

The Cure of Baptism Foreshadowed

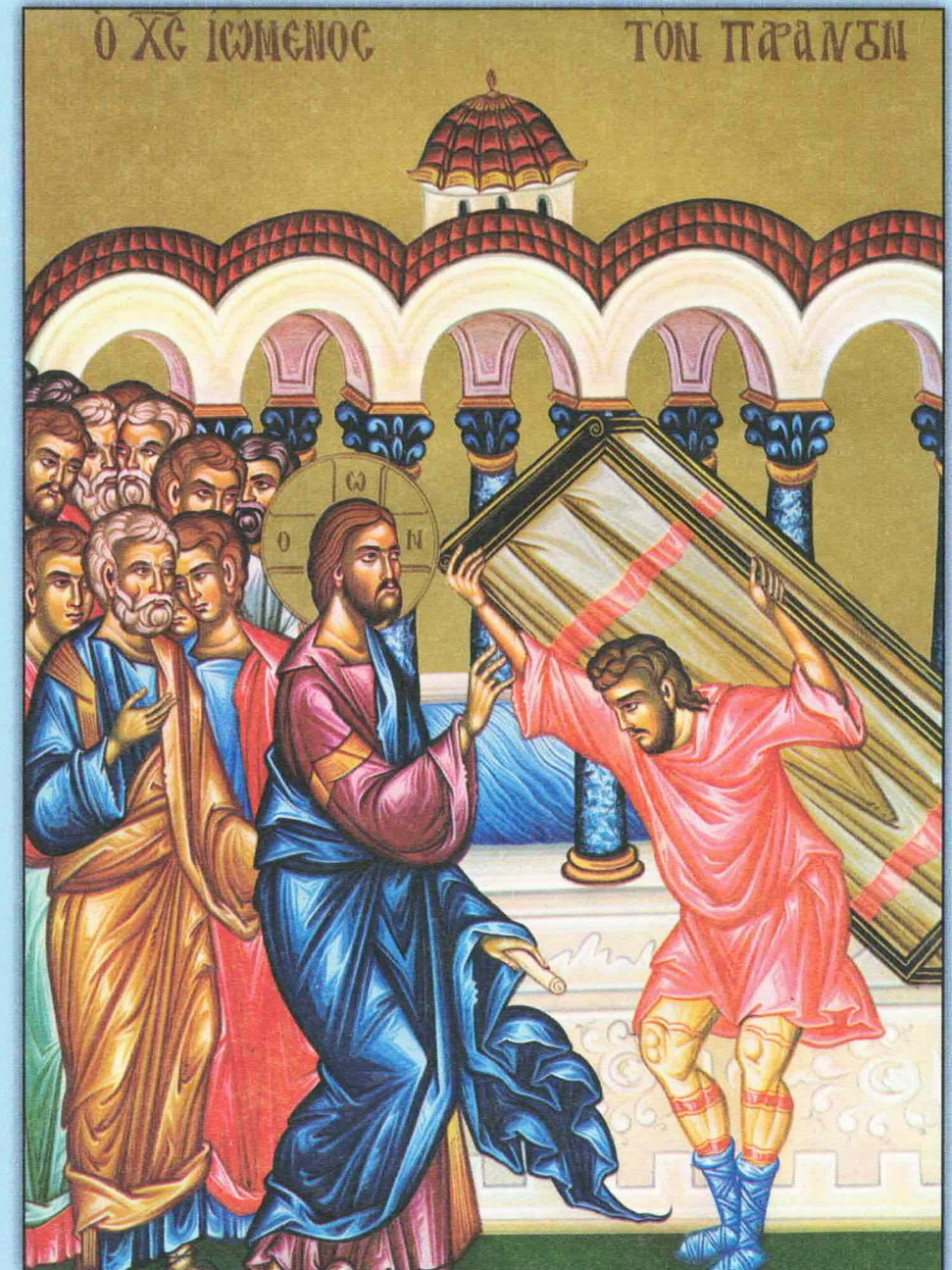
What manner of cure is this? What mystery does it signify to us? For these things are not written carelessly, or without a purpose, but as a figure and type they show in outline things to come, in order that what was exceedingly strange might not, by coming unexpectedly, do harm among the many the power of faith. What then is it that they show in outline? A Baptism was about to be given, possessing much power, and the greatest of gifts, a Baptism purging all sins and making men alive instead of dead. These things then are foreshown as in a picture by the pool, and by many other circumstances. And first is given a water which purges the stains of our bodies, and those defilements which are not, but seem to be, as those from touching the dead, those from leprosy, and other similar causes; under the old covenant one may see many things done by water

on this account. However, let us now proceed to the matter in hand.

