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Prayers for our Parishioners. The particular law of the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church directs that the pastor is to celebrate the Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish entrusted to him on Sundays and days of precept [holydays of obligation]" (canon 294). This liturgy intention for all parishioners is "For the Intention of Parishioners." The faithful who attend the Divine Liturgy for the parishioners who participate, according to their state, in praying for that intention. We can continue this prayer for one another during the week by remembering several parishioners' families each week. Please pray for these parishioners: Michael and Cindy Kernich, Robert Klapouchy, Stuart and Greta Koehl & family, James Koenig, Kay Kopack, Eleanor Korbini, and from the Mission, Marian Kniska.

Public Liturgies. The Commonwealth of Virginia began Phase Three July 1st. In his episcopal letter of May 13th, Bishop Kurt Burnette announced that churches may reopen for public worship according to the directives of the public health authorities and with the bishop's permission. For churches, Phase Three requirements are the same as Phase One requirements. Governor Northam's amended Executive Order #72 March 23, 2021, makes no changes for churches. This means that the Parish Strategic Plan and the Eparchial Checklist are still applicable. This means churches may open at 50% of capacity provided health department requirements are met. It is important for public health not to slacken in observing the Strategic Plan. Bishop Kurt continues to dispense Liturgy so those who are at risk or feel unsafe may remain at home. Please keep in mind that Divine Law still requires us to keep the Lord's Day holy by prayer and by refraining from unnecessary work. The bishop cannot dispense Divine Law. Further, the Bishop had encouraged all the Faithful to make a good Confession when the pandemic is

over. The Divine Liturgy of the Myrrh Bearers today will be live streamed.

Praying at Home Together. If you are remaining safe at home, you may consider praying the Divine Liturgy in your homes so that we can be united in praying the same prayers. These are available on the web site of the Metropolitan Cantor Institute of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, <https://mci.archpitt.org>. The entire People's Molitvennik is available under Publications tab to use when participating in the live streaming Liturgy.

Messages from the Pastor. Father John has been sending email messages to the parishioners whose email addresses we have on our roster. If you have not been receiving these email messages, it might be because we do not have your email address, or you have changed it and we do not have it. We would like to have your email address to keep contact with you during this time when some parishioners are remaining safe at home. Simply email the parish office

Liturgy Intentions to be Rescheduled. If you have offered a Divine Liturgy for an intention to be celebrated during the suspension, you will be contacted to reschedule. Jamie has begun rescheduling weekday liturgy requests according to the date of the request. If you have scheduled a weekday liturgy, that liturgy will remain on the date requested. However, if you scheduled a liturgy on a Sunday, the intention will not be rescheduled until after the pandemic or until Bishop Kurt is able to assign a second priest to be able to celebrate two Sunday liturgies. There is no pre-scheduled Divine Liturgy for Sunday of the Paralytic Man, April 25th.

All Souls Saturdays. The Fifth All Souls Saturday will be May 22.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

On-line Giving Now Set Up. Bishop Kurt directed that all parishes have online giving service in place with www.tithe.ly.com by August

31, 2020. Both the parish and the mission now have online accounts with tithe.ly and these can be accessed at the church or mission web sites. To make an online contribution, go to the church web site. On the home page is a link that says Epiphany of our Lord online donation. Click on that and you will be directed to Epiphany's tithe.ly account. Please note that where you see Offertory, that is a drop-down menu that allows the donor to specify what the donation is for: Sunday offertory, Building Fund, St. Nicholas Fund, or eparchial collections. Please show care in the category Recurring Giving. If it is not a donation to be given each week or month, please make that adjustment that this is a one-time donation.

Amortization Schedule. The current balance on the \$1.8-million-dollar loan from the eparchy for the new church is \$911,282.67. We have just made the 2021 first quarter interest payment of \$6,834.82. At the 2021 year end we will have paid out \$101,775.98 bringing our loan balance to \$836,282.67.

EMC Bingo. Due to the Pandemic, Bingo has been suspended indefinitely. Observance of local, state, Catholic Mutual, and eparchial requirements for safe distancing and sanitizing does not make reopening Bingo economically feasible. We will continue to monitor health and scientific information as it becomes available to guide the determination of opening safely for our parishioners and Bingo patrons.

Spring 2021 Awards Club. The winner of the sixth drawing is Scott Hald, #089. The next drawing will take place today, April 25th.

