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4th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – TONE 3. PARALYTIC. ST. MICHAEL THE CONFESSOR, BISHOP OF SYNNA. MARTYR MICHAEL “THE BLACK ROBED” OF ST. SABBAS MONASTERY. UNCOVERING THE RELICS OF ST. LEONTY, BISHOP AND WONDERWORKER OF ROSTOV. SYNAXIS OF THE SAINTS OF ROSTOV – YAROSLAVL. VEN. EUPHROSYNE, ABBESS OF POLOTSK. VEN. PAISII, ABBOT OF GALICH.

Service Schedule:

Sunday, May 23: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10) followed by discussion and questions with Archbishop Mark.
Saturday, May 29: 5 PM Great Vespers
Sunday, May 30: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10).

Remember in Your Prayers...

Health / General: Stella Krenitsky, Michael Jadick, Marie Buranich, Helen Wytovich, Rosemary Kuzmich, Tammy Wytovich, Fr. John Nightingale, Bernie Elko, Sandra Pritchuk, Marie Pasternak, John Pritchuk, Lillian Mathews, Nadia Macheska, Dr. David Lezinsky, Tom Krenitsky, Lillian Kite, Rose Krenitsky, Sandy Pregmon, Sandy Batton, Paula Stavisky, Margaret Pregmon, Edward (Barbara's brother) & Sonia Maciorowski.

Memory Eternal: Basil Farbanish.

Offerings:

Announcements: (Please submit any announcements no later than the Thursday before they are to be posted)

St. Michael's Orthodox Church Food Pantry: Will be open Thursday, (6/3) and Saturday, (6/19) from 11 AM – 12 Noon. The following individuals / organizations made donations to the pantry in the last couple of weeks: Taylor Library & Marion Hubiak and Family.

May Celebrations: We will sing “God Grant you many years” on the first Sunday of the month.

Birthday		Patron Saint	
Matushka Mary Lynn	5/7	Helen Bezuhly	5/21 (Empress Helena)
Danny Jones	5/31	Emily Krenitsky	5/30 (St. Emilia)

St. Cyril's Food Truck Festival: Saturday (5/22) and Sunday (5/23) in Olyphant. See bulletin board for their flyer.

Masks and social distancing are no longer required in our parish for those who are fully vaccinated (that is the majority of our parish). Everyone in our parish is on the honor system as far as your own personal choice in masking. We will not be asking for proof of vaccination. Please be considerate of your neighbors both ways — do not “judge” someone not wearing a mask, and do not “judge” someone who chooses to wear a mask. Let's be a Christian community supporting each other, no matter the personal circumstances of an individual.

Bp. Mark visit: His Eminence Archbishop Mark will be celebrating Divine Liturgy today at our church. We will be blessed by his visit. Bp. Mark will be open for discussion and questions on the future plans of our church after Liturgy.

Seminarian John Black: Is attending St. Vladimir's Seminary in Yonkers, NY. Dn. John served Holy Trinity in Pottstown for many years. Anyone is welcome to send a financial gift to Dn. John to help with his expenses. Please see the letter on the bulletin board for more details.

Today's Holy Scripture Readings:

Acts 9:32-42 (Epistle)

32 Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda.

33 There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed.

34 And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately.

35 So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

36 At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did.

37 But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room.

38 And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them.

39 Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them.

40 But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up.

41 Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive.

42 And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

John 5:1-15 (Gospel)

1 After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches.

3 In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water.

4 or an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.

5 Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years.

6 When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"

7 The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me."

8 Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk."

9 And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath.

10 The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed."

11 He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'"

12 Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?"

13 But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place.

14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you."

15 The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

Sunday of the Paralytic

On this day the Church remembers the man who lay by the Sheep's Pool in Jerusalem for thirty-eight years, waiting for someone to put him into the pool. The first one to enter the pool after an angel troubled the water would be healed of his infirmities, but someone always entered the pool before him.

Seeing the man, the Lord felt compassion for him and healed him.

The Kontakion for this Fourth Sunday of Pascha asks Christ to raise up our souls, "paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts."