

November 8, 2020
Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost
St. Michael the Archangel and All Angels



SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Fighting the Good Fight with Faith

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! ~ Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na V'iki!

Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., NOV. 8	TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY after PENTECOST, ST. MICHAEL the ARCHANGEL and ALL ANGELS HOLY DAY DIVINE LITURGY Health & Welfare of Fr. Geoff, requested by Prudy Peya
8:30 A.M.	
SUN., NOV. 15	TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST DIVINE LITURGY + Sr. Rose Elizabeth, requested by Sr. Mary Virginia
8:30 A.M.	

Your Faith Can Make You Well

When the woman was healed, our Lord said, “Who touched me?” so that she could profess her healing before everyone. Also, in the case of the little girl, he said, “She is sleeping” so that the spectators might testify that she was dead, and then seeing her, restored to life, these who scorned would be converted into believers. The witness given by them concerning the death of the little girl and her restoration to life performed by the Lord was a witness in anticipation of his death. Those who would see that he was alive again would not deny it.

(St. Ephrem the Syrian)

Happy Birthday Greetings This Week:

November 10: Alexandra Mackey, November 11: Mary Dickey,

Wedding Anniversaries this Week:

None for the week

Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins

HOME – Eileen Batcha, Rebecca Dickun, Marianne Dove, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Mary Ann Jugan, Neil Jugan, Josephine Maruhnich, Mary Salamon, John Simunick, Bonnie Taylor

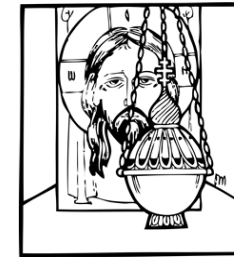
Hunter's Care Home (1916 Main St, Aliquippa, PA 15001) – Mary Poiarkoff

West Hills Health & Rehab Center (951 Brodhead Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108) – Alice Haber

Epistle Readers – Nov. 8: Reaghan Cody – Nov. 15: Louisa Hersh

Ushers– Stand in as needed

Troica Holders – Nov. 8: R. Dzumba – Nov. 15: R. Mudron



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

November 8 - 14, 2020

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

+ John & Eva Choras

(In Loving Memory)

Offered By:

Daughter, Mary Salamon



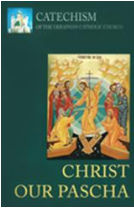
Your regular attendance and sacrificial offerings benefit the overall welfare of our Parish



Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel:

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the malice and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha: The Mystery of the Eucharist
Consecration of the Gifts: The teaching of the Holy Fathers of the Church concerning the Eucharist is rooted in the Incarnation of the Son of God:



If God the Word of his own will became man, and the pure and undefiled blood of the holy and ever-virginal one made his flesh without the aid of seed, can he not then make the bread his Body and the wine and water his Blood? ... But if you enquire how this happens, it is enough for you to learn that it was through the Holy Spirit, just as the Lord took on himself flesh that subsisted in him and was born of the holy Mother of God through the Spirit. And we know nothing further, save that the Word of God is true and energizes and is omnipotent, but the manner of this cannot be searched out. (#440)

Sanctuary Candles for 2021

The 2021 weekly sanctuary candle intentions sign-up is available in the Narthex for you to sponsor with your intention in memory of a deceased loved one or for the health and well-being of a friend or loved one.

Christmas Altar Candles

A sign-up sheet is now available to donate altar candles for Christmas in memory of a deceased loved one or friend or for the health and well-being of a loved one or friend.

**Synaxis-Assembly of the Holy Archangel Michael
and the other Bodiless Powers-Angels**

Today we celebrate the Synaxis Assembly of the holy Archangel Michael and the other bodiless powers, which is a feast in honor of the holy angels, and has been celebrated in our Holy Church since the fourth century. According to holy tradition, Satan, formerly the brightest of all the heavenly spirits created by God, and usually called Lucifer or “light bearer”, but who became filled with self-love, pride and evil, - fell from his archangelic power and lured away a multitude of other spirits. Then the Archangel Michael, as God’s faithful servant, assembled the entire angelic host that had not been enticed by the ruinous example of satanic pride, and said: “Let us attend and stand aright before our Creator, and let us bear no ill towards Him.” Appealing thus to the entire angelic host, he began to glorify the Most-holy, One-in-Essence, Indivisible Trinity - the One God, triumphantly singing: “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth-Holy, Holy, Holy Lord of power and might.”



