GENERAL SCHEDULE OF SERVICES Feast-Day Liturgy at 9:00am

Sunday Liturgy at 10:00am

Vespers Service on Saturdays: 5:00pm

Vespers Service on the eve of a Feast-Day: 5:00pm

Schedule of Upcoming Church Services

Wednesday, April 3 Presanctified Divine Liturgy 9:00am

Friday, April 5 Presanctified Divine Liturgy 5:00pm

Sunday, April 7-Annunciation Divine Liturgy 10:00am

* No Vespers on Saturday, April 6th

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March 31, 2024 *Second Sunday of Great Lent* Epistle Reading: Heb. 1:10-2:3; Heb. 7:26-8,2 Gospel Reading: Mark 2:1-12; John 10:9-16

Liturgical Message

...And they come unto Him, bringing a paralytic who was borne by four. And when they could not come nigh unto Him for the press, they uncovered the roof where He was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, He said unto the paralytic, Child, thy sins be forgiven thee.

The faith of those men was so great that they even made an opening in the roof through which they lowered the paralytic. Thereupon the Lord healed him, seeing the faith of those who carried him, or of the paralytic himself. For the paralytic would not have agreed to be carried if he himself had not believed that he would be healed. Many times the Lord healed the unbelieving sick on account of the faith of those who brought them. Similarly, He often healed the one brought to Him because of that man's faith, despite the unbelief of those who brought him. First He forgives the sins of the sick man and then He cures the disease, since the most severe illnesses occur for the most part as a result of sins.

So it is that the Lord said of the paralytic in John's Gospel that it was as a result of sins that the man had been paralyzed (John 5:5-15). But the paralytic in John's Gospel is not the same one mentioned here. For the man in John's account had no one to help him, while this man had four. And that man was by the Sheep's Pool; this man was in the house. And this one was in Capernaum, while the other was in Jerusalem, to name but a few differences. But know that the paralytic mentioned by Matthew (9:2-8) and the one mentioned here by Mark are one and the same.

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> Monday Night Bible Studies Monday, April 1, 2024, at 7:00pm



New Gracanica Midwestern Diocese Southern Chicago Deanery Lenten Services Schedule 2024

Sunday, March 31st-Vespers - St. Archangel Michael, Lansing, 6 P.M. (Homilist - Fr. Vladimir Lang)

Sunday, April 7th -Vespers - St. Elijah, Merrillville, 6 P.M. (Homilist- Fr. Mile Subotic)

Sunday, April 14th-Vespers - St. George - East Chicago, 6. P.M. (Homilist - Fr. Aleksandar Savic)

Sunday, April 21st -Vespers - Sts. Peter and Paul, South Bend, 6 P.M. (5 ST) (Homilist - Fr. Marko Matic)

Friday, April 26th-Presanctified Liturgy - St. George, Schererville, 6 P.M. (Homilist - Fr. Aleksandar Novakovic)

Sunday, April 28th-Vespers - St. Simeon, South Chicago, 6 P.M. (Homilist - Fr. Srdjan Veselinovich)

Holy Wednesday, May 1st-Holy Unction Service - St. Archangel Michael, Lansing, 6 P.M.

Donations for Easter lillies and flowers are much appreciated. Thank you.



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