



Crossroads

The Monthly Newsletter of the Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross

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The Eighth Song: "One is Holy, One is the Lord, Jesus Christ"

by Fr. John

I've mentioned several times during the Youth Sermons over this past year how I would enjoy coming to our new church as it was being built and stand in the altar area and imagine what the sound of the congregation would be like during our worship. I wasn't just thinking about the beauty of our choir's singing, but hoping that the whole congregation would be joining in and responding. Each of the "Nine Songs" we've been discussing in the Youth Sermons is either a direct response to something that the priest says or it expresses a response to a liturgical action or moment. Sometimes both things are happening.



Before I explain today's theme and Song, I want to review the Gospel story of Jesus healing the man who had been paralyzed for 38 years (John 5:1-15). Today is even called the "Sunday of the Paralytic." Though I normally use a more modern translation, I kept one feature from the more traditional King James Version (KJV). Every time the word "heal" was meant, the KJV translated the Greek word literally and said, "whole." So, here are the last two lines: "14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, Behold, you are made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come to you. 15 The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, who had made him whole." When we call Jesus the "physician of our souls and bodies" (as we do during the Divine Liturgy) we say that we want him to heal and make every part of us – our bodies, our

minds, and our thoughts better and whole.

Today's Song and theme are related to being "whole" people. After we sing the Lord's Prayer, I lift up the "consecrated" bread (the bread that has become the body of Jesus, the food that he wants to give us to eat) and say: "The holy things are for the holy (people)." The holy things are the bread and wine and we are the holy people. As I say these words, I break the bread into four pieces and place them around the discos, the special liturgical plate: two of the pieces will be cut up and placed in the chalice with the wine, for everyone to receive.

The congregation's response to my words is: "One is Holy, one is the Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father." The holy things come to us from Jesus because He is the only one who is really holy. But little by little, liturgy after liturgy, prayer after prayer, receiving Holy Communion week after week – we can slowly become more like Him.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- **SATURDAY, MAY 5: COMMUNITY LUNCHEON AND COOKING WITH ANNA**
- **SUNDAY, MAY 6: LAST HEALTHY CHOICE SESSION: DIANA PASCA – *Another Gift for My Loved Ones***
- **SUNDAY, MAY 13: MOTHER'S DAY – COFFEE HOUR PREPARED BY THE MEN.**
- **WEDNESDAY, MAY 16: VESPERAL LITURGY FOR THE ASCENSION, 7 PM.**
- **THURSDAY, MAY 17: PARISH COUNCIL MEETING at 7 PM.**
- **THURSDAY, MAY 17: INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.**
- **SUNDAY, MAY 20: LAST CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS, YOUTH SUNDAY AND SERMON.**
- **SUNDAY, MAY 20: INREACH/OUTREACH MEETING.**
- **ST. HELENA'S GUILD will not meet in May. The next Meeting will be on **June 3**, during Coffee Hour**
- **SUNDAY, JUNE 3: BEGINNING OF SUMMER SCHEDULE – THE DIVINE LITURGY WILL BEGIN AT 9:00.**

CONGRATULATIONS to *Stephanie and Craig Chassen* on the birth of their daughter *Charlotte* on Friday, May 4. She was 8 lbs 9.7 ounces and 20" long.

Stephanie and Craig's new address is:

2762 Valentia St.
Denver, CO 80238

CONGRATULATIONS to *Banks Sapnar* on being accepted into the *Lincoln Center Jazz Academy* which will take place over two weeks this summer in NYC (it will be directed by Wynton Marsalis)!

**WOMAN2WOMAN ACTIVITIES: Wednesday, May 23, 6:30 p.m., *Ceramic Barn* (pottery painting), Church Road, Medford. Get ready for summer and paint a cute trinket or gardening item for your home! Please arrive between 6:30-7:00 to give yourself time to pick an item and paint it that night. 856 234 0455. No experience necessary. It's a fun way to relax and chat with friends.
Tuesday, May 29, 12:00 noon, Ladies' Luncheon at *Whole Hog Cafe*, Rt. 70 in Medford (near church). Please call or text Genie at 856-266-4294 if you are planning to attend.**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Thursday, April 26, 7:00 by Phyllis Prichard.

Account Balances for March are as follows: **General Fund** 66,444.47, **Memorial Fund** \$49,633.59, **Capital Improvement Fund** \$48,900.52, **Food Coupon Fund** \$4,917.91, **Choir Fund** \$4,085.43, **Fundraising Account** \$1,628.94

Michelle Zissimos, Financial Secretary, reviewed a new format for the Monthly Financial Report, admitting that this will be a “work in progress” for a little longer. She will be attending *Servant Keeper* training (the program that is used for inputting contributions) this week.

