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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 28, 2018 -The Seventh Sunday After the Cross

The Commemoration of the Holy Martyrs Terence and Neonila

and of our Venerable Father Stephen the Sabaite, the Hymnographer

THE 23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Parish Advisory & Finance Council:

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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:

O LORD, SAVE YOUR PEOPLE AND BLESS YOUR INHERITANCE!

To You, O Lord, I have called: O my Rock, be not deaf to me!

Today's Readings: Ephesians 2: 4-10 and Luke 8: 41-56

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday (October 27) 4:30 PM:

For the repose of Philip Wihby (75th), Saheed Attalla (56th),
Ernest Blanchard (40th), Edmund Anton (37th), Ferris Samara (36th)
Mary Mamouneas (28th), and Amelia Maloley (17th)

Sunday, (October 28) 10:30 AM

For the repose of the deceased clergy members
who have served in our Eparchy

Saturday (November 3) 4:30 PM:

For the repose of Edward Samara (17th), Thomas Elias (62nd)
John Ganem (46th), and Edward Baroody (40th),

Next Sunday (November 4) 10:30 AM

For the repose of Meachell Ashooh (10th Anniversary), by his family



THE BISHOP'S APPEAL:

In today's amazing Gospel, we learn that simply touching the hem of the garment of the Master brings healing and salvation! It is through the Church that the Lord's saving power continues to flow out to all who have faith. How much our troubled world needs Christ's healing and salvation! Your generous gift to the Bishop's Appeal, will enable our Melkite Church to touch the lives of so many bringing the message of faith, life, and hope to our culture that struggles in the bondage of darkness and sin.

WE NEED YOU...to assure that our Melkite Church in America will be able to touch more and more people who are in need of the healing and salvation that only the Lord Jesus can bring. If you have not already sent your gift, please do so today so that 100% of our parish will respond to Sayidna's call. Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Council News:

The following parishioners have accepted nomination for parish council:

John Cullen, JJ Dagher, Tim Ermatinger, Ken Komisarek, Jessica Lomanno, Matthew Lomanno, Kamal Moussoba, Najwa Moussoba, Pierre Nassoura, Joseph Nehme, Maurice Pare', Alyssa Peschiera, Rafael Peschiera, Paul St. Germain, Ted Shiepe, Denise Sherburne, and John Siwik.

Elections for the new parish council will be held on the weekend of Nov. 3-4, and 10-11.



**There will not be a Saturday Kitchen for the month of November.
The next Saturday Kitchen will be Saturday, December 1.**



Nov. 8: Coffee with Abouna!

You are cordially invited to come and have coffee (or a glass of wine!) with Fr. Tom on Nov. 8 at 7:00 PM. We will meet in the church hall for an open forum discussion about our parish, the church, and our faith. So bring your questions and come enjoy one another's company with some lively discussion!

There is a second collect this morning for the mortgage.

Vocation View

Paul urges Christians readers to live a life of communion in mutual love, in the love that God has given us. Jesus teaches the importance and implications of that life of loving communion. Who shall preach and teach it to us today? Pray for an increase of vocations and encourage possible candidates.

A glowing ring with the text "For Heavens Sake." above it. The ring is shown in a perspective view, glowing from within.