Parish Bulletin. The parish bulletin will continue to be posted weekly on the Epiphany website: www.colbcc.org. It will also be posted on the bulletin board in the narthex and photograph of the bulletin can be taken.

Parish Office Schedule and Safety Protocols. In accordance with Bishop Kurt Burnette's and Governor Northam's most recent Orders, the office hours for Epiphany of our Lord continue to

be amended to the following door: Monday, Wednesday, Friday- 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Parish staff has established safety and health protocols at the parish office. If you have business at the office, please follow these protocols: 1. **use the RING doorbell**; Jamie is able to respond to the telephone and the doorbell from home as well. 2. wear **a mask** 3. **sanitizer station** when you come and leave; 4. observe **social distancing**. We are only able to accommodate three adults in the office at one time, including two staff members observing safe distancing.

Mission Update. The mission has received the ROW or Restoration of Right of Way permit from Montgomery County as part of the Building Permit. This requires us to repair any damage to the public right of way that construction may damage. Jack McLaurin received the unsettling notice from Montgomery County that they want the Mission to reapply with a Commercial Application because of the change of the use of the sitting room to a chapel. This is after the county has already approved several permits for us according to our original application.

Book Store. The Bookstore is open this Sunday and by appointment. Please contact a Bookstore manager and be prepared to wear a mask and not to use the rest rooms in the Social Hall.

Restroom Availability FYI. There are no *campus restrooms open to the public, including our vendors*. We have only two buildings being cleaned weekly, the church for our parishioners and the parish office for our office staff. The day care bathrooms are for the exclusive use of the day care children and staff and restricted for their safety.

EPARCHIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop's Appeal. The Bishop's Appeal 2020 began October 1st. Pledges and payments will be accepted through June 1, 2021. Any

contributions received after December 31, 2020, must be attributed to the 2021 tax year. The goal for this year's campaign is the same as last year, \$19,800 for the church and \$6,000 for the mission. The parishioners at the church have pledged or given \$16,950. The parishioners at the mission have pledged or given \$4,225. This is an incredible response in this difficult time. May God bless you for your sacrificial offerings to our eparchy and for our eparchy's donations to European eparchies. If we reach our goal, we will receive a 40% refund of the total received.

Theology of the Body. Bishop Kurt Burnette has asked pastors to inform their deacons and parishioners that Catholic Distance University is offering a free Online conference on St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. St. John Paul II offered these originally as a series of talks in his general audiences on the human person and especially on sexuality, reproduction, and gender based on the revealed Faith, especially on the revelations in the early chapters of the Book of Genesis. Bishop Kurt noted: "Generally speaking, I find St. John Paul's teachings that are now called "Theology of the Body" to be remarkably similar to our own theological tradition which beautifully emphasizes that we were created in the image and likeness of God. The 2021 Theology of the Body Conference will be held April 30-May 2 and will feature over eighty of the most prominent Catholic speakers such as Christopher West, Scott Hahn, Sr. Bethany Madonna among others. To register please visit: <https://www.tobvirtualconference.com>

The Creed. God With Us online presents "I Believe-A Study of the Creed" online webinar on Wednesdays from April 14-June 16 from 8-9PM. Join Father David Anderson, a Ukrainian Catholic priest of the Eparchy of St. Nicholas of Chicago, as we dive deeply into the Creed. To register:

register@easterncatholic.org.

SS. Cyril and Methodius Lecture. The 21st annual Ss. Cyril and Methodius Lecture, sponsored by Ss. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA is held each year proximate to the feast of Ss. Cyril and Methodius. This year it is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18th. Originally it was announced that the lecture would be in person at St. John's Cathedral Center and virtually on-line with live stream. The seminary now states that the in-person lecture is cancelled and the lecture will be exclusively virtual. Join our Seminary community at the lecture by accessing the seminary web site www.bcs.edu. This year the scholar invited is Deacon Dr. Daniel Galadza, a deacon of the Ukrainian Eparchy of Toronto, Canada, son of Father Roman Galadza. The topic of his lecture is *The Liturgy of Jerusalem*. The liturgical year of Jerusalem, the cradle of Christianity, influenced how the Church celebrated the conception, birth, life, death and resurrection of our Lord and the events of the Mother of God and the saints. Dr. Galadza completed studies at the University of Toronto and the Sheptytsky Institute before defending his doctorate in Byzantine liturgy at the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome in 2013. He has been a junior fellow at the Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection in Washington, D.C., assistant professor at the University of Vienna, visiting professor at the Pontifical Oriental Institute, and is currently a research fellow at the Centre of Advanced Studies of the University of Regensburg, Germany.

Sunday of the Paralytic Man

COMING EVENTS

- Byzantine Spirituality
- On Line Contributions
- EMC Awards Club
- Parish Office Safety Protocols
- Amortization Schedule
- Mission Development
- Bishop's Appeal

EMC BINGO

Bingo will be suspended for the foreseeable future.

<http://EMCBINGO.com>

April 25, 2021:

TITHING & GIVING

Adults	\$3690.00
Building Fund	\$2115.00
Holy Days	\$120.00
Candles	\$151.50
SOR	\$32.00
Easter	\$215.00
Mission Church	\$15.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$10.00
<u>St. Nicholas Fund</u>	<u>\$33.00</u>
	\$6281.50

Tithing & Giving. This report is the income of weeks 4/11/21 and 4/18/21. The next report will reflect offertory for April 25 and May 2. "Online Donation" represents donations for Epiphany contributed by parishioners online and sent to Epiphany from our online giving account. Our online giving is operational and can be accessed through the parish or mission web sites. Thank you for continuing to use your giving envelopes.

"Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth." (Dt. 8:18)

LITURGY AND LIFE

Prayer Intentions. Please remember in prayer: Msgr. George Dobes, Michael Mikulak, David Sayen, Mary McDonnell, Justine Ferrari, Louis Shanks, Caroline Zurun, Mary Beth Vieira, Irene Markovich, Mary Gaydos, Betty Markovchick, John Vernoski, Marge Rusnak, Richard Wytko, Tim Ryan, Fr. Lee Gross, and Rand Bass. Please Pray for these relatives and friends of our parishioners: Eileen Gray, James Seman, Mike Shuster, Starr, Florence Kunder, Kelly Kunder,

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Christ Is Risen!	April 25, 2021	Christos voskrese!
Indeed He Is Risen!!		Voistinnu voskrese!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN

Sun. Apr. 25 10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

Fourth Paschal Week

Mid-Pentecost

Wed. Apr. 28 10:00 AM +Mary Ellen Kepick by Dn. El and Sally Pekarik

Sat. May 1 10:00 AM +George Lichvarcik

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Sun. May 02 10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – May 2, 2021

Sun. May 02 One server will be assigned under Phase Three Reopening Plan.

USHER SCHEDULE – May 2, 2021

Sun. May 02 Ushers check with Bob Wargo for assignments next Sunday

All public services in church in Phase Three in Virginia can have 50% of capacity. People in attendance must wear masks and maintain social distancing.

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD Byzantine Catholic Church

The Sacraments – Our Life in Christ

Mysteries (Sacraments) of Initiation - (Baptism, Chrismation, Holy Eucharist). We follow the command of the Lord to baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19). Chrismation (Confirmation) and Holy Eucharist (First Holy Communion) is imparted at the same time immediately following baptism.

Mysteries (Sacraments) of Initiation of Infants – is scheduled at the Divine Liturgy on Saturdays or Sundays during the year except certain fast periods. Sponsors must be Catholics in good standing and supply a sponsor card attesting to that from their parish. While two Catholics in good standing is usual, one baptized non-Catholic can function as a Christian Witness with the Catholic sponsor. Both must be at least sixteen years of age. Details are available at the parish office.

Mysteries (Sacraments) of Initiation of Adults – follows a period of catechumenate. This is a period of spiritual formation. Please see the priest or deacon.

Mystery (Sacrament) of Crowning in Marriage – According to the Pastoral Policy and Guidelines for Marriage Preparation for the Catholic Church in New Jersey, couples wishing to marry must inform the pastor one year before the date of the wedding and be free to marry in the Catholic Church. Couples will meet with the priest and deacon in four sessions – to begin the pre-nuptial investigation, to take FOCCUS, a communications, values and religious inventory approved for use in the Catholic dioceses/eparchies, to complete the pre-nuptial investigation and for a session on the theology of the mystery (sacrament). They are also required to attend Pre-Cana or Engaged Encounter.

Mystery (Sacrament) of Repentance – The Mystery (Sacrament) of Repentance is regularly available each Saturday 11:30 AM – 12:00 Noon. In addition, confessions are heard during the Christmas Fast (Advent) and the Great Fast (Lent) at other scheduled times. Visiting confessors are also scheduled at special times during the Great Fast. Confessions are also heard on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Great and Holy Parishioners who are seriously ill and those with life endangering medical conditions as well as those who are to undergo surgery should avail themselves Week to prepare for the observance of the Lord’s Resurrection.

Anointing of the Sick – Parishioners who are seriously ill and those with life-threatening medical conditions as well as those who are to undergo surgery should avail themselves of the sacrament of penance and anointing of the sick. If surgery is scheduled, please consider confession and anointing at the church before entering the hospital since there is more privacy for confession and less chance of interruption for confession and anointing. If you are unable to come to church, please call the rectory. Families of parishioners who have a medical emergency should contact the rectory office so one of the priests can go the hospital.

Holy Communion and Visitation of the Sick – Holy Communion is brought to our parishioners who are ill at the hospital or at home by the deacon on Sundays and at other times by arrangement. Please contact the deacon or the rectory office by Friday prior to the Sunday communion visitation.

Funeral Services – The Office of Christian Burial is offered in ways to accommodate the needs of the family. The Epiphany Ladies Guild as part of their charity offers a Mercy Meal for families at the Parish Center following the interment. Epiphany of our Lord cemetery is a portion of Fairfax Memorial Park. Parishioners who are interested in purchasing cemetery plots should see the deacon.

Byzantine Catholic Mission of Montgomery County - Divine Liturgy: Sunday 10:00 AM; Religious Education & Social Hour 11:15-12:15: 20501 Goshen Road, Gaithersburg, MD; (301) 482-0282.

Parish Administration

"The Church is not an organization with sacraments but a sacrament with organization."

Parish Clergy

Very Rev. John G. Basarab, Pastor
 Deacon Elmer Pekarik, Deacon Peter Turko

Parish Office Staff

Jamie Bacigalupi, Administrative Assistant
 Lucie Cantsilieris, Financial Assistant

Parish Council of Administration

Emil Koval, Greg Puhak, Sally Green

Parish Office Hours: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Monday- Friday

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Sunday

School of Religion - School of Religion classes meet on Sundays between Liturgies (9:20 AM - 10:20 AM) throughout the school year (September - June). Classes are offered for children grades Preschool & Kindergarten - High School

Announcements may be dropped off in the Parish Office, faxed to the office (703-573-1088) or email to epiphanyofourlord@verizon.net.

Registration - Individuals who wish to register in the Parish should stop by the Parish Office and complete a census form.

<p align="center">Epiphany of our Lord Church, Annandale, VA http://www.eolbcc.org Epiphany of our Lord does not conduct business on the website email.</p>
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PARISH USTAV

The Order for the Divine Liturgy
for

Sunday of the Paralytic Man

The Holy and Evangelist Mark

PLACE RIBBONS AT:

BLUE p. 11 Mark and Follow Ordinary Parts of the Divine Liturgy

RED p. 181 Sunday of the Paralytic Man

YELLOW p. 368 Holy Apostle

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: Festal Tones

EXCEPT: Cherubic Hymn

We Praise You

Communion Hymn p. 177 **ALL D**

Our Father Paschal melody p. 167

1. The Divine Liturgy begins on p. 11 BLUE
2. Sunday Antiphons and Entrance Hymn p. 14-15, 22-25
3. At the Troparia:
 - Troparion of Resurrection Tone 3 p. 181 RED
 - Troparion of the Apostle Tone 3 p. 368 YELLOW
 - Kontakion of Paralytic Man Tone 1 p. 181 RED
4. Scripture readings:
 - Prokeimenon of Paralytic Man Tone 1 p. 182 RED
 - Epistle: Acts 9: 32-42
 - Alleluia of Paralytic Man Tone 5 p. 182 RED
 - Gospel: John 5:1-15
6. Cherubic Hymn D and Church Slavonic on reverse of this sheet
7. Instead of "*It is truly proper...*", "*Anhel Vopijašče*" on reverse of this sheet
8. Instead of "*Blessed is He...*", "Christ is Risen"
 - "*We have seen the true light...*" Christ is Risen B
9. At Dismissal Christ is Risen p. 170 RED

ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON – JEDINORODNYJ SYNE

Slava Otcu i Synu i Svjatomu Duchu, i nyňi i prisno, i vo v'iki v'ikov. Amiň. Jedinorodnyj Syne, i Slove Božij, bezsmerten syj, i izvolivyj spasenija našeho radi voplotitisja ot svjatyja Bohorodicy i prisno-d'ivy Mariji, nepreložno vočelov'ičivysja, raspnysja že, Christe Bože, smertiju smert' popravjy, jedin syj Svjatyja Trojcy, sproslavl'ajemyj Otcu i Svjatomu Duchu, spasi nas.