Old Business: **A) Repair of Ramp:** Mark Skuby reported that he received two more estimates for the repair work that will need to be done on the ramp. The two new proposals are much lower in price than the 1st proposal from last year. Mark will reach out to the two contractors to confirm all work being done and to mention to them about the crack in the front step. Mark will submit all the proposals to the Council to agree on who will do the job. **B) Investment options for parish accounts:** It was agreed that we would take \$40,000 from Memorial fund and \$20,000 from the Capitol Improvement fund to open two interest bearing accounts with Pioneer at 1.7 percent. All in favor. **C) Custodial cleaning service update:** As noted at last month’s Meeting, Paul and Mary Denko will no longer be cleaning the church. Father John, Mark and Phyllis will work on the job description. **D) Exterior lighting:** Gary and Mark will look into a exterior plan for outside lights and present three estimates. **E) Fall Festival:** One day festival will take place on September 22nd. **F) Parking lot sealing/repairs:** Gary Mosser presented a proposal from Tars & Stripes Asphalt for the repair work for the parking lot in the amount of \$10,331.00. All in favor.

Delegate for the All-American Council in St. Louis: Mark Skuby will be attending with Father John.- July 23-27. Budget for flight and hotel \$2,500.

The Next Meeting will be on Thursday, May 17.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES: *More info about both events is on the Bulletin Board / see Judy Clyde.*

- **BASEBALL GAME: PHILLIES VS WASHINGTON NATIONALS (and fireworks)**
FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2018 @ 7:05
Ticket price: \$34.00
Deadline, Sunday, May 20
- **JESUS – Sight and Sound production / Ronks, PA**
THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2018 @ 3:00
Ticket prices: \$56.05 per person (children ages 3-12: \$26.00)
Deadline, Sunday, June 3.

COFFEE HOUR ASSIGNMENTS:

May 6 Jessica Siragusa / **May13 Mother's Day = Hosted by Men of Holy Cross**

May 20 Andrea Burns / **May 27** Nataalka Weismantel / **June 3** Irene Listen & Tina Horner



CROSSWALKS

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The children had a wonderful time
at our Egg Hunt on St Thomas Sunday

Thursday May 17 Ascension

Sunday May 27 Pentecost

Sunday, May 20 - **Last Day of Church School** so please try to bring your children over the next few weeks.

Sunday, May 20 - **The Last Youth Sermon** for this School Year. The theme will be the response to my proclamation towards the end of the Liturgy: "Let us Depart in Peace" and the response and sermon will be entitled, "In the Name of the Lord."

This will be the last of "The Nine Songs: Nine Liturgical Responses that Anyone Can Offer." As we did last year, we'll be gathering the texts and photos from church activities into a booklet. Please send Fr John any church activity photos from this past year and also photos of your children doing their favorite activities.

Other Community Service Opportunities

Monthly Community Luncheon with Diana Pasca to help prepare food for a shelter in Mt. Holly, NJ. They are usually about 2 hours on a Saturday morning. All dates are listed in Crossroads on the church calendar. (eligible for community service hours)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 <i>Cooking with Anna – 9 AM</i> <i>Great Vespers: 5</i>
6 <i>DIVINE LITURGY—10:00</i> <i>Last Healthy Choice: Diana Pasca</i>	7	8	9	10	11	12 <i>Parastas for Bob Chong – 4:30</i> <i>Great Vespers: 5</i>
13 <i>Mother’s Day DIVINE LITURGY—10:00</i>	14	15	16 <i>Vesperal Liturgy for the Ascension 7:00</i>	17	18	19 <i>Parastas for Sue Dowiak – 4:30</i> <i>Great Vespers: 5</i>
20 <i>DIVINE LITURGY – 10:00</i> <i>Last Day of Church School Youth Day & Sermon</i>	21	22	23 <i>Woman2Woman Ceramic Barn, 6:30</i>	24 <i>Parish Council Meeting – 7 PM</i>	25	26 <i>Great Vespers: 5</i>
27 <i>PENTECOST DIVINE LITURGY—10:00</i>	28	29 <i>Woman2Woman Ladies’ Lunch, Whole Hog Café, Noon</i>	30	31	1 June	2 <i>Great Vespers: 5</i>

