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"Enter the Church and repent ... for here is the physician, not the judge. Here one is not investigated, one receives remission of sins." (St. John Chrysostom)

October 7, 2018

The Third Sunday After the Holy Cross

The Commemoration of the Holy Martyrs Sergios and Bacchus

THE 20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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HOLY MYSTERY OF CONFESSION: Before or after any service, or by appointment;

HOLY MYSTERY OF CHRISTIAN ILLUMINATION: Please contact the clergy in advance to arrange for the required baptismal instructions;

HOLY MYSTERY OF CROWNING: At least six months prior to the proposed wedding, please contact the clergy to arrange for the required interview and instructions;

HOLY MYSTERY OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please contact the pastor at any time when this sacrament is needed;

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK: Anyone too infirm to attend our services may receive Communion in the home. Please advise the clergy whenever this sacrament is needed.

Please remember to contact the church if a loved one is in the hospital and would like a visit from the priest. The hospitals do not always notify the church!

THE ORDER OF TODAY'S LITURGY

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THE PROKIMENON:

SING PRAISE TO OUR GOD, SING PRAISE!

SING PRAISE TO OUR KING, SING PRAISE!

All you peoples clap your hands! Shout to God with cries of gladness!

Today's Readings: Galatians 1: 11-19 and Luke 7: 11-16

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday (October 6) 4:30 PM:

For the repose of Toufil Kalil (28th), Helen Baroody (43rd),
John Nedder (30th), John Habib (26th), Kennie Nassoura (8th),
Homer Bockmon (23rd), and Shafeeh Attalla (26th)

Sunday, (October 7) 10:30 AM

For the repose of Alphonse Auclair (One Year Memorial),
by his wife Alice Auclair

For the repose of Patrick Conaghan, Claire Reichard,
and Claire Dalaker

(40 Day Memorials) by James McCloskey

Saturday (October 13) 4:30 PM:

For the repose of John Koury (64th), Angele Hansel (10th),
Peter Burkush (7th), and Julia Bartlett(28th)

Next Sunday (October 14) 10:30 AM

For the repose of Most Rev. Ignatius Ghattas,
the 3rd Bishop for the Melkites in America (26th Anniversary)



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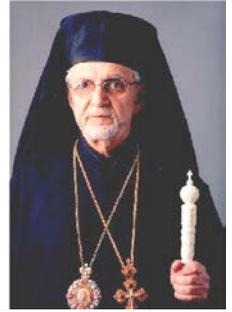
Paul was aware of his limitations in his ministry, and congregations today are well aware of the human failings of their clergy – but both see that the power of God works through priests, and can be life-giving, as it was for the widow's son in the Gospel. Pray for an increase of priestly vocations in our eparchy – and consider it for yourself!

I will be out of town Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday this week on eparchial business. While I am away, you may leave messages at the parish phone, and I will check them and return your calls.

-Fr. Tom

THE BISHOP'S APPEAL:

Your generous stewardship gift to the Bishop's Appeal not only supports the many vital works of our eparchy—such as seeking and training new priests and deacons, developing our religious education programs for youth and adults, publishing *SOPHIA* magazine, fostering spiritual renewal in our parishes, and caring for our aging and ailing clergy—but your gift also benefits your own parish. 50% of the gifts from our parish over our goal are returned to our parish for our use. Please be generous.



**Parish council nominations will take place
on the weekends of October 13-14 and 20-21**

YUM

Our parish youth group will be serving up mini pizzas after the Sunday Divine Liturgy, only \$1 each!

Living as Families of Faith:

Evenings of Wine, Cheese, Formation, and Fellowship

A continuing series on living the Catholic Faith in today's world.

Join us for one evening or all three.

Session 1- Sacraments and Beyond Thursday, October 18, 2018, 7-8:30 pm

St. Marie Parish Hall, 378 Notre Dame Ave, Manchester, NH

Session 2—Connecting Life and Faith Thursday, January 10, 2019 7-8:30 pm

St. Pius X Parish Center, 165 Sarto St., Manchester, NH

Session 3—Keeping Kids Engaged in Faith Thursday, March 21, 2019 7-8:30 pm St.

