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## BULLETIN – 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

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CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!

*Helisitaosi fukuole! Queshi fukuole!*

**Khristus anahgrecum! Alhecum anahgrecum!**

### *Many Years – Birthday*

Steve Petras	May 11
Jayden Beck	May 16

### *Many Years – Anniversary*

Guy & Mona Peabody	May 15
Jeff & Michele Auldrige	May 16

### FATHER NATHAN'S SCHEDULE

Fr. Nathan and family will be out of town till May 16. If you need to speak with a priest, please contact Fr. George at (831) 359-1051. If you have an administrative issue, please contact the church office.

### DIVINE SERVICES ONLINE

To see the list of links for accessing online services, please go here:

<https://www.antiochian.org/dashboard?name=COVID-19>

### NEEDS & SURPLUS

If you have a surplus of

- **bleach, household cleaners, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, water, canned and jarred food (especially vegetables), frozen foods, diapers, paper towels**

and want to share with others in our parish who need these items, please bring them to the parish hall **on Saturdays from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**. If you have a need, please call Marilyn Spurgeon at (831) 345-5448 or email her at [mlspurgeon64@gmail.com](mailto:mlspurgeon64@gmail.com). The Kindness Ministry Team will then work out a time/ place for items to be distributed to those in need.

### MORE ONLINE RESOURCES

The Department of Homeschooling and other Archdiocese ministries are offering learning opportunities, support, and curriculum resources for all ages. Go here for more info: <https://www.antiochian.org/regulararticle/622>

### ONLINE DONATING

To donate online, go to <https://ssppaoc.org/#>. When the home page comes up, at the top right, you will see “Support Our Parish”. Select “Donate Online” and that will take you to a page with a list of possible donations and a place to pay tithe.

### ATTENTION CHURCH SINGERS!

Even if you are not singing during the Divine services within the church building, you should keep up your daily singing. It is exercise for your vocal muscles and necessary to keep your voice healthy and strong. Here is a place you can access online to help you in your daily vocal warm-ups before you launch on your daily 15 minutes or more of singing:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yvb4RI21-UY>

### THE WORD MAGAZINE

The May 2020 edition of The Word magazine is now available online on the archdiocese website. Go here to access the magazine: <https://antiochian.org/regulararticle/656>

# Happy Mother's Day!

## This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul—May 11-17, 2020

5/16 Sat Great Vespers

5/17 Sun Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy –  
Paralytic – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha

### Looking Ahead –

Services will be conducted similarly to what is listed above until further notice from the Antiochian Archdiocese and the County of Santa Cruz. Please remember to pray at home.

## May 10

On this day, the fourth Sunday of Pascha, we commemorate the Paralytic and, as is right, we celebrate the miracle wrought for him.

Jesus healed the Paralytic at the Sheep Pool, located near the Sheep Gate of Jerusalem, where people sacrificed their beasts and washed the insides of the animals. The pool had five sides, with a porch and arch on each. A number of people, afflicted with various diseases, passed through them, waiting at the water for an angel to come down and stir it. Once it moved, whoever stepped into the water first was instantly healed. One poor man, whose story is recounted in today's Gospel lection in the Divine Liturgy, waited 38 years for someone to lower him into the water, because he was unable to move into the water himself. However, the Savior merely commanded the man to get up and walk, and he was healed.

### Kontakion & Oikos for Paralytic Sunday

As of old Thou didst raise up the paralytic, O Lord God, by Thy God-like care and might, raise up my soul which is palsied by diverse sins and transgressions and by unseemly deeds and acts, that, saved I may also cry out: O Compassionate Redeemer, O Christ God, glory to Thy

dominion and might.

O Thou Who holdest the ends of the earth in the palm of Thy hand, O Jesus our God, Who art co-beginningless with the Father, and Who, together with the Holy Spirit dost rule over all things: Thou didst appear in the flesh, healing infirmities, driving away passions, and giving sight to the blind. And, by a divine word, Thou didst raise up the paralytic, commanding him to walk straightway and to take up upon his shoulders his bed, which had carried him. Wherefore, together with him we all praise Thee and cry: O Compassionate Christ glory to Thy dominion and might.

### Orthodox Tidbits

***“Think nothing and do nothing without a purpose directed to God. For to journey without direction is wasted effort.”***  
***St. Mark the Ascetic***

**The question that an Orthodox Christian should ask when making mundane decisions throughout the day is often not what should I do, but for whom should I do it. Many of the every day tasks of life, our jobs, school work or housework are neither good nor evil in and of themselves, but we make them either worship for our Lord by dedicating them to Him or we make them into idols, by seeking to serve ourselves.**

**Christ's salvific work on the Cross made it possible so that anything that we do, we can do as an offering of worship to God. This is what the sacramental life is—turning the most mundane tasks into prayer, by devoting them to God. How do we do this? By constantly remembering Him, by asking His guidance in all we do, by constantly giving thanks for all of the wonderful things that He does for us and by making sure that any praise that is given to us is redirected to Him. In doing this, we offer ourselves as living sacrifices, pleasing and acceptable to God, for His glory, not for our own.**

**In Christ,  
Fr. Nathan**