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4th Sunday of Pascha

May 3rd, 2026

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Acts 9:32-42 (Epistle)

John 5:1-15 (Gospel)

A warm welcome to everyone joining us for worship. If you are without a spiritual home, please make **OUR HOME, YOUR HOME.**

Holy Baptism & Chrismation — May 3rd, 2026

James (Jim) Ferencak

Welcomed into the Body of Christ at Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church



■ TODAY — MAY 3RD, 2026

Ven. Theodosius, Abbot of the Kiev Caves Monastery and Founder of Cœnobitic Monasticism in Russia (1074); Martyrs Timothy the Reader and his wife Maura of Antinoë in Egypt (ca. 286); St. Peter the Wonderworker, Bishop of Argolis (10th c.); “Svena” Icon of the Mother of God (1288); Holy Great Martyr Xenia of Kalamata (291)

Readers: Hours: **James Grimaldi**

Epistle: **Sean Lenckus**

9:20 am Third & Sixth Hours - Confession

9:30 am Sacrament of Chrismation - James (Jim) Ferencak

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

11:40 am Fellowship Hour

WEEK AHEAD

MON May 4	WED May 6	THU May 7	FRI May 8	SAT May 9	SUN May 10
<p>7:00 pm Orthodox Bible Study</p>	<p><i>Midfeast of Pentecost</i></p>	<p><i>Repose of St. Alexis Toth, Confessor and Defender of Orthodoxy in America</i></p>	<p><i>Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian</i> 6:00 pm Parish Board Meeting</p>	<p>5:00 pm Vespers</p>	<p><i>Samaritan Woman</i> 9:20 am Third & Sixth Hours - Confession 9:30 am Sacrament of Baptism and Chrismation - Nick Notson 10:00 am Divine Liturgy 11:40 am Fellowship Hour</p>

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Sunday, April 26th, 2026

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exciting News for Graduating Seniors!

The St. Nicholas Scholarship is now open again, offering a fantastic opportunity for students to pursue their academic dreams. Don't miss this chance to apply and secure support for your future endeavors.

Sunday School

Dear Parents -Thank you for bringing your children to our Sunday school classes, it has been so wonderful to see so many happy children learning about our faith week to week. The Sunday School classes will end on Sunday, May 24th for the Summer and will resume Sunday, September 13th.

Fellowship Hour

If wondering when to sign up, there is no wrong time. Great reasons to host include birthdays, wedding anniversaries or memorial anniversaries. Hosting fellowship hour can be a great way to multiply your happiness or divide your sorrow. Sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/2026-Fellowship-Hour>

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Help Needed- Cemetery Cleanup

We Need Everyone's Help Old cemetery clean-up, Saturday May 16th at 10:00am. Please bring: rakes; shovels; lawn work tools of all kind; gloves; lawn bags; water/refreshments for yourself; wear yard work clothes; plan on getting dirty. St. Nicholas Old Cemetery At 350 Princeton Ave., Lockport, IL

◆ PARISH CELEBRATIONS

Many Years!

■ *Happy Birthday* ■

Newly Illumined:

■ PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

We lift up the following in prayer, that God may grant them healing and grace:

Dn. David Hanneman	Kathy Hanneman	Matushka Lilia Lymar	Tom Kompare	Nadia Bilanyk
Joyce Gallick	Stevan Lunich	Tatiana Mazur	Vladimir Shiltsev	Alla Lavrynenko
Lily Nelson	Mike Baker	Jose Felix	Alice Pistilli	Roman Filipov
Elena Pavlov	Nicholas Jermihov	Sevasti Bergstrom	Sevasti Bergstrom	Fr. Borys Zabrodskij

◆ TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Today Epistle (Acts 9:32-42)

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.

Апостол Дня (Acts 9:32-42)

Деян. 9:32-42 — Тогда пришел Пётр по всему миру и приходил в святых, которые жили в Лидде. Там он нашел человека по имени Аenea, который был лежал без движения восемь лет и был парализован. И Пётр сказал ему: «Аenea, Христы́й Иисус исцеляет тебя. Встань и возьми свой матрас». Тогда он тотчас встал. Все, которые жили в Лидде и Шароне, видели его и обратились к Господу. В Джоппе был человек по имени Табита, который переводится на латынь как Дорса. Эта женщина была полна добрых дел и милостивых деяний, которые она делала. Но случилось в те дни, что она умерла. Когда они ее помыли, положили в верхнем[ом]. И так как Лидда близко к Джоппе, и святые слышали, что Пётр там, они послал двух людей к нему, просив его не откладывать прихода к ним. Тогда Пётр поднялся и пошел с ними. Когда он пришел, они привели его в верхний комнату. И все вдовы стояли перед ним плакая, показывая тунки и одежды, которые Дорса делала когда она была у них. Но Пётр выгнал всех, и преклонил колени и молился. Затем он повернулся к телу и сказал: «Дорса, встань». И она открыла глаза и когда увидела Пётра, села. Тогда он взял ее за руку и поднял; и когда он обратился ко святым и вдовам, показал ей живой. И стало известно об этом во всех Джоппе, и многие уверовали на Господа.

Today Gospel (John 5:1-15)

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 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.

Евангелие Дня (John 5:1-15)

Ин. 5:1-15 — После этого было празднование среди иудеев, и Иисус пошёл в Jerusalem. В центре города, возле Порога Овцы, находился бассейн, который называли на языке евреев Bethesda, имеющий пять портнях. Здесь лежало множество больных: слепых, парализованных и страдающих недостаточным кровообращением, ждущих движения воды. Ангел шёл в определённое время к бассейну и взбалтывал воду; тогда кто-то из больных, пришедший первым после взбрыкивания воды, исцелялся от любой болезни. В это время на Пороге Овцы лежал человек, страдающий уже тридцать восемь лет. Когда Иисус увидел его, зная, что больной страдает уже много времени, Он сказал ему: «Хочешь ли ты быть исцелённым?» Болезный ответил: «Господин мой, нет ни одного человека, который мог бы поместить меня в бассейн, когда воду взбрыкивают; но пока я прихожу, другой ступает на меня». Иисус сказал ему: «Встань, возьми свой ложе и ходи». И тотчас больной был исцелён, взял своё ложе и шёл. В этот день было суббота. Иудеи же спросили того, кто был исцелён: «Это суббота; не разрешено тебе тасовать свой ложе». Он ответил им: «Тот, кто излечил меня, сказал мне: «Встань и возьми своё ложе и ходи». Затем они спросили его: «Кто тот человек, который сказал тебе: «Встань и возьми своё ложе и ходи?» » Но исцелившийся не знал, кто это был, так как Иисус ушёл, а там было много людей. После этого Иисус нашёл его в храме и сказал: «Встань, ходи; ты уже исцелён. Не совершай греха больше, чтобы не пришло на тебя что-то ещё хуже». Болезный ушёл и рассказал иудеям, что это был Иисус, кто излечил его.

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