Elizabeth Seton Parish Hall, 190 Meetinghouse Rd., Bedford

Visit www.cladnh.weebly.com for more information

Attendance Last St. 4:30 PM: 19 Sun. 10:30 AM: 79

Last Weekend's Collection: \$733.⁰⁰ Mortgage: \$683.⁰⁰

The average Sunday envelope donation: \$26.²⁰

The balance remaining on our mortgage is: \$67,917.¹¹

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Oct. 13	4:30 PM	Divine Liturgy: The Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Council
Sun., Oct. 14	9:45 AM	Sunday Orthros
Sun., Oct. 14	10:30 AM	Divine Liturgy: The Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Council



The Holy Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus

The Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus in Syria were appointed to high positions in the army by the emperor Maximian (284-305), who did not know that they were Christians. Envious people informed Maximian that his two trusted counselors did not honor the pagan gods. This was considered to be a crime against the state. The emperor, wanting to convince himself of the truth of the accusation, ordered Sergius and Bacchus to offer sacrifice to the idols, but they replied that they honored the One God and worshiped only Him.

Maximian commanded that the martyrs be stripped of the insignia of military rank (their belts, gold pendants, and rings), and then dressed them in feminine clothing. They were led through the city with an iron chains around their necks, and the people mocked them. Then he summoned Sergius and Bacchus to him again and in a friendly manner advised them not to be swayed by Christian fables, but to return to the Roman gods. The saints refuted the emperor's words, and demonstrated the folly of worshiping the pagan gods.

The emperor commanded that they be sent to the governor of the eastern part of Syria, Antiochus, a fierce hater of Christians. Antiochus had received his position with the help of Sergius and Bacchus. "My fathers and benefactors!" he said. "Have pity on yourselves, and also on me. I do not want to condemn my benefactors to cruel tortures." The holy martyrs replied, "For us life is Christ, and to die is gain." The enraged Antiochus ordered Bacchus to be mercilessly beaten, and the holy martyr surrendered his soul to the Lord. They shod Sergius with iron sandals with nails in their soles and sent him to another city, where he was beheaded.

Catholic Christianity

Join us for a review of Peter Kreeft's wonderful work on the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Statement of Beliefs it enunciates with compelling clarity. Commencing Monday, October 15th, for eight Mondays terminating on December 3rd, from 7:30pm until 9:30pm. Immaculate Conception Parish Center, 216 E. Dunstable Rd, Nashua, NH.

Each evening will consist of a short period of worship, a teaching presentation based on the book Catholic Christianity by Peter Kreeft, followed by a time of open discussion and Q&A. Handouts will be provided. No Fees, although it is desirable to purchase the book (available at the Parish Bookstore for \$15.)

Presenter: Peter F. Carpentier, ESQ, LL.M, M. Div. Director: North Shore Christian Ministries, Retired Attorney & Retired Naval Aviator.

To register, please contact the Parish Office at 603-888-0321 or email Eileen Bowes at eileen@iccnashuanh.org.

The Fathers Speak.....

on the commandment of love:

'But I say to you,' the Lord says, 'love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, pray for those who persecute you.' Why did he command these things? So that he might free you from hatred, sadness, anger and grudges, and might grant you the greatest possession of all, perfect love, which is impossible to possess except by the one you loves all equally in imitation of God.
-Maximus Confessor

An old man was asked, 'How can I find God?' He said, 'In fasting, in watching, in labors, in devotion, and, above all, in discernment. I tell you, many have injured their bodies without discernment and have gone away from us having achieved nothing. Our mouths smell bad through fasting, we know the Scriptures by heart, we recite all the Psalms of David, but we have not that which God seeks: charity and humility.'