Attendance Last St. 4:30 PM: 27 Sun. 10:30 AM: 93

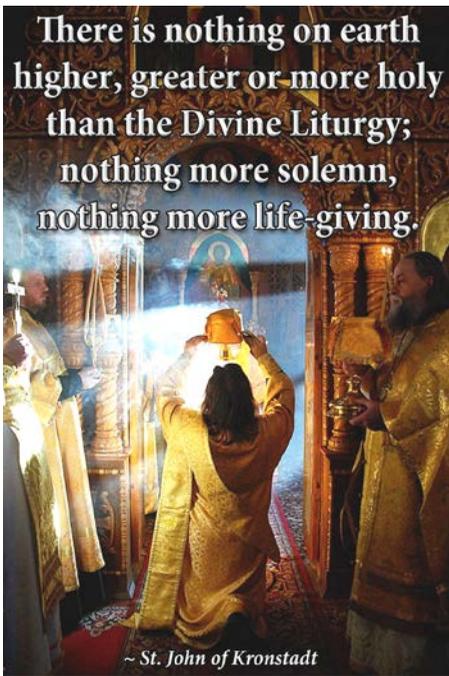
Last Weekend's Collection: \$948.⁰⁰

The average Sunday envelope donation: \$31.¹⁵

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

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Wed. Oct. 31	7:00 PM	Divine Liturgy: Offered for well-being of all of the parishes of the Eparchy
Sat., Nov. 3	4:30 PM	Divine Liturgy: The 24th Sunday after Pentecost
Sun., Nov. 4	9:45 AM	Sunday Orthros
Sun., Nov. 4	10:30 AM	Divine Liturgy: The 24th Sunday after Pentecost



Why are Byzantine Christians called to attend the Divine Liturgy and other religious services of the Church? What is the purpose of such services?

We do so to worship God, to enter into union with Him and His People through the Eucharist and other Mysteries, or sacraments, and to receive strength as we continue on the road of salvation and “the life of the world to come.” In worship, we stand before the throne of God, loving one another “that with one mind we might confess Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the Trinity one in essence and undivided.” And in our worship, especially in the Divine Liturgy, we participate in all that Christ has done for us—His incarnation, life, passion, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension—while anticipating His second and glorious coming.

The fundamental purpose of the Church services is to worship God, as defined above. Orthodox worship is “God-centered,” rather than “man-centered.” In our worship we strive to please God, not ourselves—and this

is a great honor. We offer ourselves, commending ourselves to one another, in recognition of the fact that we have been created in the image and likeness of God. And we offer our worship and adoration of God “on behalf of all, and for all,” joining our voices, minds, hearts, and souls with all of the faithful who “in all ages have been well pleasing unto God.”

The Divine Liturgy is the central revelation of the Christian mystery, and in it the whole of our Faith is somehow contained, remembered and given to our living experience. All the icons, the vestments, the candles, the singing... everything taken together in harmony and unity serve to disclose just one thing: Man is made for God and finds his identity, fulfillment and perfection in Him.

We speak much today about identity and fulfillment. Who am I? What am I doing in this world? What is the sense of it all? Does it have any meaning?

Our Church says that the answer to all these crucial questions lies in Christ, His Cross and His Resurrection. Through Christ the meaning of myself, and the world, and everything that exists, is disclosed and revealed. Through Christ, the Kingdom of God is opened to men and the possibility for my becoming myself is guaranteed. I become myself only in God. My nature finds its meaning in Him. My existence, as an image reflecting His divine reality, is secured. My life as an eternal being is established.

In this life this means that I must put on Christ and take up His Cross and follow him. I must suffer for truth and love and goodness. And yet there is joy in this suffering, for obedience to the Word is fulfilled in the Marriage Banquet of the Lamb of God in the Kingdom of God.

-Fr. John Matusiak www.oca.org

“Nice” is Not Enough

IN OCTOBER, 1936 THE COVER of *The Saturday Evening Post* displayed a drawing by Leslie Thrasher depicting a Friendly Neighborhood Butcher and a Sweet Old Lady weighing her purchase at the butcher shop. The Friendly Butcher and the Sweet Lady were each trying to tip the scale in their own favor! The point was clear: no matter how *friendly* or how *sweet*, each of us is touched by the desire to put ourselves first, ahead of the others. Even people like us, no matter how *nice* we may be, are all subject to the dictates of our fallen nature leading us to sin.

The Old Creation

The Biblical vision of creation is found in many books of the Old Testament: the Psalms, the Wisdom literature and, most extensively, in the book of Genesis. In this view there are two dynamics at work: God’s and man’s. God’s all-embracing love seeks to share existence, to share something of Himself as much as possible. God, the One who truly is, shares His being simply that other things might be. The Wisdom of Solomon summarizes this teaching: “*For he created all things that they might be: and he made the nations of the earth for health: and there is no poison of destruction in them, nor kingdom of hell upon the earth*” (1:14).

