



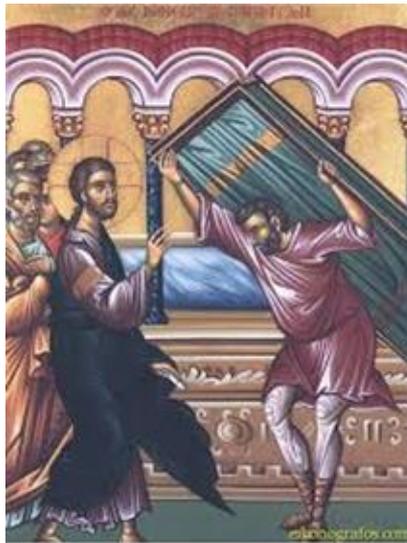
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**SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022
TONE 3 / EOTHINON 5; FOURTH SUNDAY OF
PASCHA**

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

VENERABLE PACHOMIOS THE GREAT OF EGYPT; ACHILLES, BISHOP
OF LARISA;
MARTYR BARBAROS THE MYRRH-STREAMING OF CORFU

WELCOME!

“The Newest Church in Santa Clarita is the Oldest Church in the World.”

St. Simeon Orthodox Church welcomes all of you to our community this Sunday- for truly, ***“This is the Day that the Lord has made.”*** We are honored to have you worship with us. If you are new to our community or simply have any questions, please introduce yourselves to Fr. George after the Divine Liturgy. He would love to meet you.

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

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Verse: Shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing to His Name, give glory to His praises.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Verse: Say to God: How awesome are Thy works; let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee. Let it sing a song to Thy Name, O Most High. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... (*Refrain*)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Verse: May God have mercy upon us, and bless us, and may He cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Verse: That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations; let the people give thanks to Thee, O God, let all the people give thanks to Thee. (*Refrain*)

Verse: May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear Him. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Verse: Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let those who hate Him flee from before His face.

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

Verse: As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish, as wax melts before the fire. (*Refrain*)

Verse: So let sinners perish before the face of God, and let the righteous be glad. (*Refrain*)

Verse: This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (*Refrain*)

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF PASCHA

In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

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 become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

TROPARION FOR ST. SIMEON IN TONE ONE

Rejoice, thou who art full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos, for from thee hath risen the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those in darkness. Rejoice, thou also, O righteous Elder, as thou receivest in thine arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who also granteth unto us the Resurrection.

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

O chant unto our God, chant ye. Clap your hands, all ye nations.

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (9:32-42)

In those days, as Peter went throughout all regions, he came down also to the saints who dwelt at Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who was bedridden for eight years and paralyzed. And Peter said to him: "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; arise and make your bed." And immediately he arose. And all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned back to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha (which means Gazelle). She was full of good works and of charitable deeds which she did. And it came to pass in those days that she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they placed her in an upper chamber. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him: "Come to us without delay!" So Peter arose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him into the upper chamber. All the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and other garments which Tabitha 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, arise!" And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. And he gave her his hand, and raised her up. Then he called the saints and widows and 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.

MEGALYNARION FOR PARALYTIC SUNDAY IN TONE
ONE

The angel spake to her that is full of grace, saying, O pure Virgin, rejoice; and I say also, Rejoice; for thy Son is risen from the tomb on the third day.

We believers in unison bless thee, O Virgin, crying: Rejoice, O gate of the Lord. Rejoice, O living city. Rejoice, O thou from whom didst rise upon us from the dead the Light of Resurrection, He Who was born of thee.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF PASCHA IN
TONE EIGHT

Receive ye the body of Christ; taste ye the Fountain of
immortality.

THE DISMISSAL

Priest: May He Who rose from the dead, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother; by the might of the Precious and Life-giving Cross; by the protection of the honorable Bodiless Powers of Heaven; at the supplication of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable apostles; of our father among the saints, John Chrysostom, archbishop of Constantinople, whose Divine Liturgy we have now celebrated; of

the holy, glorious and right-victorious Martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers; *of Saint N., the patron and protector of this holy community*; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of our Venerable Father Pachomios the Great of Egypt; Achilles, bishop of Larisa; and Martyr Barbaros the myrrh-streaming of Corfu, whose memory we celebrate today, and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind.

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

People: ...bestowing life!

HOLY OBLATIONS

Happy birthday to Christian Kastoun from his family and please welcome Tina (Christian's aunt and Godmother) and Josh Wrinkle.

God bless Mark Ajalat as he celebrates his birthday! May God grant him many, many more. By his loving family and friends.

Prayers are offered for Greg Malouf for healing and comfort by the Malouf, Milan, Barakat, Ajalat, and Granillo families.

Please submit your oblations to: stsimeonbulletin@gmail.com by 9pm on Wednesday.

Thought for the Week

“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..”

On this Fourth Sunday of Pascha, we hear in both the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel of the healing of a paralytic. In the Gospel, of course, it is the Lord who heals a man sick for 38 years. But in the Acts of the Apostles, it is Peter who heals the paralytic Aeneas, who was paralyzed and bed-ridden for 8 years. Our Lord gave this power to heal to His Apostles and to their successors. This power to heal both soul and body still resides in the Church to this day. We must realize that true healing must involve the healing of the soul. Physical illness is only a superficial sign of the deeper corruption that has afflicted man. What good does it do to heal the body only, which will again fall ill and eventually perish? We see this in the 10 Lepers who were healed- but only one came back to give the Lord thanks. He was the only one who was truly healed. And for us beloved, let us give thanks always and in everything, for the Lord heals us every day of our lives. He protects us and heals us in ways which we cannot even fathom. He heals us of our sins and therefore we must reject sin in every aspect of our lives. It is sin and self-centeredness which causes us to be paralyzed. It is sin and self-centeredness that imprisons us. When we accept God’s gift by turning from ourselves towards Him, by trusting Him, and by seeking to please Him with every fiber of our being- this is how we are healed. We can begin to move, and to walk, and to feel. We can begin to truly love again for Love Himself has come to dwell in us. This is what it means to “rise” and “make our beds”-that is, to put our lives in proper order- to Love God and hence to love our neighbor. All other healing is only temporary and superficial. Amen.

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant
depart in peace,
according to Thy word**



For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation.