



# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

Sun, May 10, 2020 - The Paralytic  
Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!



## Hymns for Today

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world // great mercy.

By Thy divine intercession, O Lord, as Thou didst raise up the Paralytic of old, so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts; so that being saved I may sing to Thee: // "Glory to Thy power, O compassionate Christ!"

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory Thou didst arise, O Christ God, proclaiming, "Rejoice!" to the Myrrhbearing Women, // granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

## Epistle Reading - Acts 9:32-42

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. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately. So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. 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. But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. 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. 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. 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. Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

## Gospel Reading - John 5:1-15

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For 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. Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. 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?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I

**DEAR GUESTS AND FRIENDS:** A most sincere and heartfelt welcome to you from Holy Trinity Orthodox Church. According to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared to receive the Holy Sacrament through prayer and fasting.

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.” Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your bed and walk.” And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, “It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed.” He answered them, “He who made me well said to me, ‘Take up your bed and walk.’” Then they asked him, “Who is the Man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk?’” But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. 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.” The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

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### THIS WEEK’S SERVICE SCHEDULE

*(Livestreamed on Facebook)*

**TODAY:** Hours @ 8:50 AM, Divine Liturgy @ 9:00 AM

**WED:** Bible Study @ 10 AM / Prayer for Protection against the Coronavirus @ 7:30 PM

**SAT:** Great Vespers @ 5:00 PM

**SUN:** Hours @ 8:40 AM, Divine Liturgy @ 9:00 AM

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### PARISH PRAYER LIST

**Living:** Cynthia Dulsky, Theodore & Elenor Sovryda, Valletta Family, Nadine Breisch, Luke Austin, Rosalie Bagenski, Denise Meck, Sonja & Leighann Kay, Stephen & Mary Krill, Anna Hutz Lahr, Madaline, Brian Cawley, Josie Bissett, Lisa Harvey, Daniel & Shannon Bissett, Johnny Soucek, Rebecca King, Ray Zavada, Barbara Clark, Connie Padrezas, Delores Karas, Antonette Terry, Stephen & Mary Krill **Departed:** Daniel Bissett, Chad

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### ++ IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ++ THE ENTIRE PARISH FAMILY

This coming **Tuesday Night, May 12, at 6:30 PM we will have a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on ZOOM, the video meeting platform.** This is the first parish council meeting we have had since the pandemic. We will be discussing the current state of the church, including the Church Bazaar, finances, the eventual reopening of the Church, Livestreaming of services, etc. Please make it a point, if you have the technology, to join us for this meeting. It is important that we hear from as many of

you as possible so we know how to move forward as a parish in the coming weeks and months (or whenever it might be – no one knows). Everyone is encouraged to attend (not only parish council members). The link to join the meeting has been sent via email to everyone on the list. If you did not get the email and would like to join in please contact Fr. Innocent.

**Weekly Bible Study:** We will continue our online Bible Study this Wednesday morning at 10 AM. Our focus will begin with the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and the beginning of the spread of the Christian faith in the book of Acts. A link to our online study will be sent via email.

**Prayer for Protection against the Coronavirus:** Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM we offer a very brief prayer service for protection against coronavirus. This service has been sent to everyone via the mail. It will be livestreamed on our Facebook page. Join us – or if you are not able please say the prayer service when you can.

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## HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

to all of the wonderful mothers of our parish. May God grant you many years! We also give thanks to God for all of our mothers who have departed this life. May their memory be eternal!

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### Mother’s Day History

Contrary to popular belief, Mother’s Day was not conceived and fine-tuned in the boardroom of Hallmark. The earliest tributes to mothers date back to the annual spring festival the Greeks dedicated to Rhea, the mother of many deities, and to the offerings ancient Romans made to their Great Mother of gods, Cybele. Christians celebrated this festival on the Fourth Sunday in Lent in honor of the Annunciation of the Ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of God. In England this holiday was expanded to include all mothers and was called Mothering Sunday.

In the United States, Mother's Day started nearly 150 years ago, when Anna Jarvis, an Appalachian homemaker, organized a day to raise awareness of poor health conditions in her community, a cause she believed would be best advocated by mothers. She called it "Mother's Day."

Fifteen years later, Julia Ward Howe, a Boston poet, pacifist, suffragist, and author of the lyrics to the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," organized a day encouraging mothers to rally for peace, since she believed they bore the loss of human life more harshly than anyone else.

In 1905 when Anna Jarvis died, her daughter, also named Anna, began a campaign to memorialize the life work of her mother. Legend has it that young Anna remembered a Sunday School lesson that her mother gave in which she said, "I hope and pray that someone, sometime, will found a memorial mother's day. There are many days for men, but none for mothers."

Anna began to lobby prominent businessmen like John Wannamaker, and politicians including Presidents Taft and Roosevelt to support her campaign to create a special day to honor mothers. At one of the first services organized to celebrate Anna's mother in 1908, at her church in West Virginia, Anna handed out her mother's favorite flower, the white carnation. Five years later, the House of Representatives adopted a resolution calling for officials of the federal government to wear white carnations on Mother's Day. In 1914 Anna's hard work paid off when Woodrow Wilson signed a bill recognizing Mother's Day as a national holiday.

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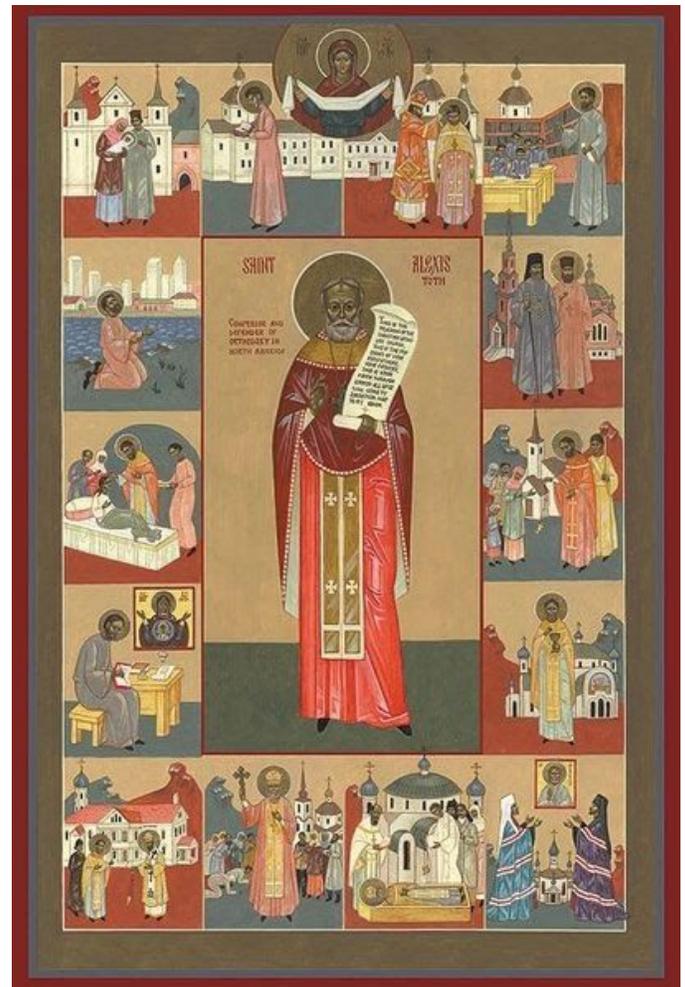
## St. Alexis Toth Pray to God for Us!

St. Alexis Toth's Feast Day was May 7th. As we (the Neal family) have settled into this parish over the last 1 1/2 years I have noticed an increasing veneration in myself for this saint. I know that the reason for this is because of the close connection we have at Holy Trinity through the parents, grandparents and great grandparents of many of our parishioners. During the current crisis we have found ourselves, I have also begun to ask him to protect and keep our little flock safe from the threat of the coronavirus. After all, many of us are the descendants of his own flock when he lived his holy life among us. I would like to encourage all of us to ask St. Alexis to pray to God for us. He knows us, is close to God, and I believe

this makes his prayers very powerful! May his Holy prayers protect us. – Fr. Innocent

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Below I am posting the official letter of Canonization by the Holy Synod written in 1994, along with a hymn (Troparion) written for him by the church.



*O righteous Father Alexis, Our heavenly intercessor and teacher, divine adornment of the Church of Christ! Entreat the Master of All to strengthen the Orthodox Faith in America, to grant peace to the world and to our souls, great mercy!*

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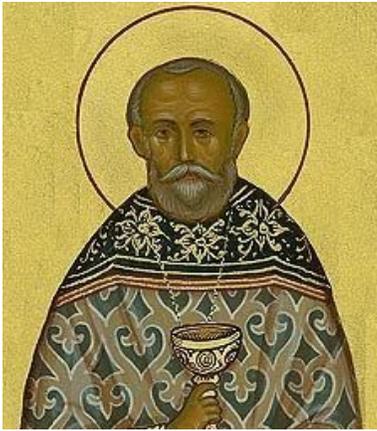
## The Proclamation of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America on the Glorification of the Holy and Righteous Archpriest Alexis Toth

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

To the beloved priests, deacons, monastics and faithful flock of the Orthodox Church in America

March 31, 1994

Syosset, NY



Grace, mercy and peace be unto you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit. Amen

The Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in America, having reviewed the recommendations of the Canonization Commission, agreed

at its session of March 29–April 1, 1994 to number the ever-memorable Archpriest Alexis Toth among the saints for veneration by the faithful. Mindful of the apostolic injunction to “remember your leaders” (Heb. 13:7), we give thanks to God for His great mercy toward us in raising up in our midst a faithful pastor filled with zeal for the glory of God, and for the salvation of his own people. The return of Archpriest Alexis Toth to the Orthodox Faith of his forefathers is a milestone in the history of the Orthodox Church in North America. The missionary labors of Archpriest Alexis Toth, his steadfastness and his leadership in bringing thousands of souls back to the Orthodox Church, manifested by his words and deeds among his own Carpatho-Russian and Galician people in America, offer significant guidance and direction for the missionary outreach of the Orthodox Churches today, many of which are now encountering adverse conditions similar to those he experienced.

Thus, with one mind and one heart we resolve:

1. That Father Alexis Toth be numbered among the saints.
2. That his honorable remains be considered as holy relics.
3. That a special service be composed in his honor.
4. That his feast be celebrated on May 7, the day of his blessed repose, and on the Feast of All Saints of North America—Second Sunday after Pentecost.
5. That holy icons be prepared to honor the newly-glorified saint according to the canon; of the Seventh Ecumenical Council.
6. That his life be published for the edification of the faithful.
7. That the name of the new saint be made known to the primates of all sister Churches for inclusion in their calendars.
8. That his glorification take place on May 29–30, 1994 at St. Tikhon’s Monastery in South Canaan, Pennsylvania.

We summon the faithful to remember him at Memorial services or Litanies for the departed when appropriate until the time of his glorification.

Through the prayers of His newly-glorified saint, may the Lord grant His mercy and blessing, to all who seek his heavenly intercession with faith and love. Amen.

Holy Father Alexis, Confessor and Defender of Orthodoxy in America, Pray for us!