Of all the things that share God’s existence, one – humanity – comes closest to reflecting the Creator. The Book of Genesis teaches that mankind was created to mirror God: “*God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them*” (Gen 1:27).

Human beings alone were created in the image of God. There is a part of the human person that is literally not of this world. Human beings are possessed of an intrinsic worth which is unique in creation. But, as we know, the story doesn’t end there.

From the beginning mankind’s relationship with God has been characterized by disobedience.

Our relationships with one another have been marked by entrapments, recriminations and murder. Eve entices Adam, Adam blames Eve, Cain kills Abel and on it goes. The result is that the human race, created in God’s image, is bound by sin and subject to death and corruption. Adam drank the “*poison of destruction*” and all are ill as a result.

The New Creation

The New Testament speaks of a “new creation,” creation made new in Christ. Christ’s relationship with His Father is described as one of obedience, in contrast to Adam’s disobedience. He is the new Adam who is not bound by sin. He voluntarily takes up the cross but is no longer subject to death or corruption. He changes the experience of death in Himself.

On Holy and Great Saturday the vesper hymns describes this from the viewpoint of Death itself! “*Today Hades groans: ‘My power has vanished. I received One who died as mortals die, but I could not hold Him. With Him and through Him, I lost those over which I had ruled. I had held control over the dead since the world began; and lo, He raises them all up with Him!’ O Lord, glory to Your Cross and to Your holy Resurrection!*”



The Church Fathers teach that whatever Christ touched was transformed. As St. Gregory of Nyssa would say, Christ healed the effects of the fall of humankind in the same way as He healed the sick in his earthly ministry – simply by His touch. Christ “touched” the human race by becoming man. He began the transformation of humanity into the new creation which St Paul proclaims has come: “*If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!*” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

In terms of God’s People this “new creation” meant to St Paul that the old division between Jews and Gentiles, between circumcised and uncircumcised no longer mattered. Belonging was no longer about being of this or that race, nation, clan or family. What mattered was Christ and being “*in Him.*” Many sociologists think that this approach accounted for many Greeks and Romans joining the Church in its earliest days. Many had been sympathetic to Judaism and embraced its monotheistic faith, but did not join the Jewish community because that would require that they sever relations with their families. They would not be able to eat with uncircumcised people, for example. But, according to Paul and the Church which espoused his teachings, “*Neither circumcision nor un-circumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation*” (Gal 6:16).

Touching Christ

By becoming human Christ touched the human race and made it possible for us to be part of the new creation. As individuals, the first step in our transformation is an **organic** one: being physically joined to Christ in His Body, the Church. We first “touch” Christ by being buried and rising with Him in Baptism. Hence St Paul – and the Church ever since – proclaimed: “*All of you who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ*” (Gal 3:27).

In his *Great Catechism* St Gregory says that, as Baptism is to the soul, so the Eucharist is to the body. In Baptism, Christ “transforms what is born with a corruptible nature into a state of incorruption” (*Great Catechism* 33 [84]). In the Eucharist, Christ “disseminates Himself in every believer through that flesh, whose substance comes from bread and wine, blending Himself with the bodies of believers, to secure that, by this union with the immortal, man, too, may be a sharer in incorruption.” Our bodies are touched by the transforming presence of Christ.

With the likeness to God in us restored through Christ, we are enabled to continue our transformation by addressing the deficiencies in our likeness to God through the ongoing **conscious** step of imitating Christ in our way of life. “We recognize both the true and the apparent Christian by what they reveal in their actions,” Gregory writes. “The characteristics of the true Christian are the same we apply to Christ. We imitate those characteristics we are able to assume, while we venerate and worship what our nature cannot imitate” (*On Perfection*).