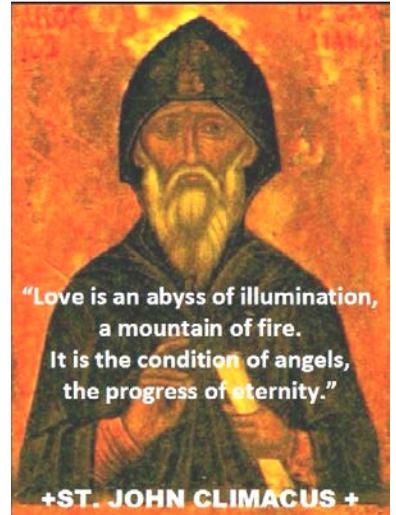
-From the Desert Fathers

God is long-suffering and merciful to you: this you experience many times every day. Be long-suffering and merciful to your brethren, also fulfilling the words of the Apostle, who thus speaks of love before everything: "Love suffereth long, and is kind." You desire that the Lord should rejoice you by His love, rejoice on your part the hearts of others by your tender love and kindness.
-St. John of Kronstadt, My Life in Christ.

He who loves the Lord has first loved his brother, because the second is a proof of the first. He who says that he loves the Lord but is angry with his brother is like a man who dreams that he is running.
-St. John Climacus, "The Ladder of Divine Ascent,"

Love does not need the law. Love is above laws. It is the New Law, or the New Testament of Christ. 'We know that all things work together for good for them that love God' (Rom. 8:28). The road of love can be full of obstacles and difficulties, but according to the word of God and the experience of men, that road leads unerringly in the direction of the greatest good.

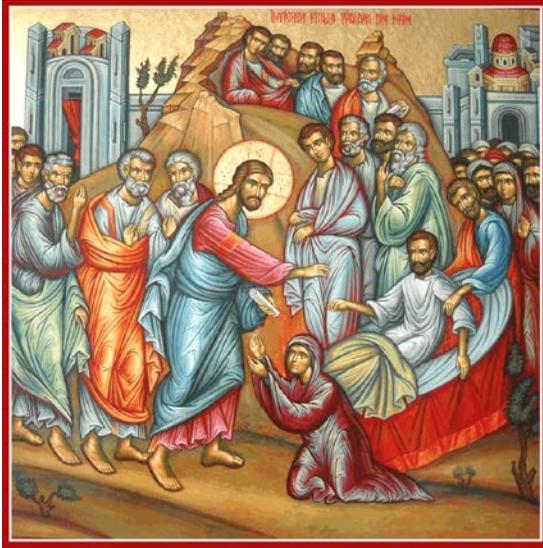
-Kassiana: Lessons in Divine and Christian Love



St. Francis School Fall Open House

Wednesday, November 7th

Drop-in during the day to shadow classes, tour our school and meet with our Principal! St. Francis School provides excellence in academics and moral formation for Preschool - Sixth Grade. We are blessed with a 14-acre campus where all of our students learn to snowshoe and enjoy 2 daily recesses. To register for our Open House, please visit StFrancisSchoolNH.org or call (603) 424-3312.



Signs of the Future Resurrection

IF YOU WERE TO WALK DOWN THE STREET of an older Middle Eastern town such as the old city of Jerusalem, do not be surprised if you were to come upon a funeral procession like the one described in St Luke's Gospel. Some people still walk from the home of the departed following the clergy and the bearers carrying the body, perhaps wrapped in a shroud, in an open coffin or on a bier. A Christian funeral procession might stop at the church before continuing on to the cemetery. The body might be placed in the ground simply wrapped in the shroud, particularly in Jewish or Muslim burials.

Christ encounters such a funeral at the Galilean village of Na'in, near Nazareth. *“And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, ‘Do not weep.’ Then He came and touched the coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, ‘Young man, I say to you: ‘arise.’ So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother”* (Lk 7:11-15).

Resurrection or Resuscitation?

We commonly think of what Jesus did for this young man as “raising him from the dead.” Speaking in this way, it is easy to mistake this event as being the same as Christ's own resurrection. This is clearly not the case. The Lord Jesus rose to the new and eternal life of victory over death. The ways in which He manifested Himself were clearly different from our normal earthly experience. He entered rooms when the doors were closed, appeared in other forms (to Mary Magdalene and the disciples on the road to Emmaus) and ascended to His Father with the promise of a future return. We know of no such happenings in the life of the young man of Na'in. He resumed the earthly life he had before. As the Gospel says, the Lord gave the young man back to his mother. Speaking precisely we should say that he was resuscitated or revived, rather than resurrected.

