

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of  
Pascha; Sunday of  
the Paralytic*



**4-а Неділя Пасхи.**

**Неділя Розслабленого**

The Holy Martyr Symeon & His Companions – Symeon and his companions died for their faith in Christ under the Persian King Sapor in 341.

**Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

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*Daily Divine Liturgies*

**Monday, April 18** \*\*\* 9:00 a.m.  
*Div. Lit.:* +Peter Nasachuk – Bill &  
Anne Boitson

**Wednesday, April 20** \*\*\* 9:00 a.m. *Div. Lit.:* + Martin  
Ostopowich – John & Valerie Zuk

**Thursday, April 21** \*\*\* 9:00 a.m. *Div. Lit.:* God's  
blessings to the Fearn family

**Friday, April 22** \*\*\* 9:00 a.m. “*Moleben to the Merciful  
Christ*” on the occasion of the Year of Mercy

**Saturday, April 23** \*\* Feast of St. George\* \* 10:00 a.m.  
*Div. Lit.:* God's blessings

*After the priest has exclaimed, "Blessed be the Kingdom..." and the people have responded, "Amen," the clergy sing the Paschal Troparion once and the people repeat it. Then, the clergy sing the first half, and the people conclude it.*

### ***Paschal Troparion***

Christ is risen from the dead,\* trampling death by death,\* and to those in the tombs\* giving life.

***Troparion, Tone 3:*** Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,\* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm.\* He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead;\* He saved us from the abyss of Hades\* and granted great mercy to the world.

+Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

***Kontakion, Tone 3:*** Lord, as of old You raised the Paralytic,\* lift my soul by Your divine presence,\* for by many sins and foolish actions,\* I, too, am now afflicted and crippled.\* Raise me, that being saved I may cry to You:\* Glory to Your power, O merciful Christ.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

***Kontakion, Tone 8:*** Though You descended into a tomb, O Immortal One,\* yet You destroyed the power of Hades,\* and You rose as victor, O Christ God,\* calling to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice!\* and giving peace to Your Apostles:\* You, who grant Resurrection to the fallen.

### ***Prokeimenon, Tone 1***

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You. *verse:* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. (Psalm 32:22,1)

**Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 9:32-42):**



In those days, as Peter went here and there among all the believers, he came down also to the saints living in Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years, for he was paralyzed. Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; get up and make your bed!" And immediately he got up. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was

near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

***Alleluia, Tone 1:*** Of Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.

***verse:*** For You have said, "Mercy will be established forever." (Psalm 32:22,1)

***Gospel: John 5:1-15***

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Bethzatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, "It is the sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat." But he answered them, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Take up your mat and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take it up and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there. Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

***Hymn to the Mother of God*** - The Angel cried out to the One full of Grace: O chaste Virgin, rejoice! And again I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and raised the dead. Let all people rejoice! Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exult now and be

glad, O Sion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

**Communion Hymn** - Receive the Body of Christ; \* taste the fountain of immortality.

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia. (Psalm 148:1)

**Instead of “Blessed is He Who comes...” we sing:** Christ is risen from the dead,\* trampling death by death,\* and to those in the tombs\* giving life.

**Instead of “We have seen the true light...” we sing:** Christ is risen ....

**Instead of “May our mouths be filled...” we sing three times:** Christ is risen from the dead,\* trampling death by death,\* and to those in the tombs\* giving life.

**Instead of “Blessed be the name of the Lord...” we sing three times:**

Christ is risen from the dead....

**At the dismissal, instead of “Glory be to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.” we chant:** Christ is risen from the dead,\* trampling death by death,\* and to those in the tombs\* giving life.

