

in this world, in the end, the healer of souls and bodies will not forget us. Inside the Church He will give us His grace and joy. So long as we start giving, whatever we are receiving. If we are living Christ, we will give Christ. When we are living our own self, our ego. If, our paralysis, we will not help others to come out of their own sadness. It is time for us to be measured with the light of the Resurrection and to decide if we wish our healing. And for us to turn to Him who knows and gives, each one of us undertaking the responsibility of our personal awakening. Christ is risen! Truly He is risen!

Fr. T. M

**SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021 SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC** *Michael the Confessor, Bishop of Synnada , Mary the Myrrhbearer & wife of Cleopas*

**TONE OF THE WEEK** : -Third

**EOTHINON** : Fifth

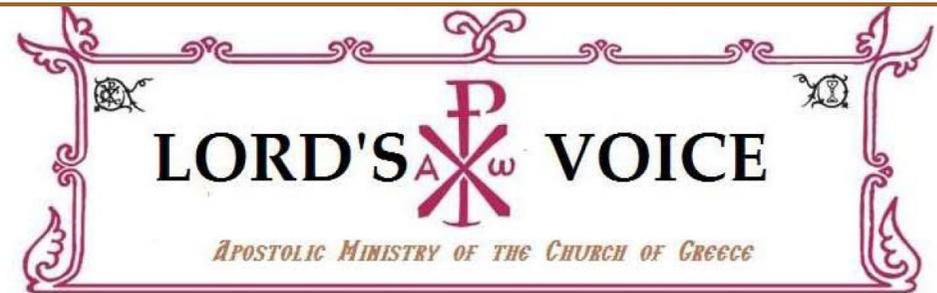
**EPISTLE READING** : *Acts of the Apostles 9: 32-42*

**GOSPEL READING** : *John 5:1-15*

**SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2021 SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN** ,  
*Isaacius, Abbot of the Monastery of Dalmatus , Isaacius, Abbot of the Monastery of Dalmatus , Macrina, grandmother of St. Basil the Great , Barlaam the Monk of Caesarea , Natalios the Martyr , Emilia, mother of Saint Basil the Great*

**EPISTLE READING** : *Acts of the Apostles 11: 19-30*

**GOSPEL READING** : *John 4:5-42*



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## THE CURE BY CHRIST

How much do we feel that we are sick spiritually? That we become paralyzed at some moments by the power of evil? That we are attached to the way in which we see the world, life, and our priorities; that our mind is loaded with the earthly cares, resulting in neither space nor time remaining for God? That the paralysis of our heart has to do with our conscious choice to seek from the others to love us and to support us, whereas we don't want to take a step to open ourselves towards them, and that this attitude of ours characterizes our relationship with God? We want from Him health, goods, success, and life, but we are not ready to love Him, to allow Him to sanctify us, for Him to be our meaning and joy?

In the first Church, in the area of Lydda, there was a man named Aeneas, and he was paralyzed for eight years. The Apostle Peter will meet him and bless him, telling him: "Jesus Christ heals you" (Acts 9:34). Aeneas walks again, resulting in all those who saw the miracle, to return to Christ and to recognize the Lord as their God. Peter does not use his own powers, nor the gifts, the blessings, that he has received from Christ. His word is a stunning word of trust, faith, and certainty, that all his own life is full of Jesus Christ, and what he has, he gives to the afflicted man. It is what we do not have in our own

## EPISTLE READING ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 9:32-42

In those days, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas 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, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

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life, the deep faith that Christ dwells in our hearts. How can you give solutions which you do not have for yourself?

### **The paralysis of sin**

Christ healed Aeneas from paralysis, loneliness, despair, and abandonment. Christ also heals us, so long as we believe in Him, from the paralysis of sin, from the loneliness of us not coming out of our own selves, from the despair of living a life without an outlet. Christ also heals us from disbelief. From our handing ourselves over

to the rhythms of our life without the true feast, without projecting love, which leads us to our restoration. Christ also heals us from the fear of death, the feeling of vainness, which makes us see joy in the suggestions of the world, which are nevertheless, a repeated trap of locking ourselves up in a false world and manner, which is not able to take us out of the darkness of the lack of socialization.

### **In Church we are healed**

Christ also gives us light, and near us, others are also illumined. And this cannot be implemented far from the Church, far from enlistment in the body of Christ, from us sharing our joy with others, from the feeling that we are in common, able to be resurrected, and that the one is able to share the truth with the other one. In every way and every means, primarily however, with prayer and partaking of the common cup and of the mysteries.

### **Christ the healer of souls and bodies**

I do not heal my own self or I, the others, or the others, me, or the others, their own selves, but Christ, all of us. Fellow travelers on the path where His person is the end, and at the same moment, He who helps us to reach the end. We are all healed, so long as we realize our sickness, no matter how this is expressed, so long as we decide and live the encounter with others, and the work and toil for them as genuine joy, even if they seem to be our enemies.

People, more or less, fight for our interests. We know how to seek and demand. Sometimes God allows us to be tried. Until we find the path of faith, resurrection and light. And even if we are few