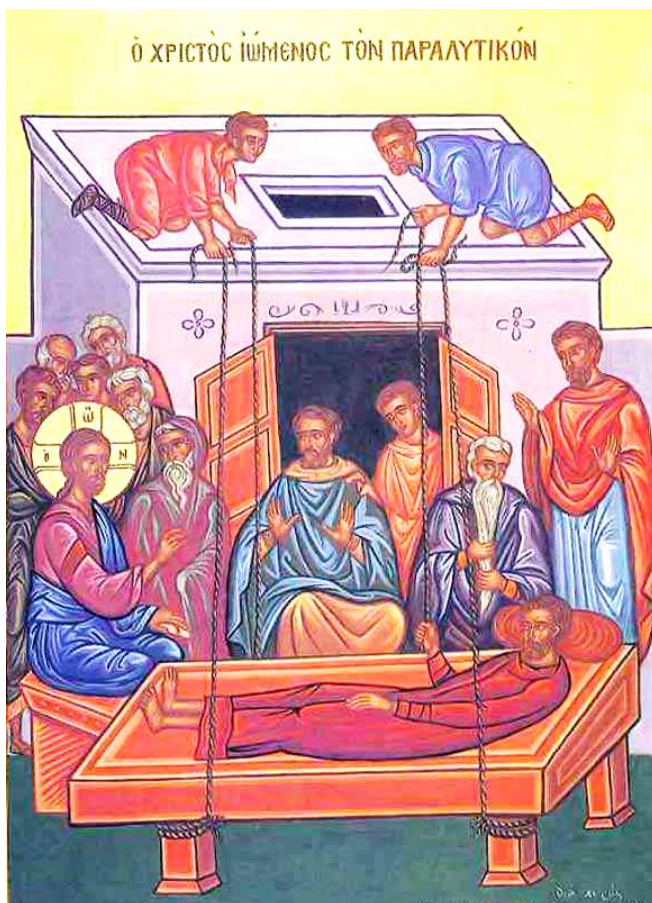




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## Resurrectional Apolytikion Tone 5

*Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in*

*ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.*

## Seasonal Kontakion Tone 2

*O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.*

## Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 1. Psalm 11.7,1

*You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.  
Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man  
has failed.*

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the  
Romans 12:6-14

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in

our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.



The Gospel According to  
Matthew 9:1-8

At that time, getting into a boat Jesus crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do

you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say 'Rise and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" he then said to the paralytic -- "Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.



### Word of the week – Reflection

#### St. Paisios the Athonite

"A lukewarm clergy lulls the people to sleep, leaves them in their former condition so they won't be upset. "Look", they say. "By all means don't say that there'll be a war, or the Second Coming, that one must prepare oneself for death. We must not make people alarmed!" And others speak with a false kindness, saying: "We must not expose heretics and their delusions, so as to show our love for them." Today's people are water-soluble. There's no leaven in them. If I avoid upsetting myself to protect my fleshly comfort then I'm

indifferent to holiness! **Spiritual meekness is one thing, and softness and indifference are quite another.** Some say: "I'm a Christian and therefore I have to be joyful and calm." But they're not Christian. They're simply indifferent. And their joy is only a worldly joy. He in whom these worldly seeds are present is no spiritual person. A spiritual person consists of nothing but pain. In other words, he's in pain at what's going on, he's in pain for people's condition. And divine comfort is bestowed upon him for his pain. "He Who Goes Low Goes Sure" Our goal is to live an Orthodox life, not just to speak or write Orthodox. If the preacher has no personal experience then his sermons won't go to the heart, won't change people. To think like an Orthodox is easy, but to live an Orthodox life requires effort. Today God tolerates what's going on. Tolerates, so that evil people will be unable to justify themselves. **God expects patience, prayer and struggle from us.**"

**"Today there are many who strive to corrupt everything: the family, the youth, the Church.** In our day it's a true witness to speak up for one's people, for the state is waging war

against divine law. It's laws are directed against the Law of God. But we are responsible for not letting the enemies of the Church corrupt everything. Though I've heard even priests say: "Don't get involved in that. It's none of your business!" If they had reached such a non-striving condition through prayer I would kiss their feet. But no! They're indifferent because they want to please everyone and live in comfort. Indifference is unacceptable even for laymen, and all the more so for the clergy. An honest, spiritual man doesn't do anything with indifference. **"Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord deceitfully", says the Prophet Jeremiah** (Jer. 48:10). There's a war on today, a holy war. I must be on the front lines. **There are so many Marxists, so many Masons, so many Satanists and assorted others! So many possessed, anarchists and seduced ones!** I see what awaits us, and it's painful for me. The bitter taste of human pain is in my mouth."



## Liturgical Schedule for this week

<b>Wednesday</b> <i>July, 11</i>	<b>10:00 pm</b>	<b>Vespers, Lita and Matins for St. Paisios the Athonite followed by Divine Liturgy</b>
<b>Thursday</b> <i>July, 12</i>	<b>12:00am</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy - St. Paisios the Athonite</b>
<b>Friday</b> <i>July, 13</i>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Akathist</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <i>July, 14</i>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy followed by Memorial Service</b>
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Vespers</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <i>July, 15</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Matins</b>
	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>

### Announcements:

- **All-night Vigil for St. Paisios the Athonite** - please join us for this unique prayer experience on Wednesday night.
- **Next pilgrimage to the PA monastery: July 15 – July 17**
- **Donations for window film** – given that it is too costly to replace the foggy big windows on the right and left sides of the church, the best solution for our parish is just to use films that looks like stained glass. Please donate the money to purchase the films before our Festival.
- **Baking for our Festival:** we need volunteers to bake and donate any kind of pita, cake, sweet bread, pastry, etc. Please talk with Sandra or Presbitera Camelia.
- **St. George Greek Church Festival July 8<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 – 5:00pm.**



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