HOLY GOD – SVJATYJ BOZE

Svjatyj Bože, svjatyj kr'ipkij, svjatyj bezsmertnyj, pomiluj nas. Slava Otcu i Synu, i Svjatomu Duchu, i nyňi i prisno, i vo v'iki v'ikov. Amin.

IŽE CHERUVIMY – LET US WHO MYSTICALLY

Iže Cheruvimy tajno obrazujušče, i životvorjasšče Trojc'i trisvjatuju p'isň prinosjasšče, vsjakuju nyňi zitejskoje otveržim pečal'.

Amiň. Jako da Carja vs'ich podimem, anhel'skimi nevidimo dorinosima činmi. Alliluia. Alliluia. Alliluia.

SVJAT, SVJAT, SVJAT – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Svjat, svjat, svjat, Hospod' savaoth, ispolň nebo i zeml'a slavy Tvojeja: osanna vo vyšnich, blahosloven hrjadyj vo imja Hospodne, osanna vo vyšnich.

TEBE POJEM – WE PRAISE YOU

Tebe pojem, Tebe blahoslovim, Teb'i blahodarim, Hospodi, i molimtisja Bože naš.

ANHEL VOPIJAŠE – THE ANGEL EXCLAIMED

Anhel vopijaše blahodatnyj: čistaja D'ivo radusja, i paki reku radusja: tvoj Syn voskrese tridneven ot hroba. i mertvyja vzdvihnuvyj, l'udije veselitesja.

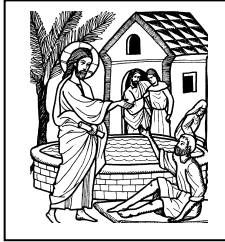
Sv'itisja, sv'itisja, novy Jerusalime: slava bo Hospodňa na Teb'i vozsija: likuj nyňi i veselisja Sione, ty že čistaja

OTČE NAŠ – OUR FATHER

Otče naš, iže jesi na nebes'ich, da svjatitsja imja Tvoje. Da prijedet carstvije Tvoje, da budet vol'a Tvoja, jako na nebesi, i na zemli. Chl'ib naš nasuščnyj dažd nam dnes'. I ostavi nam dolhi naša, jakože i my ostavl'ajem dolžnikom našim. I ne vvedi nas vo iskušeniye, no izbavi nas ot lukavaho.

DA ISPOLŇATSJA – MAY OUR MOUTH BE FILLED

Da ispolňatsja usta naša chvalenija tvojego Hospodi, jako da pojem slavu tvoju, jako spodobil jesi nas pričastitsja svjatym tvojim, božestvennym, bezsmertnym, i životvor'ascim Tajnam; utverdi nas Bože vo Tvojej svjatyni vsja dni poučatisja pravd'i Tvoje. Alliluja.



Sunday of the Paralytic Man

Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your mat, and walk." Immediately the man became well, took up his mat, and walked.

John 5:1-15

During the fifty days of Pascha from Easter Sunday to Pentecost the holy fathers have appointed the gospel according to John to be read at the Divine Liturgies except last Sunday when the gospel is the account of the burial of Jesus and the resurrection from the gospel according to Mark. On the second and third Sundays of Pascha the holy

fathers demonstrated the universality of the meaning of the resurrection of Jesus on the human race by appointing gospels about men on Thomas Sunday and women on the Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women. Now as the holy fathers change the Sunday readings from resurrection accounts to gospels that explain what the effects of baptism are, since it is through the Sacrament of Baptism that humans can access the benefits or grace of the resurrection of Jesus, they continue this theme of universality by alternating Sundays about men and women, namely, this Sunday, the Paralytic Man, next Sunday the Samaritan Women, and then the Man Born Blind.

