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**Forth Sunday of Pascha -
Sunday of Paralytic**

Troparion:

O Thou Who holdest the ends of the earth in the palm of Thy hand, O Jesus our God, Who art co-beginningless with the Father, and Who, together with the Holy Spirit dost rule over all things: Thou didst appear in the flesh, healing infirmities, driving away passions, and giving sight to the blind. And, by a divine word, Thou didst raise up the paralytic, commanding

him to walk straightway and to take up upon his shoulders his bed, which had carried him. Wherefore, together with him we all praise Thee and cry: O Compassionate Christ, glory to Thy dominion and might.

Kontakion: Tone 3

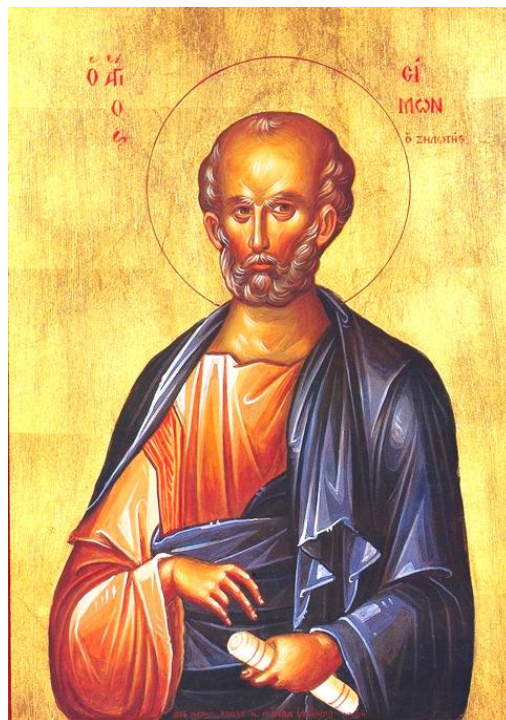
I am grievously paralyzed in a multitude of sins and wrongful deeds. As You raised up the paralytic of old, also raise up my soul by Your divine guidance, that I may cry out, "Glory to Your Power O Compassionate Christ."



The Gospel According to 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 thirty-eight 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 Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place.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 befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.



**St. Simon Zealot – the
protector of marriage
May 10**

One of the twelve Great Apostles, he was born in Cana of Galilee. The Lord Jesus came to his wedding with His Mother and His disciples, and, when the wine ran out, the Lord changed water into wine. Seeing this wonder, the newly-married Simon left his home and parents and bride, to go after Christ. Simon was called the Zealot because of his great and burning zeal for the Saviour and His Gospel.

After receiving the Holy Spirit, he went off to preach the Gospel in Mauretania in Africa. As a result of his success in bringing many to the Faith of Christ, he was tortured and finally crucified like his Lord, who had prepared a crown of glory for him in His immortal Kingdom.

He is the protector of marriage and also a „matchmaker” for those who want to marry.

Pictures from St. Simon Zelot's Church Bucharest



Source: <https://orthodoxwiki.org>



Liturgical Schedule

Sunday <i>May, 7</i>	6:00pm	Vespers for St. John the Theologian
Monday <i>May, 8</i>	7:45am 8:30am	Akatist Divine Liturgy St. John the Theologian
Wednesday <i>May, 10</i>	8:30am 6:00pm	Divine Liturgy St. Simon Zilote Vespers with Litya
Thursday <i>May, 11</i>	8:30am 6:30pm	Divine Liturgy - Sts. Cyril & Methodius Bible Study
Saturday <i>May, 13</i>	8:30am 5:00pm	Divine Liturgy Vespers
Sunday <i>May, 14</i>	9:00am 10:00am	Matins Divine Liturgy

Announcements:

- Happy Birthday for **May celebrations**: Yanni Mironidis (12), Paul Yanka (15), Kim Yanka and Alexis Collazo (17), and Dimitri Mironidis (25).
- **Wedding** – Saturday, May 27 - 1:00pm followed by festive meal in the Church's Hall – Come to pray and celebrate together with Jose and Destiny

Collazo, and their God Parents: Luke and Kim Yanka.

- House blessing – upon request
- Byzantine Chanting Retreat – May 22-26, 2017, St. Nicholas Church, Sunnyside, NY
- ROYA – SUMMER MISSION TRIP TO Romania – ages 16-30, July 1-27. More detail on Monthly Bulletin
- Romanian Summer Camp – ages: 7-14, July 8 for boys, July 15 for girls



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