First then, as I before said, He causes defilements of our bodies, and afterwards infirmities of different kinds, to be done away by water. Because God, desiring to bring us nearer to faith in Baptism, no longer heals defilements only, but diseases also. For those figures which came nearer [in time] to the reality, both as regarded Baptism, and the Passion, and the rest, were plainer than the more ancient. ... And this miracle was done in order that men, learning that it is possible by water to heal the diseases of the body, and being exercised in this for a long time, might more easily believe that it can also heal the diseases of the soul.

St. John Chrysostom

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN



Icon of Jesus Healing the Paralytic Man



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Divine Liturgy Schedule: Saturday, May 2nd; at 4:00pm

PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday of the Paralytic Man 4.26.2026	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For the Repose of the Souls of: +Eugene Kakalec, Sr., +Elizabeth Kakalec, +Eugene Kakalec, Jr., and +Paul Kakalec Offered by: The Kakalec Family
Sunday of the Samaritan Woman 5.3.2026	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For the Repose of the Soul of: +Caroline Belensky Offered by: Joseph Belensky
Sunday of the Man Born Blind 5.10.2026	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	Special Intention for: Living and +Deceased Mothers

Resurrection of our Lord - Pascha

Today's Propers can be found in the Pascha Liturgy booklet.

HOLY MYSTERY OF REPENTANCE: Confession is available beginning an hour before Divine Liturgy, and ending 15 minutes before the start of services.

HOLY EUCHARIST AND VISITATION OF THE SICK: Eucharist can be brought to a parishioner who is ill, in the hospital, or at home. You can request a visit by either sending our church an email, or contacting either Fr. Vasyl or Deacon Tony, personally.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! Christós Voskrése! Voístinnu Voskrése!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: The people of Ukraine, that peace may be soon be restored to their land, our parishioners, the founders of our parish, our benefactors, those who are sick, and those who cannot make it to church. Also, Fr. Vasyl Symyon, Charlie Toth, Larissa Toth, Tony Kotlar, Jr., Mary Hinda, Michael Demyan, Michael Skovran, Mary Ann Ondrish, Betty Charlock, Elizabeth Hresko, John Hanyok, Ann Marie Elwell, James DeWolfe, Clara Valeika, Joe Belensky, Kay Dinko, Doris Ruszin, Veronica Ruszin, Anna Martin, Joseph Repasi, Mary Jo Kelly Wilhelm, Howard Guba, Melanie Copper, Julie Wiegand, Natalie, Edin, and +Walter Lourdes Najera Herder, Mark and Betsey Herder, our first responders, and all military service men and women throughout the world. Please help us keep our prayer list up to date. Let us know if we need to remove or add a name by sending an email to our church. **May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies, grant them peace and good health for many blessed years!**

STEWARDSHIP: You honor God and our Church by continuing to tithe each week. An offertory basket is on the table in the back of our Temple for your weekly donation. You may also mail your donation to our church, or donate using Tithe.ly online at: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2346733>. The link is also on the first page of our website. **“Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth” (Dt. 8:18).**

ECF LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT: The students in ECF want to thank everyone who made a donation to support their ECF Lenten Service Project this year. Your donations will benefit the nuns at our Eparchy of Passaic’s Byzantine-Ruthenian Holy Annunciation Monastery in Sugarloaf, PA. On Saturday, April 25th, students in ECF visited the monastery, and presented the nuns with a check in the amount of \$800.00. God grant those who supported ECF’s Lenten Service Project, many Blessed years.

PLANNING MEETING FOR PATRONAGE CHURCH’S 3RD ANNUAL PICNIC: A brief planning meeting will be held after Divine Liturgy today. All are welcome to attend! We need many volunteers to help organize our picnic, which will be held at Holy Trinity (Cathedral Gardens) pavilion in Elkridge, on **Sunday, May 17th**. Divine Liturgy will begin at 11:00am, followed by food, games, “Baba’s Auction,” and lots of parish fellowship. To help offset the cost of our parish picnic, we are asking each household to donate an item or two (or how many items you would like to donate) for the auction. Auction item ideas can be gift cards; religious, handmade, household, or garden items; toys; games; plants; or anything else you can think of – be creative! Any questions, please contact Sharon Kotula.

EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION (ECF): Our next class for children will be held after Divine Liturgy on **May 3^d**.

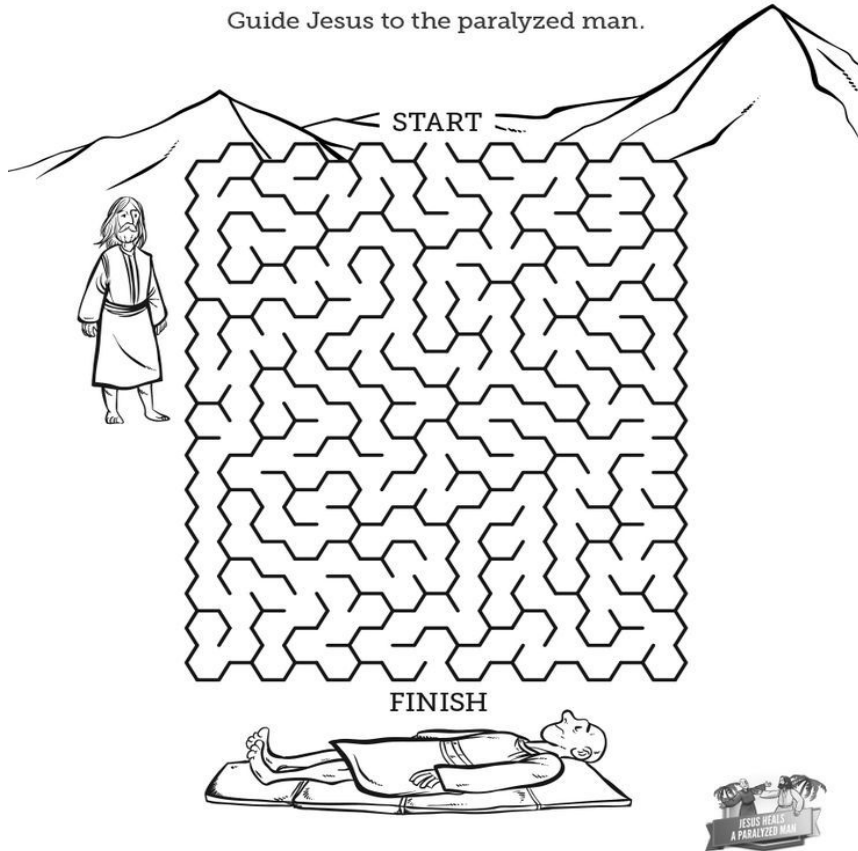
ADULT ENRICHMENT: We will continue Adult Enrichment with a few more sessions this spring before summer begins. On **May 3^d**, Deacon Tony will discuss, “Why are the dates different?” when it comes to Western Easter and Orthodox Pascha. On **May 31st**, the Bobbys and the Herders will share some of their experiences from their recent trip to Greece - including a peek into some of the churches they were able to visit while there. Our last session before we break for the summer will be led by Deacon Tony on **June 14th**. Please plan to join us after Liturgy - all are welcome!

GREEK CATHOLIC UNION (GCU) SPECIAL MATCHING FUNDS FOR SISTERS OF ST. BASIL: The GCU Board of Directors has approved a Special \$10,000 Matching Funds Event for the Sisters of St. Basil in Uniontown’s expansion at the Mount Saint Macrina House of Prayer through **May 31, 2026**. The GCU will match donations made to the Building Fund on the Sisters’ website by visiting www.sistersofstbasil.org, click on “Donations,” then “Building Fund.” Or, you can mail a check (note that it is for the “Building Fund” in the memo) payable to: Sisters of St. Basil, 500 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401. If you have any questions, please email the GCU at events@GCUUSA.com or call 800-722-4428, ext. 3924. Thank you for your support!

Children's Corner

JESUS HEALS A PARALYZED MAN

Guide Jesus to the paralyzed man.



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Read the Scripture in John 5:1-15. It tells the story of Jesus healing a man who had been paralyzed for 38 years.

"...When Jesus saw him...he said to him, 'Do you want to be healed?' ...'Rise, take up your pallet, and walk.' And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked."