God’s nature is infinitely removed from ours, but – as St Gregory teaches - it is possible for us to use Christ’s human life as a model for our own. Becoming like God as revealed in Christ does not happen instantaneously; it begins in us by little by little. If we persevere, we continue in this process through the rest of our life. Living “in Christ” gradually becomes second nature. Even then this journey is not over. For St Gregory the process of perfection is unending: “This is the real meaning of ‘seeing God:’ never to have this desire completely satisfied”.

Adam and Christ stand for two different ways of being human (1 Cor 15:45, 49). From Adam we inherit our physical life: we bear “*the image of the man of dust.*” In the new creation we “*shall bear the image of the heavenly Man,*” Christ risen from the dead.

Saint Elizabeth Seton Craft Fair and Holiday Boutique

190 Meetinghouse Rd, Bedford, NH

Saturday, November 10, 2018

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM



Crafters from all over New England will be sharing their work in this unique hand crafted holiday fair. From wood carvings to jewelry to crochet, candy to honey and goat's milk products, fine art, fabric arts, and children's gifts, we have something for everyone! Plenty of free parking, handicapped accessible, and free admittance. Food, Parish craft table and bake sale, basket raffle, 50/50 raffle, fun! It's all right here! Come do all your holiday shopping in one welcoming spot.



Saint Kathryn's 25th Annual Christmas Bazaar & Penny Sale

Saturday, November 10th from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 11th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Saint Kathryn Church, 4 Dracut Road, Hudson, NH 03051.

This is the Silver Anniversary of our Bazaar and the Golden Anniversary of our Parish, and the prizes are bigger than ever in celebration of our Jubilee! Cash grand raffle prizes are \$5,000 for 1st, \$2,500 for 2nd, and \$1,000 for 3rd! We have over 300 new Penny Sale prizes including games, electronics, gift cards, sports, crafts, kitchen, home décor and more. \$1.00 buys 100 chances! Win a \$1,000 Market Basket gift card, a framed and autographed Ted Williams photo, a Roomba from iRobot, or a year of fresh flowers from Anne's Florals. Shop our enormous bake sale, purchase gifts in our craft room, dine at Katy's Kitchen by NH's Iron Chef, shop religious goods, hear live choir music, and let the kids enjoy photos with Santa, face painting, games and more. www.stkathryns.org/bazaar2018

What is the Manchester Adult Learner Services Program (ALS)?

The Manchester Adult Learner Services Program pairs volunteer tutors with adult learners who can benefit from one-to-one help. Tutoring services are FREE. To find out how to get started, call or text (603) 486-5204, or email: pchoy@snhs.org. Services provided at: First Congregational Church 508 Union Street, Manchester, NH 03104 (Entrance located at the back of the church).

Volunteer Opportunities with ALS: Here is a chance to help another person work towards one of life's greatest treasures—an EDUCATION. Volunteer tutors need no previous teaching experience. Training, materials, and support provided. What is required? Attend a pre-service training workshop, commit to working with your student for at least three months, meet with your student for two to four hours per week, and, keep in touch with the Adult Learner Services coordinator

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, Marco Enrique Pescheiera, MaryJo Pond, Ellen Powell, Sheila Quinn, Daniel Quintal, Deborah Roberts, Adam Rubin, Fr. Andre St. Germain, Kara Salvas, Barbara Schultz, 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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Today's Readings:

From to the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (2: 4-10)

BRETHREN, God, who is rich in mercy, by reason of his very great love with which he has loved us even when we were dead by reason of our sins, brought us to life together with Christ, and you have been saved by grace. [God] raised us up together, and enthroned us together in heaven in Christ Jesus, so that he might show in future ages the overflowing riches of his grace, through his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith: and that, not on your own, for it is God's gift, and not the result of work which might have been a pretext for anyone to boast. For we are his workmanship, we who were created in Christ Jesus through good works which God has pre-planned so that we could walk in them.