Three Resuscitations

The Gospels contain three reports of resuscitations, each one being slightly different. Both Mark and Luke report the revival of Jairus' daughter. Her father, *“a ruler of the synagogue”* (Lk 8:40) told Jesus that his daughter was dying. By the time they got to the man's house they were

told that the girl had died. “*Now all wept and mourned for her; but [Jesus] said, ‘Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping.’ And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, ‘Little girl, arise.’ Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat*” (Lk 8:52-55).

Unlike the girl, who had just died, the young man in Lk 7 had been dead for at least some hours. Customarily in the Middle East people would be buried on the day that they died. The third and even more amazing revival is, of course, that of Lazarus who had died four days before Jesus called him from the tomb (see Jn 11). While each of these people were returned to the same earthly life which they had before, the Fathers saw them as indications of the true resurrection to come. St Cyril of Alexandria, for example, teaches:

“Christ is the Destroyer of death and of corruption: He is the One ‘in whom we live and move and are.’ He it is who has restored the nature of man to that which it originally was; and has set free our death-fraught flesh from the bonds of death. ...

“We understand that those persons who were restored to life by the power of Christ are a pledge of the hope prepared for us of a resurrection of the dead: namely, this young man, Lazarus of Bethany, and the daughter of the chief of the synagogue. ...

“For it was by reason of Adam's transgression of the commandment that we, having our faces turned away from God, returned to our dust: for the sentence of God upon human nature was, ‘Dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return.’ But at the time of the consummation of this world, the face of the earth shall be renewed: for God the Father by the Son in the Spirit will give life to all those who are laid within it.” (*Sermon 36 on Luke*).

The Near-Death Experience

In 1975 physician and psychologist Raymond Moody authored *Life After Life*, recounting a number of cases where people were pronounced clinically dead after heart attacks, accidents or other traumas. They regained consciousness after a period of time, anywhere from 10 minutes to several hours, and told of being able to see their physicians working on them or viewing their death from outside their bodies. One accident victim only came to when he felt a pathologist begin to autopsy him!

Most spoke of beatific after death experiences such as a feeling of peace and happiness, meeting spiritual beings and/or dead loved ones and seeing a radiant light. Some – upwards of twenty percent in one study – spoke of frightening experiences: extreme fear, panic or anger, demonic creatures or embittered human-like voices that mock or taunt the subjects.

Many of our otherwise skeptical contemporaries have concluded that near-death experiences prove the existence of an afterlife. Some believing Christians have taken these recorded experiences in our own day as confirmation of the Church's faith.

In any case, the Lord did not promise to take away death; rather, He died with us and instead of us. He has transformed death into a bridge for us to cross over to paradise in order to await the great Day of the Lord. This is why St Augustine says, “It is more of a miracle that someone rises to live forever than that he rises to die again.”

Today's Readings:

From the 1st Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (1: 11-19)

BRETHREN, I give you to understand that the Good News that was announced to you by me is not of man. For I did not receive it from man, nor was it taught to me [by man], but I received it by a revelation from Jesus Christ. For you have heard of the way I lived before in Judaism: how I persecuted the Church of God and ravaged it beyond measure. And I advanced in Judaism above many of my contemporaries in my nation, showing much more zeal for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased him who from my mother's womb set me apart and called me by his grace, to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the Gentiles, immediately, without taking counsel with flesh and blood and without going up to Jerusalem to those who were appointed apostles before me, I retired into Arabia and again returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went to Jerusalem to see Peter, and I remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles, except James, the Lord's brother.