The link with baptism is clear. The paralyzed man is beside the pool that heals but he has no godparents or sponsors to help him. His condition is the condition of all humans paralyzed by sin, Original Sin and actual sins that we commit. It is not water itself that cures but the word of command of Jesus. In baptism the water is the external sign of the invisible grace. The pool of Bethesda was rediscovered at the end of the 19th century. It is just as the evangelist John described it. It is a rectangular pool with porticos on all four sides and one that divides the pool in the center. The pool is fed by an underground spring that bubbles up. The purpose of the pool was to wash the sacrificial sheep before they were taken to the Temple, only one hundred yards away, to be sacrificed as an offering for sin. The person who offered the sheep offers the life of the sheep in place of their own life as a sin offering since "the wages of sin is death." It is as if the plug supplying power, life, from the source, God, has been pulled when we sin, and we are only on battery power until the battery life is finished. Baptism re-plugs us into life by forgiving the sin so the plugs' contacts are cleaned, and then gives us new resurrected life. Jesus replaces the sheep. The death of a sheep was only symbolic to indicate the intention of sorrow for sin of the one offering. The death of Jesus effects the forgiveness of sin and His resurrection gives us new life just as the man embarks on a new way of life as a non-paralyzed person.

Finally, Saint John Chrysostom preached that because this man waited for thirty-eight years at the pool we should have perseverance in prayers of petition to God.

Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and make your bed." He got up at once

Now during those days, Tabitha fell sick and died. Peter sent them all out and knelt down and prayed. Then he turned to her body and said, "Tabitha, rise up." She opened her eyes, saw Peter, and sat up. Acts 9:32-42

During the fifty days of Pascha the Acts of the Apostles composed by Saint Luke is read in place of an epistle since the Acts tells what happens after Jesus is risen, ascended to the Father, and the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and the Church.

The account from the Acts of the Apostles is selected to reflect the healing of the paralyzed man by the Lord Jesus at the pool of Bethesda near the temple in Jerusalem. As the Lord Jesus healed the paralyzed man so the apostles imitate Him since He commissioned and empowered them to do so. Saint Peter not only cures the paralyzed man, Aeneas, but when he is summoned to Joppa, he restores life to a dead woman, Tabitha. When he cures Aeneas he does so in the name of Jesus Christ. When he restores life to Tabitha, he uses the same words as

the Lord Jesus spoke when he raised the daughter of Jairus to life with the change of one letter. In each case in the original language Saint Peter uses the word "rise" to show the link with the resurrection of Christ.

The gospel accounts appointed for the first three Sundays of Pascha were about the event of the resurrection of Christ. He died and resurrected so humans who believe in Him can be raised to eternal life. He did it for us and for our salvation.

The readings appointed for this Sunday emphasize that the work of Jesus to heal the human race is given to the apostles and through the apostles to the Church.

The point made about death is that there is life after death. Peter calls the soul of Tabitha back to her body. If there was no soul, and humans were just body with a brain he could not simply resuscitate her after that period of time.

The final point is about Tabitha. Her occupation according to chapter 31 of the Old Testament Book of Proverbs is the work of a "Woman of Valor." Saint Cyprian wrote that good works and charity intercede for us and deliver us from natural and spiritual death as shown, he noted, in this account in Acts. The prayers of the women and the efforts of the two men who are messengers who summon Peter show how effective prayers for our departed loved ones can be. Tabitha cared for them and now they take care of her by their prayers asking Saint Peter to intercede with the risen Lord for her.

From *Ignatius Study Bible: Mark, The Navarre Bible: Mark, and Fr. John S. Custer The Holy Gospel: A Byzantine Perspective.*

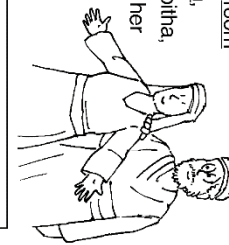
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They hoped Peter could perform a miracle and bring Tabitha back to them, because she had been so kind and helpful.

Read the story. Circle the 20 underlined words in the word search.

In the town of Joppa lived a disciple named Tabitha (translated Dorcas), who always did good deeds and helped the poor. She became sick and died. Two men went to Lydda and asked Peter to come. Widows were crying and showing him the robes she had sewn for them. Peter sent everyone out of the room where her body lay, knelt down, and prayed. Then he said, "Tabitha, get up." She sat up. Peter took her hand and helped her stand. Then he presented her alive to her friends.



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