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HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!

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Holy Communion Or- der

1. Please remain standing while following the directions of our ushers.
2. Ladies, kindly remove lipstick before receiving.
3. When receiving Holy Communion, make the Sign of the Cross, state your name (baptismal name), and naturally receive as if being fed.
4. Non-Orthodox Christians may not receive Holy Communion, but they may receive the Holy Bread at the end of the service.
5. All Orthodox Christians must be spiritually prepared to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please see the priest if you have any questions.

THE LADDER

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC



PRAYER FOR HOLY SCRIPTURES DURING THE DIVINE LITURGY

"Shine within our hearts, loving Master, the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our minds that we may comprehend the message of Your Gospel. Instill in us, also, reverence for Your blessed commandments, so that having conquered sinful desires, we may pursue a spiritual life, thinking and doing all these things that are pleasing to You. For You are the Light of our souls and bodies and to You we give glory together with Your Father Who is without beginning and Your all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen."

EPISTLES—Acts 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 gazelle. 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 she 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.

GOSPEL— 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 thirty-eight 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 befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

Liturgical Notes for Today

At the Entrance of the Gospel: *"Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life."/*Χριστός Ανέστη...

1. **As the Gospel is raised:** *"In the congregations bless God, the Lord Who springs out of Israel. Save us, O Son of God Who rose from the dead, as we sing to You, Alleluia."/*Εν εκκλησίαις ευλογείτε...
2. *"Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord by His mighty arm, has created a dominion. He has conquered death by death and become the Firstborn of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of Hades, and has granted the world great mercy."/* Ευφραίνεσθω τα ουράνια...
3. *"Since you are a deliverer of captives and a defender of the poor; a physician for the sick and a noble attendant to Kings, O great among the martyrs and glorious George, intercede to Christ that He may save our souls."/*Ως των αιχμαλώτων... [Hymn in honor of St. George]
4. **Kontakion:** *"Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God. To the myrrh-bearing women, saying, 'Hail!' and granting peace to Your disciples, You are He Who raised up the fallen."/*Ει και εν τάφω...
5. After Holy Communion: *"Christ is risen..."* / Χριστός Ανέστη...

MEMORIAL - Today's Memorial Service is for the Eternal Life and salvation of the servant of God, **Helen (Eleni) Dilberakis (3 years)**, the beloved mother of **Anastasia Dilberakis**. May our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ grant Eternal Life and Salvation to **Helen (Eleni) Dilberakis** and may He grant peace and comfort to **Anastasia Dilberakis**. MAY HER MEMORY BE ETERNAL.

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

- Tuesday, May 13thBible Study -10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 14th...MID-PENTECOST Orthros-8:30 a.m./Divine Liturgy-9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, May 15th - Orthodox Christian Catechism (online) - 6:30 a.m. Contact Fr. Ted to receive a Zoom link

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTHER'S DAY - Happy Mother's Day to our parish mothers, grandmothers and Godmothers!

AHEPA - Special thanks to the members of our **St. George AHEPA Chapter** for their donation of carnations for Fr. Ted to give in honor of mothers, grandmothers and Godmothers of our parish today.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Next Sunday, May 18th, is the **"End-of-the-Year" "Family Sunday School" class** for 2024-2025. We look forward to seeing our Sunday School students and their parents in September returning for the new 2025-2026 "Family Sunday School" program.

PHILOPTOCHOS -Congratulations to the following St. George Philoptochos members who on Monday, May 5th were elected to serve as members of our Philoptochos Board of Directors for 2025-2027: **Paulette Carkonen, Elaine Grillos, Linda Kallis, Rhonda Latkovic, Marie Malley, Margarita Pagoulatos, Debbie Pousen, Susan Segaar, Irene Stambolos, Tina Veroulis, and Kalitsa Xitco.**

STEWARDSHIP - As we approach the mid-year mark, we want to remind those who have yet to submit their 2025 Stewardship Pledge Cards and/or who have not contributed toward their 2025 Stewardship pledge to do so as soon as possible. As the summer months draw near, your Stewardship contributions will help our parish tremendously.