



St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church  
Sunday, May 3, 2026  
Fourth Sunday of Pascha  
Sunday of the Paralytic

His Eminence, Metropolitan SABA  
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**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE THREE)**

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

**APOLYTIKION OF ST. GEORGE (TONE FOUR)**

As deliverer of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm, champion of kings, victorious Great Martyr George intercede with Christ our God, for our souls' salvation.

**THE KONTAKION OF PASCHA (TONE EIGHT)**

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

**THE EPISTLE**

*O chant unto our God, chant ye.  
Clap your hands, all ye nations.*

**The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (9:32-42)**

In those days, as Peter went throughout all regions, he came down also to the saints who dwelt at Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who was bedridden for eight years and paralyzed. And Peter said to him: "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; arise and make your bed." And immediately he arose. And all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned back to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha (which means Gazelle). She was full of good works and of charitable deeds which she did. And it came to pass in those days that she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they placed her in an upper chamber. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples,

hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him: "Come to us without delay!" So Peter arose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him into the upper chamber. All the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and other garments which Tabitha made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body, he said: "Tabitha, arise!" And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. And he gave her his hand, and raised her up. Then he called the saints and widows and presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (5:1-15)**

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first, after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for 38 years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk?'" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befalls you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus Who had healed him.

### ***THOSE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER...***

**Living:** Romy, Chase, Paul, Joshua, Peter, Richard, Anthony, Laila, Michael, Ray, Amal, Nejwa, Randa, Regan, Theresa, Kristine, Sherry, Samira, Robert, Daniel, Jane, Jillian, Nicholas, Elizabeth, Mary, Alexandros, Nun Theopisti, David, and Donald.

Samia Dahdal and family offer a 40 day Trisagion in loving memory of her brother, Bassam Issa Dahdal. May his memory be eternal. In memory of Issa, Mariam, Elias, Fatten, Nadia, Sabah, Farid, Louris, Michael, George, Dalal, and Joseph. May their memory be eternal. For the health of Samia, Rami, Adele, Nader and their families. May God grant them many years.

David, Melanie, Alexandra, and Harrison Ghiz offer Holy Bread in loving memory of our father, father-in-law, and Giddo, George Ghiz, on the 38th anniversary of his passing (May 2, 1988). Also, in loving memory of Sally, Jazelle, Edward, Denise, David, Arlene, Albert, Francis, and all other departed members of the Ghiz, Brown, and Tibshraeny families. May their memories be eternal. For the health and well-being of David, Melanie, Alexandra, Harrison, and all other members of the Ghiz, Brown, and Tibshraeny families.

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