

ST. STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CHRIST IS RISEN!

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN

MAY 3, 2020

INDEED HE IS RISEN!

Acts 9:32-42

Jn. 5:1-15

JESUS HEALS THE PARALYTIC BY THE POOL - Great is the profit of divine

Scriptures, and all sufficient is the aid which comes from them...for the divine oracles are a treasury of all manner of medicines. Whether it be needful to quench pride, to lull passion to sleep, to tread underfoot the love of money, to despise pain, to inspire confidence, to gain patience: In the Scriptures we may find abundant resource. For what man of those who struggle with long poverty or who are nailed by a grievous disease will not, when he reads the passage before us, receive much comfort? Since this man had been a paralytic for thirty-eight years, and he saw others delivered each year, and himself bound by his disease, not even so did he fall back and despair, though in truth not merely despondency for the past, but also hopelessness for the future was sufficient to overstrain him. Yes, Lord, he

says, but I have no man...to put me in the pool. What can be more pitiable than these words?... Do you see a heart crushed through long sickness? Do you see all violence subdued? ... He did not curse his day...but replied gently "Yes, Lord"; yet he did not know who it was who asked him.

St. John Chrysostom. *Homily XXXVII on John V*; 1. B#58, p.128.



✠ **CHOOSE LIFE!** For the disciples and apostles in our day, that they may teach that each human life is a gift from God, we pray to the Lord.

PRAYER REQUESTS – Father Ron asks that anyone who has prayer requests to please email him at stjohnthebaptistuniontown@gmail.com.

SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES FOR HOLY WEEK

SUN	MAY 3	11:00 AM	SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN	PARISH FAMILY
MON	MAY 4	6:00 PM	Pelagia (Martyr) +Andrew & Anna Williams, Req. by Stephanie Pastore	
TUES	MAY 5	6:00 PM	Irene (Great - Martyr) +Michael & Olga Czepak, Req. by Stephanie Pastore	
WED	MAY 6	6:00 PM	MID-PENTECOST +Robert Pastore, Req. by Stephanie Pastore	
THURS	MAY 7	6:00 PM	Appearance of the Sign of the Cross + Ann Gean Comfort, Req. by E.W. Comfort	
FRI	MAY 8	6:00 PM	John (Apostle - Evangelist) (Simple Abstinence required) +Steven Krwtz Family, Req. by E.W. Comfort	
SAT	MAY 9	6:00 PM	Translation of the Relics of Nicholas of Myra (Bishop) +George Vadas Family, E.W. Comfort	
SUN	MAY 10	11:00 AM	SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN	PARISH FAMILY

(Weekday Divine Liturgies are in the Rectory Chapel)

YOUR CHURCH TITHES – If you want to make your regular church contributions (offertory), please send a check, no cash please, to St. Stephen.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020

Offertory = \$680.00 Candles = \$22.00 Lent = \$65.00 Building Fund = \$95.00
Cemetery = \$100.00 **TOTAL = \$962.00**

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MARCH 15 THROUGH APRIL 26, 2020

Offertory = \$975.00 Candles = \$4.00 Holy Day = \$45.00 Easter Flowers = \$30.00
Easter Offering = \$1410.00 Lent = \$130.00 **TOTAL = \$2594.00**

DIVINE LITURGIES ON YOUTUBE - St. John the Baptist Byzantine, Uniontown, has videoed and then posted on YouTube the Divine Liturgies for Palm Sunday, the Resurrection, Thomas Sunday, and the Ointment-Bearers. Divine Liturgies will continue to be posted throughout the Covid epidemic. To view them, go to YouTube on either your computer or phone and search for stjohnthebaptistbyzantine. Then click on the Divine Liturgy you wish to view. These can be viewed at your time convenience, even multiple times; they are not live streamed.