



**Sunday of the Paralytic— 4th Paschal Sunday**

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**Holy Services for the Fourth Week of Pascha**  
**The Week of the Paralytic Man**

The pool of Bethesda did not have the power to heal the man paralyzed for thirty-eight years, but the pool of the waters of baptism, touched by Christ, risen from the dead and by the power of the Holy Spirit, have the power to heal our souls of sin and bring us to eternal life, In the fourth week after the Pascha we learn of the grace of baptism.

**SATURDAY April 25** Apostle & Evangelist Mark

9:00 am Divine Liturgy *For the forgotten souls*  
*by Angela Lipovac*

**6:00 pm Vespers for Sunday**

**Hebrew Readings for Sunday**  
Micah 4: 1-7 & Zephaniah 3: 11-20

**April 26 Sunday of the Paralytic Man page 181**

9:00 am Confession & Choir Practice  
9:40 am Easter Canon  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Social in the Parish Hall  
ECF Classes for our Youth  
Inquiry Session in the lower level

**MONDAY, April 27** Bishop Martyr Simeon

9:00 am Divine Liturgy  
*Thanksgiving by Sally Rock*

**TUESDAY, April 28** Apostles Jason & Sosipater

9:00 am Divine Liturgy *For the forgotten souls*  
*by Angela Lipovac*

**MID-PENTECOST**

**WEDNESDAY April 29, P. 183**

9:00 am Divine Liturgy  
*+The Priest John Monastero*

**THURSDAY April 30** **PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED**  
NO MORNING LITURGY

**FRIDAY May 1** **Jeremiah the Prophet**

9:00 am Divine Liturgy *For the forgotten souls*  
*by Angela Lipovac*

**Christ Is Risen**

**April 26, 2026**

**Saturday May 2 Athanasius the Great**

9:00 am Divine Liturgy *For the forgotten souls*  
*by Angela Lipovac*

**6:00 pm Vespers for the Samaritan Woman**

**Hebrew Reading for Sunday**  
Genesis 24: 1-4, 9-51 & Ezechiel 47: 1-9

**SUNDAY, May 3 SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN, p. 186**

9:00 am Confession & Choir Practice

9:40 am Easter Canon

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Coffee Social in the Parish Hall

Inquiry Session in the lower level

5:00 pm Liturgy at St Nicholas Fontana

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

**L**ord our Savior, you came to the man who was paralyzed and brought him the healing that he sought. We pray that you heal us of our spiritual paralysis and help those that you are calling to be priests, deacons, monks and nuns, that they may serve you faithfully and strengthen our Church by their life and by their prayers, we pray you, hear and have mercy.

“Take up your mat and walk.” Our Lord can make us well, and it is always His will that we are able to walk, spiritually speaking. When we unite ourselves to His will we can bring healing to this world. Is He calling you or someone you know to do so by a vocation to the monastic life, the diaconate in Christ or the priesthood? Contact the Vocations Office at 602-861-9778 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

Choir practice at 9:00 am before the 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. Contact Stephen Kopko

April 26 Sherill Franklin	May 3 George Petyo
May 10 Kester Bailey	May 17 Mike Petyo
May 24 Sherill Franklin	May 31 George Petyo

**7 DAY CANDLE OFFERING (Pascha)**

*The special envelopes are available on the greeting table.*  
*The donation for the Icon Candles are \$10.*

**Eternal Light**

*Alexis & Tim Koss by John & Linda Crans*

**Icon of Our Lord**

*John & Linda Crans by Ed & Andrea Pribonic*

**Icon of Theotokos**

*+The Priest John Monastero*



+**FATHER JOHN MONASTERO** fell asleep in the Lord this past week. A very close friend of our parish for many years and a great advocate for the Eastern Catholic Churches in Orange County and a friend. He served for many years and was responsible for the yearly Roman & Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christian Ecumenical Service of Prayer for Christian Unity. [OCTOC.ORG](http://OCTOC.ORG) The Schedule of Funeral Services at this time is in process.

## ETERNAL MEMORY AND BLESSED REPOSE! Christ Is Risen!

**COFFEE SOCIAL FOR MAY** our list for May is open. Be sure to sign up for serving the Coffee Social. Your donations are welcome and great appreciated. It helps us cover the cost of the doughnuts and coffee supplies. Again Thank you.

**PROSPHORA (Altar Bread) bakers** were baking this week providing the Altar Bread for the May and June. Thank you to the bakers for providing the prospora for the Altar.

### PRAYERS NEEDED

**Parishioners Homebound:** Lee Smith, Dr Stephen Torday, Helen Bruce, Andy Spisak & Sal & Gloria Solis.  
**Special needs:** Lawrence Hoskinson, Sucha Singh, Joseph Tullia, Rick & Mitzi Moore, Joannie Kopko, Susan Deane, Frank Malinick, Susan Dean, Robert & Rita Pipta, Frances Bisaha, Annabelle Rock, Kathy Gibbons, Michael Bergeron, Helen Malinick, John Crans, Nina Erickson, Chuck & Tanya Johnson, Angelica Villarín & Thanksgiving for grace received.

**Expectant Mother:** Amarany Masterson, Guadelupe Ceron & Melissa Davies, Eileen Escobedo (Fontana)  
**Clergy needs:** Fr Christopher Zugger, Msgr Michael Moran, Fr Robert Rankin, Fr Marcus Gomori & Fr Lee Perry.  
**In Military Service:** Cortney Franklin, Jeret Soto, Nigel Ward & Fr Brad Guillory.  
**Our Veterans:** David Bohner, Robert Pipta, Nicholas Speitel, Robert Erickson, Charlie Kanenbley, Jessica Hoskinson, Lance Flambures, Alexander Avalos, Michael Petyo and George Petyo.

### TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT Our Stewardship for MYRRH BEARERS SUNDAY Attendance: 155 Souls

Adult Tithes: \$4,032.00, Candles: \$246.00, Coffee Social: \$107.00, Feast of Annunciation: \$95.00, Easter: \$100.00, Holyland: \$110.00, Recycle: \$12.00, Sanctuary: \$110.00, and Holy Week: \$40.00.

**Sanctuary Fund Balance: (1-29-26) \$114,522.56**

We are on **ZELLE** use [angelgabriel995](mailto:angelgabriel995) to make your contributions from your smart phone to our gift shop, bake sale and tithings for our parish. Be sure to use the memo.

**OR On-line Giving go to our Web Page click on "Donate"**

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Thank you!

### CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS COLLECTION OUR EPARCHY HAS BENEFITTED

The Eparchy of Phoenix has been blessed to receive \$1,062,500 in Catholic Home Missions Grants over the past 13 years. Grants from the Catholic Home Missions benefit our eparchial operations and evangelization programs, including funds for seminarians, clergy conferences, ECF, outreach, and communications.

In 2025, the Eparchy received \$26,600 for Clergy Continuing Education, \$51,700 for Mission Personnel, \$9,100 for Communications and \$7,600 for Seminarian Education. \$95,000 in total.

In 2026, the Eparchy received \$32,000 for Clergy Continuing Education, \$48,000 for Mission Advancement, \$12,000 for Bishop Travel across the Eparchy and \$8,000 for Seminarian Education. \$100,000 in total.

As Catholics, we are called to care for one another, especially those who struggle to access the spiritual and material support they need. The Catholic Home Missions Grant is a concrete expression of our solidarity as one Church, united in faith and charity.

In 2025, \$8,138 was generously donated by parishioners throughout the Eparchy for CHM. Let's try to exceed this for 2026.

**BISHOP’S APPEAL 2026 update 1-1 to 4-21**

Parish Goal           \$24,000.00  
 Pledges               \$17,887.30  
 Balance Needed   \$6,112.70

*You may pledge on line : <https://ephx.org/appeal>*

*Special Thank You for your pledgers:*

Fr Stephen G Washko	Tina Ricker
Jessica Hoskinson	Frances Bisaha
Robert & Nina Erickson	Anonymous
Joseph Tullai	George & Carolyn Petyo
Mihai & Lisa Chelu	Alex & Irene Fotinakes
Moon Gilbert	Sherill Franklin,
Irene Lovas	Stephen & Joannie Kopko
Joseph Adelman	Helen Bruce
Justin & Earley Lischak	Eddie & Katrina Chow
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Caleb Bauland	Karen Ybarra
Michael Marich	George & Janice Washicko
Abel & Gaudelupe Ceron	Deacon Greg & Beth Gath
James Yutronich	Kathy & Michael Hamaker
Carmela Yarosik	Jean Berardi
Liam Solis Wagenbach	

**ON DEATH AND RESURRECTION IN CHRIST**

**St. Gregory the Theologian**

Yesterday I was crucified with Him; today I am glorified with Him. Yesterday I died with Him; today I am made alive with Him. Yesterday I was buried with Him; today I am raised up with Him. Let us offer to Him Who suffered and rose again for us ourselves, the possession most precious to God and most proper. Let us become like Christ, since Christ became like us. Let us become Divine for His sake, since for us He became Man. He assumed the worse that He might give us the better. He became poor that by His poverty we might become rich. He accepted the form of a servant that we might win back our freedom. He came down that we might be lifted up. He was tempted that through Him we might conquer. He was dishonored that He might glorify us. He died that He might save us. He ascended that He might draw to Himself us, who were thrown down through the fall of sin. Let us give all, offer all, to Him who gave Himself a Ransom and Reconciliation for us. We needed an incarnate God, a God put to death, that we might live. We were put to death together with Him that we might be cleansed. We rose again with Him because we were put to death with Him. We were glorified with Him because we rose again with Him. A few drops of Blood recreate the whole of creation!

**OUR THOUGHTS**

“Our life depends on the kind of thoughts we nurture. If our thoughts are peaceful, calm, meek, and kind, then that is what our life is like. If our attention is turned to the circumstances in which we live, we are drawn into a whirlpool of thoughts and can have neither peace nor tranquility (Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica)”. Saint Seraphim of Sarov said, “acquire inner peace, and thousands around you will be saved”, for having been created in the image of God, and we are part of the Divine thought that was made material in time and space. We not only influence those around us with our thoughts, but we even influence the cosmos. If we focus on the negative, those negative thoughts impact everyone around us, and even the whole world. The Elder Thaddeus tells us we can be either very good, or very bad, depending on the thoughts and desires we breed.

There is a lot that is wrong with the world, but it begins with us. If there is to be peace in our world, it must begin with me. If hatred, anger, envy, lust, and spite, are to end, it must end with me. When we allow destructive thoughts to destroy our peace, the peace around us is destroyed. We cannot blame the world, or even those around us, for that which happens around us, radiates from us. Blame for all that is wrong with the world, cannot be placed beyond our own hearts.



*The 19th Annual Roman & Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christian Ecumenical Service of Prayer for Christian Unity*

*will be held at*

*Forty Martyrs Armenian Orthodox Church*

*5315 W. McFadden Ave., Santa Ana CA 92704*

*On*

*Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 7pm*