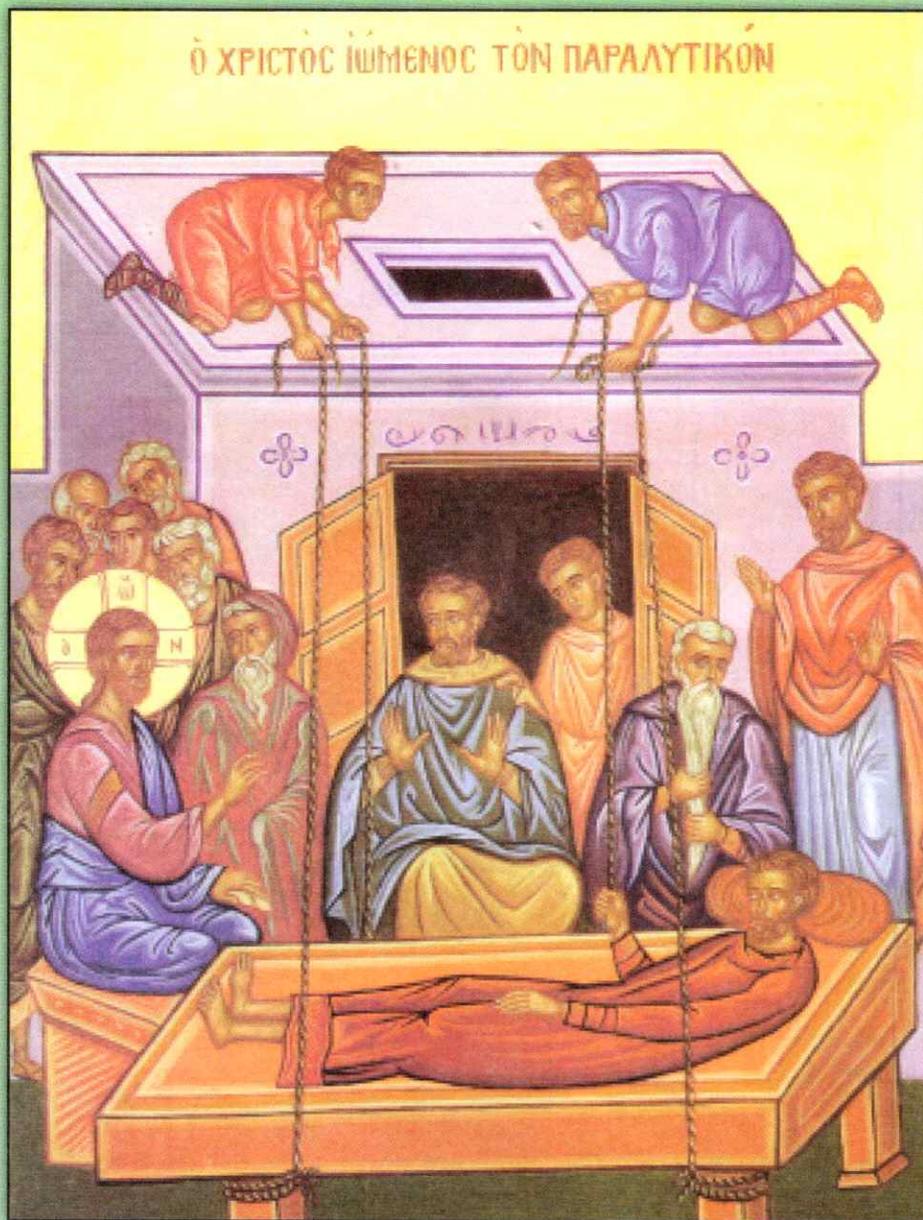


SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST



Icon of Healing the Paralytic

DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT BASIL THE GREAT

1 MARCH 2026 ♦ TONE 05 EOTHINON 05 † SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT / SUNDAY OF THE HOLY RELICS

GREAT DOXOLOGY:

Liturgy Book p. 17

ANTIPHONS:

FIRST:

Liturgy Book p. 29

SECOND:

Liturgy Book p. 32

THIRD:

Liturgy Book p. 36/ p.43

ENTRANCE HYMN:

Liturgy Book p. 38

APOLYTIKIA:

Resurrection (Tone 5)

Liturgy Book p. 43

Holy Relics

Lenten Supplement p. 2

St. Joseph the Betrothed

Liturgy Book p. 47

KONDAKION: Annunciation

Lenten Supplement p. 6

TRISAGION:

Liturgy Book p. 50

PROKIMENON:

(Tone 5)

Liturgy Book p. 58

EPISTLE:

Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-4

You in the beginning, O Lord, did found the earth, and the heavens are works of your hands. They shall perish, but you shall continue; and they shall all grow old as does a garment, and as clothing shall you change them, and they shall be changed. But you are the same, and your years shall not fail (Ps. 101: 26-28) Now, to which of the angels has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies the footstool at your feet" (Ps. 109: 1)? Are they not all ministering spirits, sent for service, for the sake of those who shall inherit salvation? That is why we should all the more earnestly observe the things we have heard, lest perhaps we drift away. For if the word spoken by angels proved to be valid, and every transgression and disobedience received a just punishment, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? For it was first announced by the Lord and was confirmed to us by those who heard it.

