

Spiritual Paralysis

Healing of the Paralytic

Fifth Sunday of the Holy Great Fast

Spiritual Paralysis

- What is spiritual paralysis?
- The cause



Spiritual Paralysis requires intervention

- Needs the aid of a physician
- God may also use others' to aid our treatment
- GOAL: Raise us from spiritual paralysis



Spiritual paralysis is curable

- *“Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty- eight years.”*
(John 5:5)
- *“[For You are] the hope of those who have no hope and the help of those who have no helper.”*
(Liturgy of St. Basil)
- Not everyone who is paralyzed wants to be healed



Who was the man that was healed?

- He had faith
- He had hope
 - *“Preserve me, O Lord, because I hope in You.”*
(Psalm 15:1)



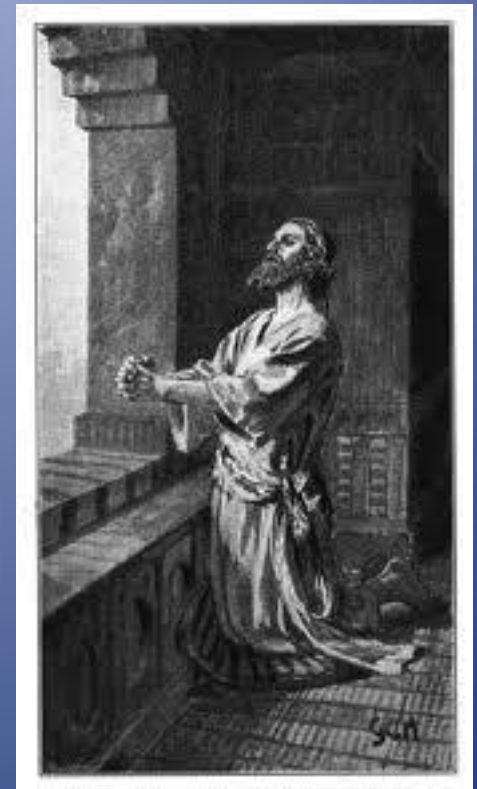
Who was the man that was healed?

- He persevered
 - *“When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with their teeth...cast him out of the city and stoned him.”* (Acts 7:54, 58)
- He was meek
 - *“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.”* (Philippians 2:3)



Who was the man that was healed?

- He had no regard for the dissuasion of man
 - *“Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.”* (Daniel 6:10)



Who was the man that was healed?

- He accepted the unexpected
 - “Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, ‘Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.’” (Matthew 12:38)

