

COMMEMORATION OF THE APPEARANCE OF THE SIGN OF THE PRECIOUS CROSS OVER JERUSALEM IN 351 A.D.

The Precious Cross appeared in the sky over Jerusalem on the morning of May 7, 351, during the reign of the Emperor Constantius, the son of Saint Constantine.

At that time the heresy of Arianism, which taught that Christ was merely a creature and not God, was causing great turmoil and division throughout the Empire. Even after the First Ecumenical Council at Nicea in 325, many people were drawn to this false teaching, and the Orthodox found themselves in the minority in many places.

Constantius, the ruler of the eastern part of the Empire, was a fervent supporter of Arianism. His brothers Constantine II and Constans, who were pious Orthodox Christians, ruled in the west. They were both killed in separate battles around 350, leaving Constantius as sole ruler. Also in 350, St. Cyril became patriarch of Jerusalem and began his zealous struggle against Arianism.

In May of 351, a luminous Cross appeared over Jerusalem, stretching from Golgatha to the Mount of Olives, a distance of about five and a half miles. The Cross was wide as it was long and shone more brightly than the sun. Many people left their homes and workplaces to gather in the church and glorify Christ. The historian Sozomen says that this wondrous sign led to the conversion of multitudes of pagans and Jews to Christianity.

A letter from St. Cyril to the emperor describing this phenomenon, and admonishing him to become Orthodox, has been preserved. The apparition of the Cross remained over the city for a whole week. The vision of the Cross over Jerusalem strengthened the Orthodox faithful and contributed to the return of many Arians to the Church. It is also a reminder of the awesome Second Coming of Christ, when "the sign of the Son of man shall appear in heaven (Matthew 24:30).

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA

Sunday of the Paralytic

Rest of St. Alexis Toth, Confessor and Defender of Orthodoxy in America
Commemoration of the appearance of the Sign of the Precious Cross over Jerusalem in 351 A.D.;
Martyr Acacius the Centurion at Byzantium; Rest of Ven. Nilus, Abbot of Sora;
St. John of Zaden in Georgia, and 12 disciples: Sts. Shio, David, Anthony,
Thaddaeus, Stephen, Isidore, Michael, Pyrrhus, Zeno, Jesse, Joseph, and Abibus;
Ven. Nilus the Myrrhusher of the Lavra; Monk Martyr Pachomius;
The "ZHIROVITSKAYA" Icon of the Most-Holy Theotokos

"By the pool of Bethsaida the Lord found a man paralyzed from youth. In His compassion, He restored the man to health, saying: Take up your mat and go your way, along the path of righteousness."

Exapostilarion, Tone I

"Let us, the faithful, praise the Priest Alexis, a bright beacon of Orthodoxy in America, a model of patience and humility, a worthy shepherd of the Flock of Christ. He called back the sheep who had been let astray and brought them by his preaching to the Heavenly Kingdom!"

Kontakion, Tone V

TODAY'S EPISTLE: ACTS 9:32-42
GALATIANS 1:11-19

TODAY'S GOSPEL: JOHN 5:1-15
JOHN 10:1-9

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, May 9	6:00 p.m. Vespers
Wednesday, May 10	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Saturday, May 13	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, May 8 (Apostle John)	Acts 10:1-16 I John 1:1-7	John 6:56-69 John 19:25-27; 21:24-25
Tuesday, May 9	Acts 10:21-33	John 7:1-13
Wednesday, May 10 (Apostle Simon)	Acts 14:6-18 I Corinthians 4:9-16	John 7:14-30 Matthew 13:54-58
Thursday, May 11 (Sts. Cyril and Methodius)	Acts 10:34-43 Hebrews 7:26-8:2	John 18:12-20 Matthew 5:14-19
Friday, May 12	Acts 10:44-11:10	John 8:21-30
Saturday, May 13	Acts 12:1-11	John 8:31-42

COMING EVENTS

MAY:

- 7, TODAY Church School Recognition Day
- 8, Monday 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting
- 13, Saturday 9:30 a.m. HTOC Spring Clean-Up Day
- 29, Monday Memorial Day Grave Blessings at St. Theodosius Cemetery
- 30, Tuesday Cooking for St. Herman's House
- 31, Wednesday Serving dinner at St. Herman's House

HTOC SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY:

Just as your homes need a good spring cleaning, so does your church. Donate any amount of time on Saturday, May 13, 9:30-3:30. Many hands will make light work! Contact Marilyn Cobbs at 440-237-1280 for any details and to volunteer. There will be tasks suited to any physical ability/energy level.

