th</sup> day memorial for Nasser Dahdal
- ✘ May 26 Trisagion Prayers are offered for the 40 day memorial for Father Herb



**PASCHAL RESPONSES**

Priest: Christ is Risen!

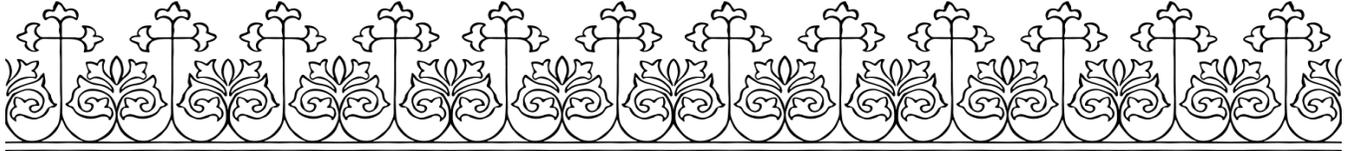
People: Indeed He Is Risen!

Priest: Glory to His Holy Third-day  
Resurrection!

People: We adore His Holy Third-day  
Resurrection!

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead,  
trampling down death by death, and upon  
those in the tombs...

People: ...bestowing life!



DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES FOR SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA \*\*\* SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

HIEROMARTYR PATRICK, BISHOP OF PRUSSA & THE PRIEST-MARTYRS ACACIUS, MENANDER AND POLYAENUS WITH HIM; VENERABLE CORNELIOS OF KOMELSK; GRAND PRINCE DIMITRY DONSKOY OF MOSCOW

PASCHAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

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

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and became the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE DORMITION

In giving birth thou didst keep thy virginity and thy repose thou didst not forsake the world O Theotokos, for thou art the mother of life and thou didst pass over into life. And through thine intercessions from death thou dost redeem our souls.

THE KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

✠ THE EPISTLE ✠

*Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands, all you nations.*

**THE READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE SAINTLY AND PURE APOSTLES. (9:32-42)**

In those days, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments, which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

## ✠ THE GOSPEL ✠

### **THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN. (5:1-15)**

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first, after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for 38 years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk?'" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befalls you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus Who had healed him.

### THE SYNAXARION

On May 19 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Hieromartyr Patrick, bishop of Prussa and the priest-martyrs Acacius, Menander and Polyaenus with him; Venerable Cornelios of Komelsk; and Grand Prince Dimitry Donskoy of Moscow. On this day, the fourth Sunday of Pascha, we commemorate the Paralytic and, as is right, we celebrate the miracle wrought for him. Jesus healed the Paralytic at the Sheep's Pool, located near the Sheep's Gate of Jerusalem, where people sacrificed their beasts and washed their insides. The pool had five sides, with a porch and arch on each. A number of people, afflicted with various diseases, passed through them, waiting at the water for an angel to come down and stir it. Once it moved, whoever stepped into the water first was instantly healed. One poor man, whose story is recounted in today's Gospel lection in the Divine Liturgy, waited 38 years for someone to lower him into the water, because he was unable to move into the water himself. However, the Savior merely commanded the man to get up and walk, and he was healed.

*In Thine infinite mercy, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.*

**THE SUNDAY OF THE PARLYTIC** \*\*\* The fourth Sunday of Holy Pascha is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of the Paralytic. The day commemorates the miracle of Christ healing a man paralyzed for thirty-eight years. The biblical story of the event is found in the Gospel of John 5:1-15.

Close to the Sheep's Gate in Jerusalem, there was a pool, which was called the Sheep's Pool. It had five porches, that is, five sets of pillars supporting a domed roof. Under this roof there lay very many sick people with various maladies awaiting the moving of the water. The first person to step in after the troubling of the water was healed immediately of whatever malady he had.

It was there that the paralytic of today's Gospel was lying, tormented by his infirmity of thirty-eight years. When Christ beheld him, He asked him, "Will you be made whole?" And he answered with a quiet and meek voice, "Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool." The Lord said unto him, "Rise, take up your bed, and walk." And straightaway the man was made whole and took up his bed. Walking in the presence of all, he departed rejoicing to his own house. According to the expounders of the Gospels, the Lord Jesus healed this paralytic during the days of the Passover, when He had gone to Jerusalem for the Feast, and dwelt there teaching and working miracles. According to Saint John the Evangelist, this miracle took place on the Sabbath.