الرسالة (غلاطية 1: 11 - 19)

يا اخوة، أُعَلِّمُكُمْ ان الانجيلَ الذي بُشِّرَ به على يدي، ليس بحسبِ الانسان. لاني لم اتسلمهُ ولا تعلمتُهُ من انسان، بل بوحى يسوع المسيح. اذ قد سمعتم بسيرتي قديماً في ملة اليهود كيف كنت اضطهدُ كنيسةَ الله الى الغايةِ وأدمرها. وأزِيدُ إقبالاً في ملة اليهود على كثيرين من اترابي في أمتي، بكوني أفرؤهُمُ غَيْرَةً على بقاليداتِ آبائي. فلما ارتضى الله، الذي فرزني من جوفِ أُمِّي ودعاني بنعمته، أن يُعلنَ ابنَهُ فيَّ لأبشِرَ به بين الامم، لساعتي لم أصغِ الى اللحم والدم، ولا صعدتُ الى أُورُشليمَ الى الذين هم رسلٌ قبلي، بل سِرْتُ إلى ديارِ العرب، ثم رجعتُ الى دمشق. وبعد ثلاثِ سنواتِ صعدتُ الى أُورُشليمَ لازور بطرس. فأقمتُ عنده خمسةَ عَشَرَ يوماً. ولم أرَ غيره من الرسلِ سوى يعقوبَ أخي الرب.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (7: 11-16)

At that time it came to pass that Jesus went to a town called Naim; and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. And as he drew near the gate of the town, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large gathering from the town was with her. And the Lord, seeing her, had compassion on her, and said to her, "Do not weep." And he went up and touched the stretcher; and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to thee, arise." And he who was dead, sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. But fear seized upon all, and they began to glorify God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us." and "God has visited his people."

لوقا 7: 11-16

في ذلكَ الزمان، كان يسوعُ منطلقاً الى مدينةٍ أَسْمُها نائين. وكان يسيرُ مَعَهُ جَمْعٌ كثير. فلما قَرَّبَ من بابِ المدينة، اذا ميتٌ محمولٌ وهو ابنٌ وحيدٌ لأمه. وكانت هذه أرملةً. وكانَ مَعَهَا جَمْعٌ غَيرٌ من المدينة. فلما رآها الربُّ تحنَّ عليها، وقال لها لا تبكي، ودنا ولمسَ النعش، فوقفَ الحاملون. فقال: أيها الشابُّ لك أقولُ فم. فاستوى الميتُ وبدأ يتكلَّم. فسلمهُ الى أمه. فاستولى على الجميعِ خوفٌ. فجعَلوا يُمَجِّدون الله قائلين: لقد قامَ فينا نبيٌّ عظيم، وافتقدَ اللهُ شعبه.

Please remember to pray for the health and protection of Genevieve Allen, Donna Andruskiewicz, Olivia Aragon, Paul Archambeault, Elizabeth Ashooh, Elsie Ashooh, Alice Auclair, Erin Baroody, Michael Baroody, Anthony Blando, Helena Burkush, Fr. Michael Carl, Danielle Caron, Michael Cavanaugh, Meghan Connors, Sarah Cullen, Theresa Cullen, Sarah Dagher, Bishop John Elya, Sher Farrow, Julie Fregeau, Mary Fregeau, Peter Fregeau, John Gallagher, Marguerite Ganem, Mary Ann Garvey, Loretto Gauvin, Bonnie Gomez, Gail Fisher, Laurice Haddad, Nick Haddad, Lucille Harper, Laura Jorba, Virginia Kearney, Leila Khoury, Shirley Lanoue, Susan Latvis, Diana Label, Haley Lesmerises, Sadie Grace McCallum, Miriam McCallum, Ramona Matias, Susan Merrill, Maria Moser, Joanne Nader, Mimi Nasser, Alfred Nasr, Afef Nasr, Raymond Nehme, Samira Nehme, Steve Notter, Steven O'Leary, Ellen Osgood, MaryJo Pond, Ellen Powell, Sheila Quinn, Daniel Quintal, Deborah Roberts, Adam Rubin, Fr. Andre St. Germain, Kara Salvias, Raymond Sherburne, Tarrant Smith, Catherine Waldron, George Webber, Martha Webber, Marilyn Whitmore, and Iris Angelina Velasquez.

If you are visiting our church, our parish family is delighted to welcome you here! Please give us the chance to get to know you by joining us for some coffee, pastry, and conversation in the church hall following the Divine Liturgy. If you would like to know more about the Melkite Catholic Church, check out the brochure entitled *“Welcome to this Holy House,”* located on the table in the back of the church.



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