ALLELUIA:

(Tone 6)

Your favor, O Lord, I will sing forever;
from generation to generation my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
For you have said, "My kindness is established forever."
In heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

GOSPEL:

St. Mark 2:1-12

At that time Jesus entered Capharnaum after some days, and it was reported that he was at home. And immediately many gathered, so that there was no longer room, not even around the door. And he spoke the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four. And since they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where he was, and, having made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic was lying. And Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the Paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." Now some of the Scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, "Why does this man blaspheme in this way? Who can forgive sins, beside God?" And at once Jesus, knowing in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, said to them, "Why are you arguing these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, and take up your pallet, and walk'? But that you may know the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" — he said to the paralytic — "I say to you, arise, take up your pallet, and go to your house," And immediately he arose and, taking up his pallet, went forth in the sight of all, so that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, "Never did we see anything like this!"

HIRMOS:

Lenten Supplement p. 17 / Liturgy Book p. 178

KINONIKON:

Liturgy Book p.83

POST-COMMUNION HYMN:

Liturgy Book p. 89/ p.90

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVENTS IN MARCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT:

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY RELICS

Sunday Morning, March 1

Confessions: 9:45 a.m.

Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

Saturday Evening, March 07

Confessions: 3:15 p.m.

Divine Liturgy: 4:00 p.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT:

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS

Sunday, March 8

Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

Procession following.

ST JOSEPH BREAKFAST:

MARCH 22, 9 AM-1PM

ADULTS \$12-CHILDREN \$6

If you know of someone who is homebound/
sick and would like a visit/help, please email:
melkite.saint.joseph@gmail.com

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

O St. Joseph, chaste spouse of the Lady Theotokos, head of the Holy Family, we again place ourselves under your patronage. † Through your powerful intercession, bestow up on us every good thing both spiritual and temporal. † Protect this your parish from all spiritual harm and renew in us the spirit of repentance and a fervent desire for the kingdom of heaven. † Make this vineyard flourish with new souls and by an increase of faith, hope and love; may forgiveness, peace and joy reign within our holy fellowship. † In all we do, may the Name of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

LENTEN SERVICES

ST. JOSEPH THE BETROTHED:

Wednesday: **Presanctified: 5:30 p.m..**

Friday: **Akathist Hymn: 5:30 p.m.**

2026 WEEKLY COLLECTION

February 22

Weekly Offering:	\$ 541.00
Candles:	\$ 14.00
Total:	\$ 555.00

TRADITIONAL FAST OF GREAT LENT

† On weekdays of Great Lent, Monday through Friday, there are restrictions on both the number of meals taken daily and on the types of food permitted; but when a meal is permitted, there is no limitation to the quantity of food that may be eaten. † On weekdays, fast is broken [the first meal of the day is taken] at/after the noon hour. † Throughout Great Lent, the fast excludes the eating of meat and meat products, cheese, milk, butter, fish, olive oil, wine and alcoholic beverages. † On the Feast of Palm Sunday the eating of fish is permitted. Olive oil, as well as wine, is permitted on various feastdays (consult the calendar), as well as on Saturdays and Sundays. † While the above rules of fasting are to be encouraged, in all things the Christian is called to exercise moderation and charity. The elderly and those in poor health, especially, are urged to be prudent. If in doubt, speak with your spiritual father or confessor.

You are Forgiven and Healed

In Capernaum Jesus is surrounded by great numbers of people. As He preaches to the crowd, four friends of a paralyzed man lower him on his mat through the roof so that he can be close enough for Jesus to see him and cure him. Jesus responds to this act of faith, not by healing the man immediately, but by touching off the first of a series of controversial dialogues with the Scribes and Pharisees. When Jesus says, "Child, your sins are forgiven," He is as much as saying, "It is God whom you approach." In the Old Testament, only God is capable of forgiving sins; and it was expected that He would do so only at the end of time. It becomes clear why the Scribes murmur "he is blaspheming" and why Jesus brings it all out in the open. His claim to be able to forgive sins better reveals His identity as Son of God than do the miracles He performs.

Aware of the silent censure His forgiving word has caused in the crowd, Jesus proceeds to prove that "the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth" by commanding the man to rise and walk in the sight of everyone. In concluding this miracle, Mark asks his readers to praise God for His presence in their midst as the forgiver-healer, just as the crowd did, even in the face of those who did not believe.

It is significant that Mark has chosen to present this miracle and teaching about Jesus' power to forgive sins so early in his Gospel drama. It shows that the need for the experience of God's forgiveness was as important to first-century Christians as it is today. Mark's readers praise God for saying clearly, and even today, "My sons, my daughters, I absolve you from your sins."