**Special Intention for
Living and Deceased Mothers
will be Remembered at the Divine Liturgy on
Sunday, May 10, 2026**

Living Mothers:

Deceased Mothers:

Your Name: _____

Donation: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Very Reverend Vasyi Symyon

Kindly return your Intention form by: Sunday, May 3, 2026

MOTHER'S DAY: Please join us on **Sunday, May 10th**. Fr. Vasyl will be having a special Intention on Mother's Day (form included in this insert if you would like to submit names of living and/or deceased mothers) during Divine Liturgy, along with a social afterwards. Please contact Tim Herder (timothyherder@gmail.com or 301-741-2278), if you would like to assist with our Mother's Day social.

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC SEMINARY ANNUAL LECTURE: In honor of the 380th Anniversary of the Union of Uzhhorod, our 26th annual academic lecture is to be delivered by Paul Robert Magocsi, PhD, at 7:00pm, on **Tuesday, May 12th**. Dr. Magocsi's presentation will focus on how the Byzantine Ruthenian/Greek Catholic Church has been able to survive for nearly four centuries in the face of political, social, and cultural challenges placed before it by the different societies which it has had to function in Europe and North America. All are welcome to attend this lecture virtually via the Seminary website at www.bcs.edu. The lecture can also be accessed live or at a later time from archives on the B.C.S. YouTube channel. Don't miss this informative lecture!

CARPATHO-RUSYN SOCIETY (CR-S): Join us via Zoom for our final Carpatho-Rusyn Winter event entitled, "Rusyn Chat on Music," **Sunday, April 26th**, at 7:00pm. Dean Poloka will join us to discuss the richness of Carpatho-Rusyn music and the importance of music in keeping culture alive. Let's remember our traditional songs, including: our National Anthem, music for capping of the bride, the songs women would sing in the fields, and all the fun and sad songs that are part of our culture, along with the dances that accompany them. To register, visit www.c-rs.org/Events, and click on "Online – Rusyn Chat #4." A Zoom link will be emailed to you.



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CARPATHO-RUSYN WINTER CHAT

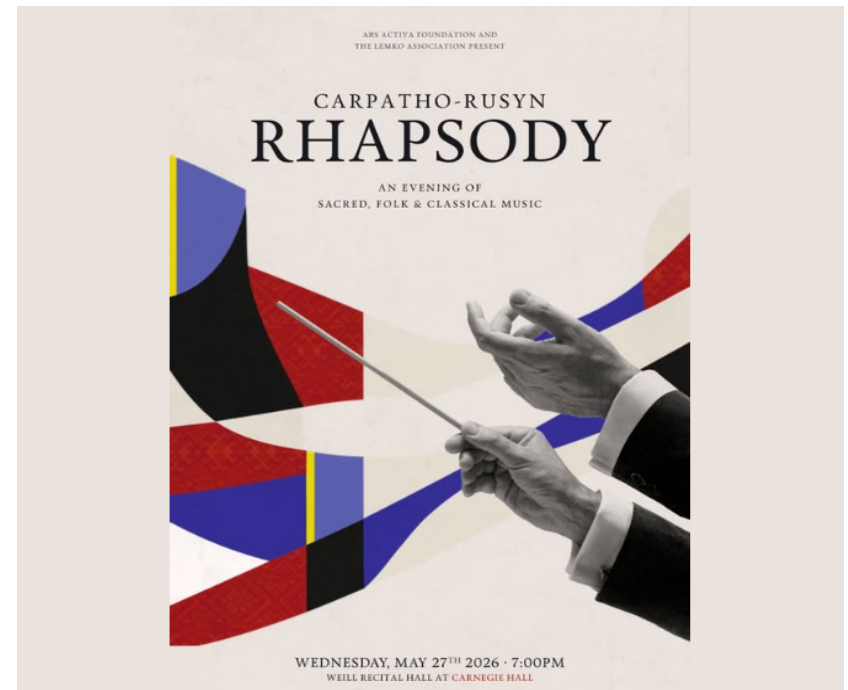
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ZOOM MEETING

April 26th at 7:00 pm EST
Registration Link in Post

CARPATHO-RUSYN SOCIETY EVENT: Experience Carpatho-Rusyn sacred, folk, and classical music at the one and only Carnegie Hall in New York on **Wednesday, May 27th**, at 7:00pm! This event will sell out soon! Click on the following link to purchase tickets, and if you have any questions:

[May 27, 2026 - Carpatho-Rusyn Rhapsody - Carnegie Hall, New York, NY](#)