**After the final Amen, the priest, with cross raised on high, exclaims “Christ is risen” thrice and we respond “Truly, He is risen” each time. Then, the Troparion “Christ is risen” is sung as at the beginning of the Liturgy, but with the addition:**

And to us he has granted life eternal;\* we bow down before his resurrection on the third day.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

*“God’s mercy can make even the driest land become a garden, can restore life to dry bones (cf. Ez 37:1-14). ... Let us be renewed by God’s mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of His love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish.” Pope Francis*



**Please Pray for health of ...** Roman D., Bonny H., Ric B., Shirley C., Andriy H., Sandra Sh., Sofia B., Verna H., Mike W., Patricia U., Sophie S., Rose O., Yvette U., Lily-Ann S., Myron G., Peter D., Peter S., Ann M., and all other parishioners and family members who need God's healing at the present time.

Please let Fr. Andrzej know if you would like to add new names to the prayer list and also notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.

**Dormition Parish Council Meeting** – will take place on Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Dormition Parish Round Table Knights of Columbus Meeting** – will take place this coming Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.



**No Coffee after the Divine Liturgies on Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup>** – due to hall rental for annual vinyl records show.

**Bible study program** – will continue on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**One bilingual Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.** – will be celebrated on the following Sundays: May 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, & 22<sup>nd</sup> due to Fr. Andrzej substituting Fr. Myts in Kamloops during his annual vacation.

**Mother's Day Brunch** – provided by Knights of Columbus will take place on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Children's Catechism** – will take place on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> after the Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.

**Conflict in Light of our Faith** – 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the workshop by Dr. Christina Hantel-Fraser will take place on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016. More information will be provided closer to the day of this event.



**Upcoming Feast Days** – The Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ will be celebrated on **Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**; The Descent of the Holy Spirit - **Pentecost Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**Dolyna Ukrainian Dancers 2016 Spring Concert – “Maidan Quest for Freedom”** – will take place on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at Rotary Theatre for Arts at 7:00 p.m.

**First Solemn Communion** – at the Dormition parish will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**. We will have six children to be part of this very special event. There will be one Divine Liturgy on that day.

**Cemetery grave blessings** – Panakhyda service and grave blessings will take place in **Penticton on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>** and in **Kelowna, Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**. Our 5<sup>th</sup> All Souls Service (Prayers for our beloved deceased ones) will be celebrated on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.



**Merciful Like the Father – Dormition Parish Social Project** – following suggestions from parishioners, our Parish Council voted to designate the 2016 “Coffee” proceeds for the support of St. Joseph’s new school building fundraising campaign. On Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> we collected \$111.90. Thank you for your support.

**“Celtic Fusion” – An Evening of Song & Dance (Proceeds to Seton House of Prayer)** – will take place on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at Kelowna Community Theatre. Doors open 6:00 p.m. & Concert starts at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please refer to the poster at the church entrance.

**Kelowna Right to Life Society** – invites you to attend a presentation by Mr. Alex Schandenbergh, Executive Director of Euthanasia Prevention Coalition on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Evangel Church, 3261 Gordon Dr.

**Pilgrimage to Ukraine** - August 22 - September 7, 2016 led by Sr. Angelica. WE ARE GOING TO LVIV - TERNOPIIL - CARPATHIAN MOUNTAINS - HOSHIV - ZARVANYTSIA AND KYIV WITH TIME TO VISIT RELATIVES. If interested contact Sr. Angelica at [604-526-9198](tel:604-526-9198) or [604-375-6626](tel:604-375-6626) or Myrna at [604-716-7200](tel:604-716-7200) for information, itinerary and prices or refer to the poster on the parish bulletin board or visit this link: <http://nweparchy.ca/project/pilgrimage-to-ukraine/>

**Special Petition** – *“We also pray to be blessed with generous hearts to contribute to our Bishop’s initiatives and programs, such as: the support of parishes, the education of parishioners, and the formation of seminarians, Lord hear us and have mercy.”*

