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APRIL 25th – 4th Sunday After Pascha – The Healing of the Paralytic!

(St. Basil the Confessor, Isaac the Syrian, & the Martyrs Menas, David, & John of Palestine)

Today's Epistle

Readings: Acts 9: 32-42

Today's Gospel

Readings: John 5: 1-15

Festal Troparion: "Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!" (Hristos vaskrese izmertvih, smerti ju smert po prav, isuschim vo grobje, zivot darujja!)

Sunday Troparion: "Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm! He has trampled down death by death; He has become the first-born of the dead! He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted the world His Great Mercy!"

Sunday Kontakion: "By Thy divine intercession, O Lord, as Thou dost raise up the paralytic of old, so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts; so that being saved I may sing to Thee: 'Glory to Thy majesty, O Bountiful Christ!'"

Hymn to the Mother of God: "The Angel cried to the Lady full of Grace: 'Rejoice, rejoice O Pure Virgin!' Again, I say 'rejoice', your Son is risen from his three days in the Tomb; with Himself, He has raised all the dead, rejoice, rejoice, O ye People! Shine, shine, shine O new Jerusalem! The Glory of the Lord has shone on you! Exalt, now exalt, and be glad O Zion! Be radiant, O Pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection, the Resurrection of your Son!"

Easter Meditation:

The Two Sides of Life

The Risen Christ proclaims, "Because I live, you shall live also." Life here on earth is wonderful; this is a glorious world; it is the best world we have ever seen. Only God could have made it. But this earthly life isn't anything compared to what God has prepared for those who love Him. Tennyson, for example, said, "Death is the bright side of life." Life has two sides, this side and the other side. This side, says Tennyson, is the dull side. He was right. In the end, the Christian goes not to the darkness of a tomb, but to the Lord Jesus Who is the light of the world."

"If in this life we who are in Christ have only hope, we are of all men most to be pitied" (I Cor. 15:19).

Special Announcements Today – For Your Benefit!

(1) **TODAY:** we will serve the 40-day parastos for +Bertha Lalich, given by her loving family!

(1-A) We will take our monthly collection for the "Needy" today!

(2) Please keep the following loved ones in our prayers:

Arlene Crnkovich Gladys Mrvos Bertha Cervo Mika Rocknage Darinka Grba
Louise Popelas-NH Mara Gasparovic-NH Milan Vranesevic-NH Dawn Hamm
Delores Craven-H Ann Siebert Ann Petrovich Mimi Pavlovich-NH

(3) As well as those who have fallen asleep in the Lord:

+Ljubica Trbovich +Richard Sinsel +Milena Dokmanovich +Amy Pacura
+Bertha Lalich +George Torbic +Patr. Pavle +Arch-Bishop JOB +Smilja Vuckovich
+Sophie Strager +Sophie Vranesevic

(4) IMPORTANT MESSAGES:

- SIGN UP for Fellowship Hour – do your part – it makes for a nice "after Liturgy" time!

(a) **REMEMBER:** as a way of 'speeding up the Divine Liturgy', especially when we have many communicants – we will all say the Prayer before Holy Communion when Father says it BEFORE he receives – he will lead us! (So, this means when he invites us up, "In the fear of God..." we will just come forward having already said the prayer before this!)

(b) **PLEASE:** do your part in coming to Church regularly AND getting your 2010 Stewardship Pledge Card in as soon as possible!

(c) **Reminder #1:** this is God's House – ACT accordingly – no talking, chewing gum, sleeping or talking on the cell phones! Show Him that you understand His House is a place of Holiness and Honor!!!

(5) **UPCOMING EVENTS: PENTECOST is May 23rd** – also our Holy Trinity Kolo Slava – and we will celebrate that with a delicious palachinka breakfast after Church – join us!

(6) **"March For Cure" – Sunday, May 9th** – Mother's Day – if you cannot walk, sponsor a walker, OR just make a donation to our Youth Group – which has a goal of raising \$250 for their contribution to the "Cure for Breast Cancer!"

(7) **OUTREACH Spaghetti Dinner:** Tuesday, May 25th – 4 to 7 PM – details forthcoming!

(8) **REMINDER:** especially to our children (and their parents) – we're trying to keep our Hall Floor in the best possible condition – so please do NOT scuff up the floors – walk normally without dragging your feet....thank you so much!

(9) **IF YOU NEED ONE:** there is a decent desk with Top Shelf unit on the stage for free – if no one Claims it – it will be thrown out this week!