2026 BYZANTINE CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT CONVOCATION: This summer, encounter "The Heart of the God-Bearer," on **July 31st to August 2nd**, at St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church in Hillsborough, New Jersey. **Young adults ages 18-35** will gather for fellowship, communal praying of the Liturgy of the Hours, and talks from speakers like Mother Natalia of *Christ the Bridegroom Monastery* and co-host of the *What God Is Not* podcast and Very Rev. Paul Varchola West, MFA, MDiv of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Levittown, PA; host of the "Building Athosin Our Hearts Podcast;" and "Spiritual Father of the Springs in the Desert ministry." Join us for three days of faith, friendship, and transformation. For more information and regular updates, go to <https://www.heartofthegodbearer.org/>. Online registration is open from now until June 30th! Not a young adult? Contact us if you're interested in helping sponsor scholarships to help the young adults in our Church grow and share their faith!

EPARCHY OF PASSAIC SUMMER CAMPS: Parents, please contact Fr. Vasylyshyn as soon as possible if your child is interested in attending any of these camps!



Eparchy of Passaic is offering two summer camps in Carpathian village. Reserve your spot to make sure your child can have a few days of fun!

Camp Theotokos
August 19-23
Ages: 6-17
Cost: \$175
Register here

Altar Server Congress
July 19-23
Ages: Boys 6-17
Cost: Free for currently serving altar servers.
For more information, please email
passaicservercongress@gmail.com

For more information, please email
camptheotokos@gmail.com

COME AND SEE INQUIRY PROGRAM



Life presents us with many challenges and great questions. In our continuous efforts to bring religious education of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic to a new level which would correspond to the demands of today and to the needs of people, we are excited to share with you the news about the Eparchial Inquiry Program, "Come and See." It is a resource, which aims to share the Good News – the transforming message of the Gospel within the context of the Byzantine Catholic Tradition and which was designed with two-fold goal in mind: 1) to be beneficial to all the existing Byzantine Catholics and serve them as the ABCs about our Church and Tradition, 2) it is also an invitation to all those who are in search of a new spiritual home, who want to learn more about God and build lasting personal friendship with Him. It is an introduction about who we are and what we believe and it aims to grow awareness and participation in the great Christian richness of our Byzantine Tradition and speak about its practices. It is an invitation to a journey to experience the Mystery of God.

Most Reverend Kurt Burnette, our Bishop, in His welcoming message to the Program says: "...If you are seeking Caesar Augustus and the powers of this world, then go elsewhere. If you are seeking the God who lay as a child in a cave in Bethlehem, then you are welcome here. Jesus remains with us today in his Body which is the Church. We begin every Eucharist with the words, "In peace, let us pray to the Lord." If you are searching for a place to pray to the Lord, "in Spirit and in Truth", if you are seeking a place where you can find inner peace, "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding," then welcome to our church."

We hope this work will help you to find answers to life questions you were looking for, will strengthen your faith, will educate you about Byzantine Catholic Tradition, but the most important thing – will ultimately help you to grow closer to God and to develop/ strengthen your personal relationships with Him. It is the invitation we are sending to you to meet personally with Jesus through the prayers, Sacraments, parish life, serving others and living your vocation.

If this work helps at least one person to discover the meaning of life and of vocation, and/or if it helps at least one person to remain faithful to his/her call, or if it brings at least one person closer to God, or if it helps at least one person to find his/her path to the Church and to God, to answer important life questions – it will fulfill its purpose.

Books are available for purchase on the table in the back of our church. The cost is \$5/book.

2025 BISHOP'S APPEAL: Please consider making a donation towards the Bishop's Appeal now through **June 30, 2026**. Checks must be made payable to: Eparchy of Passaic, and mailed to: 445 Lackawanna Avenue, Woodland Park, NJ 07424-2969. Please write in the memo the name of our church. You can also pledge online at: www.eparchyofpassaic.com, then click on "Giving." Thank you to those who have already donated to support our Eparchy!

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: We are glad that you have chosen to participate in the Divine Liturgy with us today, and we pray that it will be a spiritually nourishing experience. All Catholics may receive the Eucharist if you are in good standing and prepared. We receive the Body and Blood of Christ in our mouth by spoon. Please DO NOT stick out your tongue. ***If you would like to become an active part of our parish community, be added to our email list, and register as a parishioner,*** please complete a "Census" form. Forms are located on the bookrack in the Narthex, or on our website, and can either be mailed to our church, or placed in the offertory basket in the back of our Temple. On-line donation information can be found under "Stewardship" in this bulletin.

"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:7).