PENTECOST CELEBRATION:

On Pentecost, June 4, being the Patronal Feast of our Parish, we will have a special Coffee Hour following the services. Matushka Carol and Barbara Filipow are coordinating; please speak to them if you can help. There is also a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Your participation is appreciated!

SANDBAGGER'S OPEN:

On Saturday, June 10, there is a golf outing to benefit St. Theodosius Cathedral Parish Hall Improvement Fund. It will be in Columbia Station at Dorlon Golf Club. The price includes meals and prizes. Details are posted in the Fellowship Hall.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Mat and Olga Lobas.

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by Gene and Barbara Filipow.

IOCC 25TH ANNIVERSARY:

The International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) is celebrating their 25th Anniversary this year. The Cleveland Committee of the IOCC is marking that occasion with a special 25th Anniversary Banquet on Friday, June 9, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Independence. Our parish and parishioners have been loyal supporters of the great work that IOCC has done in the past, and we look forward to our participation in the historical anniversary celebration. Information is posted in the Fellowship Hall, and tickets are available and can be purchased from Paula Svilar or Diane Hastings.

BOOK CIRCLE:

The St. Elizabeth Book Circle will meet Monday, June 5, at 12:30 p.m. Read pages 28-55. We will also continue to discuss the conversation with Motovilov, Appendix A.

ZOE FOR LIFE!

ZOE is expanding their programs with the creation of a Women's Center Medical Committee. They plan to add services such as classes in parenting, abortion healing, child raising, as well as offer pre-natal counseling. Volunteers are being sought, especially: nurse, monographer, fund raiser, client advocate, receptionist, medical assistant, physicians' assistant. For more information and to offer services, contact Despina (Despina@mavrakisfamily.com).

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, APRIL 30	\$ 4953.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	971.00
BUILDING FUND	186.00
MORTGAGE FUND	220.00
CANDLES	125.00
BRIGHT FRIDAY	1880.00
ST. VLADIMIR SEMINARY	150.00

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TREASURES FROM THE PENTECOSTARION - III

**FROM THE VIGIL OF THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA –
THE HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC**

O compassionate Christ, Who with Your immaculate hand did fashion mankind, You came to heal the sick by Your word; You did raise up the paralytic at the Sheep's Pool. You did cure the ailment of the woman with an issue of blood. You had mercy on the tormented daughter of the Canaanite woman, and You did not disdain the request of the centurion. For this cause we cry to You: O Almighty Lord, glory to You!

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

O You Who hold the uttermost part of the earth in the palm of Your hand, O Jesus our God, Who with the Father are without beginning, and with the Holy Spirit have sovereignty over all: You have appeared in the flesh, healing diseases, driving away sufferings, and giving sight to the blind. And, by a divine word, You did raise up the paralytic, commanding him to walk at once and to take up upon his shoulders his bed, which had carried him. Therefore, together with him, we all praise You and cry: O Compassionate Christ, glory to Your dominion and might.

O Lord, not the pool, but Your word healed and renewed the paralytic; nor was he hindered by his sickness of many years; for the power of Your voice proved to be more effectual. He cast off the weight that was grievous to bear, and carried the burden of his bed as a testimony to the multitude of Your compassions. Glory to You!

Run quickly and announce the Resurrection to the Apostles, said the young man who appeared to the Myrrhbearers. The Master is risen, and the dead from ages past are marvelously risen together with Him. O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory? You were put to death and destroyed by the King. No longer do you reign, no longer do you engender fear; for He that is mighty has taken away them that had held you as prisoners.

Strength of body followed Your command, O Christ, and the sometime paralytic was seen walking with haste and bearing the bed whereon he had lain for many years, as he praised Your great and glorious power.

With reverence we glorify You, O Light of Light, O Life of Lives, O Father, Word, and Holy Spirit, tri-hypostatic Unity, indivisible Dominion, Divinity without confusion; and with the Hosts on high, we cry out: Holy, Holy, Holy, heaven and earth are full of Your glory!