

# Sunday of the Paralyzed Man



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# The Children's Word

"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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## Our Lord wants to help us!



One of the gates into Jerusalem

**Have you ever tried to avoid** somebody or something? Maybe it was a kid at school who bugs you sometimes. Or maybe it was a classmate, who had a sneezy, sniffly nose! Whatever it was, you tried to stay away.

Today at Church, we hear the Gospel about the Paralytic (the man who could-

n't walk). Well, at first the man couldn't walk, but then we hear how Christ raised him up from his bed, and healed him. *Then* he could walk.

In the Gospel, we hear that Jesus was going into Jerusalem. He went through a special gate (called the Sheep Gate), where there were lots of sick people. Some were blind, some were crippled, some couldn't even move at all. They were all waiting there because they wanted to be healed. They were *always* there, waiting, waiting to be healed.

Jesus knew that, of course. He knew the sick people waited there. And He also knew there were other gates into Jerusalem. But remember something: Jesus chose that gate because He wanted to heal somebody. Always remember that our Lord *wants* to heal and help us. He doesn't avoid us. He doesn't ignore us. He doesn't try to stay away. Just like in the Gospel story today, our Lord looks for people who need Him!

# WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Avoid
- Convent
- Diveyevo
- Gate
- Healing
- Helen
- Jerusalem
- Jesus
- Paralytic
- Theotokos

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# WHAT'S IN AN ICON?

Here is another icon of Saint Helen of Diveyevo. (We remember her this Friday.)

In this icon, she is with two other holy nuns from the same convent: Saint Alexandra and Saint Martha. Saint Helen is the one on the right.



# SAINT HELEN

## AND THE NUNS OF THE DIVEYEVO CONVENT

**Have you ever prayed for** something very, very much? Well, we all try to pray to God and to the saints, so we can be close to them. When we talk to somebody, be grow closer to him or her, don't we?



Saint Seraphim with the nuns of the Diveyevo Convent

In Russia, in a place called Diveyevo, there is a holy convent where the nuns pray very much. They especially pray to the Holy Theotokos, the mother of our Lord, and they try to grow closer to her.

More than 150 years ago, some of the nuns dug a special path that goes around the whole convent. Every day, the nuns walk along the path (it's called the Holy Canal of Diveyevo), and they pray to the Theotokos, "Rejoice Mary, full of grace..." Many people visit this holy place, and they join in the walk and in the prayers!



This is the path where people pray to the Theotokos.

On Friday, we remember one of the nuns who helped dig the Holy Canal. Her name is St. Helen, and she died in 1832, just around the time the path was finished. Just think about how much she prayed to the Theotokos during her life. Now she is close to the Theotokos in heaven!

We celebrate Saint Helen of Diveyevo on Friday, May 28th (OC: June 10th).