**Dormition Parish Stewardship:** Sunday, April 10 - \$835.00.



**Pope: It's not enough to follow the letter of the law with a closed heart** - *By Ann Schneible*

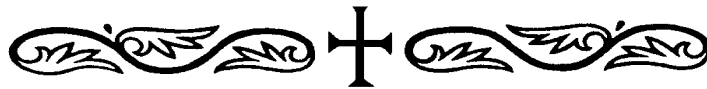
Speaking at morning Mass at the Santa Marta residence, Pope Francis decried those who close themselves to God's truth, and condemn repentant sinners and the innocent alike in the name of following the “letter of the law.” “The heart is closed to God's Word, it is closed to truth, and it is closed to God’s messenger

who brings the prophecy so that God's people may go forward," the Pope said in his April 11 homily, according to Vatican Radio's translation. The Pope centered his reflection on the day's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, which recounts the Sanhedrin arresting St. Stephen – who would later become the first martyr of the Church – for “blasphemous words against Moses and God.” Because their hearts were hardened, they “could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which (Stephen) spoke,” he said, adding they supported their claims with false witnesses. “Their hearts, closed to God's truth, clutch only at the truth of the Law, taking it by ‘the letter’, and do not find outlets other than in lies, false witness and death.” Francis recalled Gospel accounts of Jesus likening the cynical and hypocritical “doctors of the letter” to their “fathers” who “had killed the prophets” before him. The Pope observed the unwillingness of these “doctors of the law” to open their hearts to the repentant sinner. He cited in particular the scene in which Judas Iscariot, after having betrayed Jesus, regrets his decision and approaches the Sanhedrin to return the money. “It hurts when I read that small passage from the Gospel of Matthew, when Judas, who has repented, goes to the priests and says: ‘I have sinned’ ... and gives them the coins. ‘Who cares!’ - they say to him: ‘it's none of our business!’” “They closed their hearts before this poor, repentant man, who did not know what to do,” he said. “And he went and hanged himself.” The Pope spoke of their concern with following “the laws, so many words and things they had built,” but not the good of the repentant man. “And what did they do when Judas hanged himself? They spoke amongst themselves and said: ‘Is he a poor man? No! These coins are the price of blood, they must not enter the temple’... and they referred to this rule and to that... The doctors of the letter.” Instances of innocent people put to death for being wrongly accused of going against the law appears throughout history, Francis said. “History tells us of many people who were judged and killed, although they were innocent: judged according to the Word of God, against the Word of God,” he said. “Let's think of witch hunts or of St. Joan of Arc, and of many others who were burnt to death, condemned because according to the judges they were not in line with the Word of God.” Noting that Jesus was crucified for his trust and obedience to God's word, Pope Francis recounted resurrected Jesus' words to the disciples on the road to Emmaus: “Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke.” The Pope concluded: “Let us ask the Lord to look to the large and to the small follies of our hearts with the same tenderness, to

caress us gently and to say to us: ‘Oh you foolish and slow of heart’ and begin to explain things to us.”

### **Laudato Si’ by Pope Francis (continuation) –**

177. Given the real potential for a misuse of human abilities, individual states can no longer ignore their responsibility for planning, coordination, oversight and enforcement within their respective borders. How can a society plan and protect its future amid constantly developing technological innovations? One authoritative source of oversight and coordination is the law, which lays down rules for admissible conduct in the light of the common good. The limits which a healthy, mature and sovereign society must impose are those related to foresight and security, regulatory norms, timely enforcement, the elimination of corruption, effective responses to undesired side-effects of production processes, and appropriate intervention where potential or uncertain risks are involved. There is a growing jurisprudence dealing with the reduction of pollution by business activities. But political and institutional frameworks do not exist simply to avoid bad practice, but also to promote best practice, to stimulate creativity in seeking new solutions and to encourage individual or group initiatives.



#### **Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion:**

1. *You are a member of the Catholic Church (Orthodox faithful are welcome to receive Communion);*
  2. *You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently;*
  3. *You attend Divine Services regularly;*
  4. *Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church;*
  5. *You have kept the Liturgical fast – no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy (water & medicine does not break the fast).*
  6. *You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel.*
  7. *To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace.*
- If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.*



**\*\*\*\*A Reminder about appropriate reception of Holy Communion** - *when approaching to receive the Holy Eucharist, the faithful are reminded to open their mouth wide and tilt their head back. Also, please avoid licking the spoon. \*\*\*\**