

EPISTLE

The Reading is from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles

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 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.

GOSPEL

The Reading is from John 5:1-15

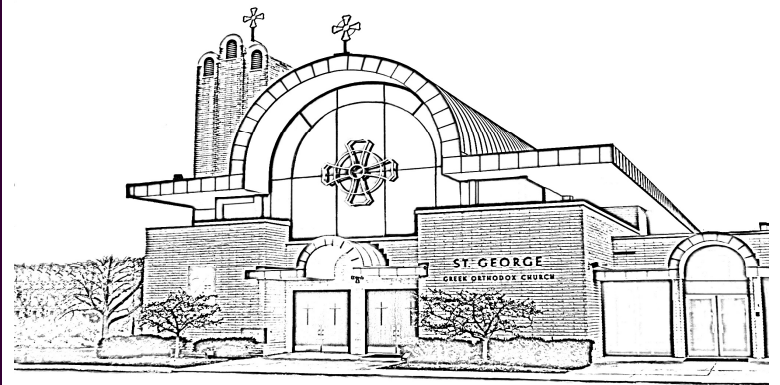
At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into 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 befalls you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

WISDOM FROM THE CHURCH FATHERS

In that case [Matt 9:2] there was remission of sins, (for He said, "Thy sins be forgiven thee,") but in this, warning and threats to strengthen the man for the future; "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto you."

St. John Chrysostom, *Homily 37 on John*

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May 22, 2016

Sunday of the Paralytic
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Welcome to Saint George Church

Sunday Worship:

8:30 am Orthros/Matins 10:00 am Divine Liturgy

TODAY...

Saints Commemorated: On the 22nd of this month we commemorate the holy Martyr Basiliskos, the nephew of Saint Theodore the Tyro. On this day we also commemorate the holy Second Ecumenical Synod, which convened in the year 381, and which deposed Macedonius who said that the Holy Spirit was not God. The holy Martyr Marcellus died when he was made to swallow molten lead. The holy Martyr Codrus died when he was dragged by horses. On this day, the fourth Sunday of Pascha, we remember the Paralytic, and appropriately celebrate the miracle worked on him.

Readings:

Fifth Matins Gospel: Luke 24:12-35

Epistle: Acts 9:32-42

Gospel: John 5:1-15

Epistle Reader: Angela Spurgetis

Council Duty Joe Burmeister, Mary Kay Eckert, Mary Rankin and Ken Stiegel

Sunday School Classes follow Holy Communion

THE NICENE CREED & LORD'S PRAYER: Cards are located in the backs of the pews. Everyone is encouraged to recite them out loud.

COMMUNION PRAYERS: Everyone who is planning to receive Holy Communion is encouraged to read the prayers before Holy Communion on page 29 in the Red service books.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Sponsored today by Mary Winters.

THIS WEEK...

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

10:00 a.m. Trisagion at the Rock Island Arsenal Cemetery

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

10:00 a.m. Orthodox Study Forum

Evening Meal

Thursday, May 26, 2016

10:00 a.m. Senior Citizen Fellowship

GRADUATE SUNDAY

On June 5th we will be taking a day to honor our graduates here at St. George. Everyone who has or knows someone who is graduating this year either from High school or College should please email their names to Father Michael at frmike99@aol.com no later than Wednesday, June 1st.

EVENING MEAL VOLUNTEERS

May 25-Nick and Nancy Coin

June 22-Alexa Florence and Susan Coin

July 27-Randy and Chris Smith

Anyone interested in participating in this worthwhile ministry should contact Dena Manta at 332-1684.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

- Our Philoptochos is beginning its membership drive. Please see the enclosed form for details!
- Our Philoptochos is gearing up for their annual June party on Saturday, June 25, 2016. Watch your mail for your invitation!

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Today we honor the students who are moving up to the next class level in our Sunday School Program:

Graduating from 2nd to the 3rd -5th level

Mason Dooley

Alicia Turner

Joseph Elias

Alyvianna Lenser

Graduating from 5th to the Middle School level

Loukia Constantinides

Isabella Elias

Christina Elias

Sara Elias.

Anastasia Jacobs

Graduating from Middle School to the High School level

Nicholas Constantinides

Gabriel Elias

George Elias

Nicolas Elias

Ethan Kirkpatrick

Andrew Leon

Dena Pyevich

We also want to thank our Staff:

Deacon Paul Speed, Director

Ninwa Aro

Marcia Allen

Colette Spurgetis

Deaconess Romilie Speed

Mary Rankin

Scott Florence

MEMORIAL DAY

Due to a change in Father Michael's schedule (the closing on his new home) he will not be able to be at the Rock Island Arsenal National Cemetery on Friday, May 27 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Father Michael will be there on Tuesday, May 24 at 10:00 a.m. for the Trisagion Then on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, Father Michael will be at Riverside Cemetery in Moline, IL from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at Memorial Park Cemetery in Moline, IL from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. then at Memorial Park in Rock Island on 30th street from 11:00 a.m. until noon. Anyone who would like to have a Trisagion service should meet Fr. Michael at the cemeteries at the time designated. If you would like Father Michael to visit a different cemetery not on the list, please contact Fr. Michael at the Church office.

SENIOR CITIZEN FELLOWSHIP

It is time to begin our Senior Citizen Group for 2016. Our first session will be on Thursday May 26th. Thanks to John and Martha Stratton we will be able to view the film "The Trial & Testimony of the Early Church from Christ to Constantine". We will meet at the Church at 10:00 a.m. to view this movie. Popcorn will be provided! We will break about noon for a "Dutch Treat" lunch from a near-by restaurant. Please R.S.V.P. to Kay Coin or Nancy Avgenackis if you plan to attend!

ASSUMPTION FESTIVAL NEWS

Assumption is using VolunteerSpot to organize its festival volunteers. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link to see our Sign-up on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/AwkoUW>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on VolunteerSpot.

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.