All the Bodiless Powers-Heavenly Hosts share the common name of “angel” - which means “messenger” in Greek - by virtue of their service: they “stand before the face of the Creator and serve Him.” As creatures who come before the face of God, angels are powerful intercessors, meaning they speak on man’s behalf to Him. While instructing His disciples about caring for His followers - the sheep of His flock - the Lord Jesus Christ said, “See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you, their angels in heaven always behold the face of My Father in heaven.” (Matthew 18:10)

Because of their faithful and unending service to God - and at His command, to man/creation - the angels are considered the prototype for the service ministry of the holy diaconate - they are the “role model” for the deacons of our Church! The Archangels Michael and Gabriel are usually depicted on the deacons’ doors of the Iconostasis.



O Angel of God, my holy Guardian, keep my life in the fear of Christ God, strengthen my mind in the true way and wound my soul with heavenly love, so that guided by Thee, I may obtain the great mercy of Christ God.

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ECF Reflection: Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

GOSPEL: LUKE 8: 41 - 56

The Gospel today reminds us of the power of faith. To the woman who was hemorrhaging, Jesus said “go, daughter, your faith has healed you.” To Jairus, Jesus says “believe, and your daughter will be well.” In both cases presented to us today we learn that faith has the power to heal and restore one to health. However, there is something more hidden in the text that we should notice. It was because of the faith of the father, Jairus, that his daughter was healed. Our faith has the power to affect not only ourselves, but others as well. Yes faith/belief is a most powerful gift. What is it?

We speak often about faith, we say “I believe” every Divine Liturgy, but do we really know what it is?

Faith is the total gift of our self to the one in whom we believe. When faith is directed at the Lord, when we entrust ourselves totally to God, we can then say with St. Paul “It is now no longer I who live, but Christ is living in me.” And suddenly, in the moment of faith, our whole life becomes filled with His life – divinized. It is for this reason that faith has the power to heal – and not only heal the one who believes but also others for whom the believer intercedes. In that moment of faith, God’s life fills up my illness, my weakness, and my sinfulness with His life and fills me from the inside out. When I am filled with Jesus’ life then I can begin to do for others what Jesus has done for me, namely become an instrument of healing by the sharing of God’s life.

Practical Questions:

1. What are some other words I can use to describe faith?
2. How has faith in Jesus Christ healed you or changed your life?
3. What are some ways we can bring healing to others through our faith in the Lord?

“Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and you shall find, knock and the door shall be opened unto you”

(Luke 11:9)

When we weep, or revolt, or cry out, “God, what are you doing to us?” He is present within us more than ever, despite all our sins and infirmities. He filled our suffering with His presence. Thus, I understood the exact meaning of this pain: God is present in us!

- Fr. George Calciu

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As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, “Who was it that touched me?”



Today’s Gospel reading concerns two miracles, one, the healing of an illness and the other, the overcoming of death. These two miracles are closely linked, for both illness and death have the same origin, the same cause, they are both the result of sin, and both entered the world as a result of the sin of Adam. As St. Paul says in his letter to the Christians in Rome, “the wages of sin are death”.

Let us consider the healing of the woman with the issue of blood. This issue of blood suffered by this woman was an illness that lasted for twelve years and it was healed by her touching the fringe of the clothes of Our Savior, Who, as it is written, felt “the power go out of Him”. In these words, we have a description of the nature of all illness. If it takes the power of Christ to heal an illness, then it is clear that all illness is in fact something negative, a deficiency, the absence of the power of Christ. Illness is not something that is added, it is rather the sign of a lack, of the unnatural and abnormal absence of the grace of God. As we are told in the Gospel when the woman was healed, she was “made whole”. In other words, an ill person - and we are all in some way ill - suffers from a lack, we are not whole, for we lack the fullness of the power of Christ within us.

How and why was the woman in the Gospel “made whole”? This question is easy to answer, for Christ Himself says to her that: “Your faith has made you whole”. In other words, if any of us is to be made whole, to be healed, we must first have faith. If we do not have faith, then we lack something, we are without something, we are faithless or godless. But if we have faith, then healing can be inspired in us by the power of God.

On this Sunday, Christ Our Savior is saying to us all: “Have faith and I will give you all the power that you need to do My will”. Let us heed His words. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

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- Holy Mysteries of Initiation Contact the church office
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- Religious Education Classes September through May, following Sunday Divine Liturgy
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The first thing about the angels that we ought to imitate, is their consciousness of the Presence of God.
- Saint John Vianney