الرسالة (أفسس 2: 4-10)

يا اخوة، ان الله لكونه غنياً بالرحمة، من أجل كثرة محبته التي أحبنا بها، حين كنا أمواتاً بالزلات أحيانا مع المسيح، فإنكم بالنعمة مُخَلَّصُونَ، وأقامنا معه وأجلسنا معه في السماويات في المسيح يسوع، ليظهر في الدهور المستقبلية فرط غنى نعمته، باللفظ بنا في المسيح يسوع. فإنكم بالنعمة مُخَلَّصُونَ بواسطة الايمان. وذلك ليس منكم، وانما هو عطية الله. وليس من الاعمال لئلا يفخر أحد. لأننا نحن صنعُهُ مخلوقين في المسيح يسوع للأعمال الصالحة، التي سبق الله فأعدّها لِنَسُلكَ فيها.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (8: 41-57)

At that time behold, there came a man named Jairus to Jesus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at the feet of Jesus, he entreated Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. And it happened as He went that He was pressed upon by the crowds. And a certain woman who for twelve years had had a hemorrhage, and had spent all her means on physicians, but could not be cured by anyone, came up behind Him and touched the tassel of His cloak; and at once her hemorrhage ceased. And Jesus said, "Who touched Me? But as all were denying it, Peter, and those who were with Him, said, "Master, the crowds throng and press upon You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched Me; for I perceived that power had gone forth from Me." But the woman, seeing that she had not escaped notice, came up trembling, and falling down at His feet, declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and

how she had been healed instantly. And He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has saved thee; go in peace.”

While he was yet speaking, there came one from the house of the ruler of the synagogue, saying to him, “your daughter is dead; do not trouble Him.” But Jesus on hearing this word answered the father of the girl, “Do not be afraid; only have faith and she shall be saved.” And when He came to the house, He allowed no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the girl’s father and mother. And all were weeping and mourning for her. But he said, “Do not weep; she is asleep, not dead.” And they laughed at Him, knowing that she was dead. But He, taking her by the hand, cried out, saying, “Girl, arise! “And her spirit returned, and she rose up immediately. And He directed that something be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

لوقا 8: 41 - 57

في ذلك الزمان، دنا الى يسوع انسان اسمه يائيرس للمجمع، وخر عند قدمي يسوع وجعل يتضرع اليه ان يدخل الى بيته. لأن له ابنة وحيدة، لها نحو اثنتي عشرة سنة، قد أشرفت على الموت. وبينما هو مُطلق، كان الجموع يزحمنه. وإن امرأة بها نزف دم منذ اثنتي عشرة سنة، وكانت قد أنفقت معيشتها كلها على الأطباء ولم يستطع أحد ان يشفيها، دنت من خلفه ومسّت هُذب ثوبه. وللوقت وقف نزف دمها. فقال يسوع: من لمسني؟ وإذ أنكر الجميع، قال بطرس والذين معه: يا معلّم، إن الجموع تُحيق بك وتضايقك وتقول من لمسني؟ فقال يسوع: قد لمسني واحد، فاني شعرت بقوة قد خرجت مني. فلما رأت المرأة أنها لم تخف، جاءت مرتعدة وخرت له وأخبرته أمام الشعب كله لآية علة لمسته وكيف برئت لساعتها. فقال لها: بقي يا ابنة، ايمانك أبرأك، اذهبي بسلام. وفيما هو يتكلم، جاء واحد من عند رئيس المجمع وقال له: إن ابنتك قد ماتت، فلا تتعب المعلم. فسمع يسوع فأجابهُ قائلاً: لا تخف آمن فقط فتخلص. ولما جاء الى البيت، لم يدع أحداً يدخل معه، إلا بطرس ويعقوب ويوحنا وأبا الصبيّة وأمها. وكان الجميع يبكون ويلطمون عليها. فقال: لا تبكوا، انها لم تمُت بل هي نائمة. فجعلوا يضحكون منه لعلمهم بأنها قد ماتت. أمّا هو فأمسك بيدها ونادى قائلاً: يا صبيّة قومي. فرجعت روحها وقامت في الحال، فأمر بأن تُعطى طعاماً. فدهش أبواها، وأوصاهما أن لا يقولوا لأحد ما جرى.