

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 30th – Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
Divine Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

June 6th – Sunday of the Blind Man

Thursday, June 10th – The Ascension of Our Lord

Friday, June 11th – Saturday, June 12th
Annual Food-To-Go Festival 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.

June 13th – Sunday of the Fathers of the First Council

Hymn to the Theotokos

The Angel cried aloud to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O pure Virgin; and again I say Rejoice. Your Son has truly risen from the grave on the third day. Be glad and exultant, divine gate of the light. For your Son, namely Jesus, having set within the tomb, rose and is shining more brightly than the sun, and He has fully illumined all the faithful, O Lady full of grace of God.

On May 21st we commemorate Sts. Constantine and Helen

St. Constantine, also known as Constantine the Great, was the first Roman emperor to become a Christian. In the ancient city of Byzantium, he laid the foundations of the new capital of his realm, naming it after himself, Constantinople. In 325, he gathered the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea. His mother, Helena, who converted as well, oversaw the construction of churches on Holy Land sites. She would be credited with discovering the cross upon which Christ is believed to have been crucified.



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May 23, 2021

Sunday of the Paralytic * Κυριακη του Παραλυτου
Michael the Confessor, Bishop of Synnada
Mary the Myrrhbearer and wife of Cleopas

Apolytikion

Christ is Risen from the dead, by death trampling upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

Resurrectional Hymn

Let the Heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. For with His Arm the Lord has worked power. He trampled death under foot by means of death; and He became the firstborn from the dead. From the maw of Hades He delivered us; and He granted the world His great mercy.

Hymn of St. Spyridon

Kontakion of Pascha

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

Epistle Reading: Acts of the Apostles 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 Reading: 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.

